Unit 1: Algebra Skills

Topic: Algebra Skills Review

Objective: SWBAT review the topics covered in this unit by completing various problems.

NO CALCULATOR ALLOWED

Directions: Read each question carefully and SHOW ALL WORK!

1) Simplify each of the following:

a)
$$\left(\frac{2x^{-4}y^3}{8xz^2}\right)^{-2}$$

b)
$$x^2 - (x+5)(x-3) - (2-x)^2$$

c)
$$(x^{-2} + x^3)(6 - 2x)$$

d)
$$\frac{(9x+1)^2}{3x}$$

e)
$$\frac{16x^{2/3}y^{-1/3}}{48x^{-4/3}y^2}$$

f)
$$\left(-\frac{5}{x}\right)^2 \left(\frac{2}{x}\right)^5$$

2) Multiply:

a)
$$\left(-x^{\frac{2}{3}}y^{2}\right)\left(3x^{\frac{1}{2}}y^{-\frac{4}{5}}\right)$$

b)
$$\sqrt[5]{x} (2x^2 + 6\sqrt{x})$$

3) Factor each of the following completely:

a)
$$x^3(3x-2)^4 - 4(3x-2)^5$$

b)
$$27x^3 + 64y^6$$

c)
$$6a^2 - ay - 2y^2$$

d)
$$18x^8y - 15y^3$$

4) Simplify each of the following:

a)
$$\frac{\frac{4}{x} - \frac{8}{x^2}}{1 - \frac{2}{x}}$$

b)
$$\frac{\frac{1}{x} + \frac{7}{x+1}}{\frac{1}{x^2 - 1}}$$

4) Find the partial fraction decomposition for : $\frac{1-x}{2x^2+x}$

6) Find the partial fraction decomposition for:

$$\frac{x^3 + x^2 + 2x - 2}{x^2 - 1}$$

7) Find the partial fraction decomposition for:

$$\frac{5x+4}{x^2+x-20}$$