

Gateway Exam #1 Practice Problems
Expanding Expressions

1. If the expression $-3(t + 2) + t(t + 1)$ was expanded and simplified as much as possible, you could obtain:
 - (a) $t^2 - 2t - 6$
 - (b) $t^2 + 2t - 6$
 - (c) $t - 6$
 - (d) $t^2 - 3t + 3$
 - (e) $-2t + 1$

2. If the expression $x(x + 2) + x$ was expanded and simplified as much as possible, you could obtain:
 - (a) $x^2 + x + 2$
 - (b) $3x + 2$
 - (c) $x^2 + 3x$
 - (d) $x^2 + 2x$
 - (e) $2x^2 + x$

3. If the expression $a^2(4 + a)$ was expanded and simplified as much as possible, you could obtain:
 - (a) $4a + a^3$
 - (b) $16 + a^2$
 - (c) $16a + 8a^2 + a^3$
 - (d) $4a^2 + a^3$
 - (e) $4a^2 + a$

4. If the expression $(u + 3)(u + 1)$ was expanded and simplified as much as possible, you could obtain:
 - (a) $u^2 + 3u + 1$
 - (b) $u^2 + 3$
 - (c) $u^2 + 4$
 - (d) $2u + 4$
 - (e) $u^2 + 4u + 3$

5. If the expression $3(r + 1) + r^2$ was expanded and simplified as much as possible, you could obtain:
 - (a) $r^2 + 3r + 3$
 - (b) $3r + 1 + r^2$
 - (c) $3r + 1$
 - (d) $3r + 3$
 - (e) $3r^2 + 3r + 3$

6. If the expression $(h + 1)(h + 2)$ was expanded and simplified as much as possible, you could obtain:

- (a) $h^2 + 2$
- (b) $h^2 + 3h + 2$
- (c) $h^2 + 2h + 3$
- (d) $h + 3$
- (e) $h^3 + 3h^2 + 2h$

7. If the expression $(w + 2)(w - 2)$ was expanded and simplified as much as possible, you could obtain:

- (a) $w^2 + 4$
- (b) $w^2 - 4$
- (c) $w^2 + 2w + 4$
- (d) $w^2 - 2w - 4$
- (e) $w^2 - 2w + 4$

8. If the expression $(p + 3)(p - 2)$ was expanded and simplified as much as possible, you could obtain:

- (a) $p^2 - 1$
- (b) $p^2 - 6$
- (c) $p^2 + p - 6$
- (d) $p^2 - p + 6$
- (e) $p^2 + 3p - 2$

9. If the expression $(w + 1)(w - 3)$ was expanded and simplified as much as possible, you could obtain:

- (a) $w^2 + 2w - 3$
- (b) $w^2 + w - 3$
- (c) $w^2 - 3$
- (d) $w^2 + 3w - 1$
- (e) $w^2 - 2w - 3$

10. If the expression $x^2(x + 2)$ was expanded and simplified as much as possible, you could obtain:

- (a) $x^3 + 2$
- (b) $x + 2x^2$
- (c) $x^2 + 2$
- (d) $x^3 + 2x^2$
- (e) $x^3 + 2x$

11. If the expression $r(r + 1)^2$ was expanded and simplified as much as possible, you could obtain:

- (a) $r^3 + 2r^2 + r$
- (b) $r^2 + 2r + 1$

- (c) $r^3 + r$
- (d) $r^3 + r^2 + 1$
- (e) $r^2 + 1$

12. If the expression $u(u - 2)$ was expanded and simplified as much as possible, you could obtain:

- (a) $u^2 - 2$
- (b) $u - 2u$
- (c) $-u$
- (d) $u^2 - 2u$
- (e) $-u^2$

13. If the expression $(4 - 3x)x^2$ was expanded and simplified as much as possible, you could obtain:

- (a) $4 - 3x^3$
- (b) $4x^2 - 3x$
- (c) $4x^2 - 3x^3$
- (d) $-x^3$
- (e) $-3x^3$

14. If the expression $(t^4 - 4t)t^2$ was expanded and simplified as much as possible, you could obtain:

- (a) $t^4 - 4t^3$
- (b) $t^6 - 4t^3$
- (c) $t^6 - 4t$
- (d) $t^4 - 4t^2$
- (e) $4t^6$

15. If the expression $(p^2 + 2)p$ was expanded and simplified as much as possible, you could obtain:

- (a) $p^3 + 2$
- (b) $p^2 + 2p$
- (c) $3p^3$
- (d) $3p^2$
- (e) $p^3 + 2p$

Answers:

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| 1. a | 2. c | 3. d | 4. e | 5. a |
| 6. b | 7. b | 8. c | 9. e | 10. d |
| 11. a | 12. d | 13. c | 14. b | 15. e |