## Practice Problems for Placement into Math 1214 Intermediate Algebra

1. Simplify: 
$$\frac{60-2^3-(3\cdot 4)}{3^2-4\cdot 5}$$

2. Simplify: 
$$\frac{-4 + 5(6 - 9)}{2 - 4^2}$$

3. Simplify: 
$$-|-10| - |6 - 11|$$

4. Simplify: 
$$-|(-9)(-2)| - 5|-4 - 3 \cdot 2|$$

5. Solve: 
$$-6(x-3) - 4(3-x) = -2$$

6. Solve: 
$$-5(t-6) + 4(t-3) = 7(4-t) + 8t$$

- 7. The perimeter of a football field is 340 yards. The length of the field is 30 yards less than three times the width. What are the dimensions of the field?
- 8. In the 2013 baseball season, the St. Louis Cardinals won 33 less than twice as many games as they lost. They played 162 regular-season games. How many wins and how many losses did the Cardinals have?

9. Solve the inequality: 
$$-5t - 7 \le 13$$

10. Solve the inequality: 
$$-4t - 10 > 15 + t$$

- 11. Find the slope of the line passing through the points (-3,4) and (-2,-5).
- 12. Find the slope of the line passing through the points (-4,3) and (2,3).

- 13. Write the equation of the line with slope  $-\frac{1}{2}$  passing through the point (4, -5).
- 14. Write the equation of the line parallel to the line 3x + 2y = 6 and passing through the point (6, -7).
- 15. Write the equation of the horizontal line through the point (7,-5).
- 16. Find the *y*-intercept of the graph of the equation: 3x 5y = 30
- 17. Find the *x*-intercept of the graph of the equation: 5x 3y = -15

18. Simplify: 
$$\left(\frac{x^4y^5x^6}{y^2}\right)^4$$

- 19. Simplify and leave answer with positive exponents:  $(2^{-3}x^4)^{-2}$
- 20. Simplify and leave answer with positive exponents:  $\left(\frac{-3^{-2}x^5y^{-1}}{2x^{-3}y^2}\right)^{-1}$
- 21. A computer can perform 468,000,000 calculations per second. How many calculations can it perform in a minute? Write answer in scientific notation.
- 22. Pollux, one of the brightest stars in the night sky, is 33.7 light-years from earth. If one light-year is 6,000,000,000,000 miles, about how many miles is Pollux from earth? Write answer in scientific notation, rounding to two decimal places.

23. Subtract: 
$$(-5t^2 + 3t - 7) - (4t^2 - 6t + 1)$$

24. Subtract: 
$$(-6m^2 + 9m - 11) - 2(5m^2 - 4m + 5)$$

- 25. Perform the operation and simplify:  $(3y + 5)^2$
- 26. Perform the operation and simplify:  $(4k-7)^2$

27. Divide: 
$$\frac{2x^3 - 5x^2 - 6x + 15}{x - 3}$$

28. Divide: 
$$\frac{12x^3 - 11x^2 + 9x + 18}{4x + 3}$$

29. Factor completely: 
$$15x^3 - 60x^2y$$

30. Factor completely: 
$$m^2 + 2m + mn + 2n$$

31. Factor completely: 
$$y^2 + 9y + 20$$

32. Factor completely: 
$$12a^2 + 11a - 5$$

33. Solve by factoring: 
$$x^2 = 24 - 5x$$

34. Solve by factoring: 
$$2m^2 + 4m = 30$$

35. Divide and simplify: 
$$\frac{-6}{7t+7} \div \frac{15}{4t+4}$$

36. Divide and simplify: 
$$\frac{x^2+x-6}{x^2+4x-12} \div \frac{x+3}{x-1}$$

37. Subtract and simplify: 
$$\frac{2}{k-4} - \frac{3}{k+2}$$

38. Subtract and simplify: 
$$\frac{x}{x-2} - \frac{8}{x^2-4}$$

39. Solve: 
$$\frac{2}{p+3} - \frac{5}{4p+12} = -\frac{3}{8}$$

40. Solve: 
$$\frac{2}{x} - \frac{x}{x+3} = \frac{1}{x+3}$$

41. Find h: 
$$A = \frac{1}{2}bh$$
;  $A = 32, b = 8$ 

42. How many liters of a 60% acid solution must be mixed with a 75% acid solution to get 20 liters of a 72% solution?

43. Simplify: 
$$-7^{-2}$$

44. The longer leg of a right triangle is 1 meter longer than the shorter leg. The hypotenuse is 1 meter shorter than twice the shorter leg. Find the lengths of the sides of the triangle.

45. Graph the equation: 
$$3x - 2y = -6$$

Answer Key

1. 
$$-\frac{40}{11}$$

2. 
$$\frac{19}{14}$$

$$3. -15$$

$$4. -68$$

5. 
$$x = 4$$

6. 
$$t = -5$$

7. width = 
$$50$$
 yards; length =  $120$  yards

9. 
$$t \ge -4$$

10. 
$$t < -5$$

11. slope = 
$$-9$$

12. 
$$slope = 0$$

13. 
$$y = -\frac{1}{2}x - 3$$

14. 
$$y = -\frac{3}{2}x + 2$$

15. 
$$y = -5$$

18. 
$$x^{40}y^{12}$$

19. 
$$\frac{64}{x^8}$$

20. 
$$-\frac{18y^3}{x^8}$$

21. 
$$2.808 \times 10^{10}$$
 calculations

22. 
$$2.02 \times 10^{14}$$
 miles

$$23. -9t^2 + 9t - 8$$

$$24. -16m^2 + 17m - 21$$

$$25. 9y^2 + 30y + 25$$

26. 
$$16k^2 - 56k + 49$$

27. 
$$2x^2 + x - 3 + \frac{6}{x - 3}$$

28. 
$$3x^2 - 5x + 6$$

29. 
$$15x^2(x-4y)$$

30. 
$$(m + n)(m + 2)$$

31. 
$$(y + 5)(y + 4)$$

32. 
$$(3a-1)(4a+5)$$

33. 
$$x = -8,3$$

34. 
$$m = -5,3$$

35. 
$$-\frac{8}{35}$$

36. 
$$\frac{x-1}{x+6}$$

37. 
$$\frac{-k+16}{(k+2)(k-4)}$$

38. 
$$\frac{x+4}{x+2}$$

39. 
$$p = -5$$

40. 
$$x = -2,3$$

$$41. h = 8$$

42. 4 liters of the 60% solution

43. 
$$-\frac{1}{49}$$

44. 3m, 4m, and 5m

45.

