

Please complete the following exercises *before* you come to class on Monday, January 23, 2012.

I would like for you to show me your best effort on these problems. Please complete them without the use of your calculator, and without the help of any other person.

I look forward to meeting all of you on Monday.

1. Without the use of your calculator, state whether the value of the following expressions will be *positive*, *negative*, or *zero*.

(a) $-425 + 987 - 36$

(c) $\frac{-23 + 58}{-23 - 58}$

(b) $(378)(-45)(-982)$

(d) $[5(42 + 90) - 100] \cdot \sqrt{4^2 - 3^2 - 7}$

2. Without the use of your calculator, perform the indicated operations. Simplify your results.

(a) $\frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{20}{9}$

(c) $\frac{3}{4} + \frac{20}{9}$

(b) $\frac{3}{4} - \frac{20}{9}$

(d) $\frac{3}{4} \div \frac{20}{9}$

3. Without the use of your calculator, evaluate each expression.

(a) $4 + 2 \cdot (6 - 2)$

(c) $\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 \cdot \left(\frac{1 + 2^3}{2^3 - 2}\right)$

(b) $2 \cdot [25 - 2(10 - 4)]$

(d) $\frac{2 \cdot 4 - 5}{4^2 + (-2)^3} + \frac{3^2}{2^3}$

4. Without the use of your calculator, evaluate each of the following expressions.

(a) $y^2 - 4y + 5$ for $y = 3$

(c) $-2z^2 + z + 3$ for $z = -4$

(b) $\frac{2w}{w^2 + 2w + 1}$ for $w = 3$

(d) $\frac{|3 - 5x|}{(x - 2)^2}$ for $x = 4$

5. Simplify each expression by combining like terms.

(a) $15x - 14x$

(d) $\frac{2}{5}(5x - 10) + \frac{1}{4}(8x + 4)$

(b) $13z + 2 - 14z - 7$

(e) $-4(w^2 - 3w - 2) - (5 - 2w - 3w^2)$

(c) $-2(5x - 4) - (4x + 1)$

(f) $\frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{2}{3}x - \frac{1}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{10}\left(\frac{5}{2}x - \frac{15}{4}\right)$