The following 20 problems cover the material that will appear on Exam 1 (§P.2–1.2). Answer all problems without a calculator. Simplify all fractions and radical expressions that appear in your answers.

Exam 1 Practice Problems, §P.2–1.2

We will take Exam 1 during the second half of class on Thursday, 7/13.

- 1. Express the inequality  $x \ge -3$  in interval notation.
- 2. Evaluate the expression numerically.

$$\frac{\frac{2}{5} + \frac{1}{2}}{\frac{1}{10} + \frac{3}{15}}$$

3. Simplify the expression and eliminate any negative exponents.

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

4. Evaluate the expression numerically.

$$\left(\sqrt[4]{6}\right)^{-8} + \frac{\sqrt{75}}{\sqrt{3}}$$

5. Simplify the expression.

$$x^{5/2}(\sqrt{x} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}})$$

6. Simplify the expression.

$$\left(w-\frac{1}{w}\right)^{-2}$$

7. Perform the indicated operations and simplify.

$$2(x-1)(3x+3) - 3x(2x-1)$$

8. Perform the indicated operations and simplify.

$$\left(t-\frac{3}{t}\right)^2$$

9. Factor completely.

$$3(t+6)^2 + 6t(t+6)$$

10. Factor the expression completely.

$$x^4 + 5x^3 - 24x^2$$

- 11. Factor the expression completely.
- $16x^2 25$
- 12. Perform the indicated operation and simplfy.

$$\frac{10x-2}{x+2}-2$$

13. Perform the indicated operation and simplify.

$$\frac{x^2 + 4x + 4}{x^2 - 2x + 1} \cdot \frac{x^2 - 6x + 5}{x^2 - 3x - 10}$$

14. Solve the equation.

$$\frac{18x-5}{9x+3} = 2 - \frac{3}{x}$$

15. Solve the equation.

$$\frac{x^2 - 1}{x + 2} = \frac{x^2 + x - 4}{x + 3}$$

16. Solve the equation.

$$\frac{4}{5}w + \frac{1}{4}(w-5) = \frac{w+1}{2}$$

17. Find the distance between the points (-3,3) and (1,-5).

18. Find the midpoint of the line segment connecting (2,1) and (9,-3).

19. Determine which of the given points are on the graph of the equation.

$$\sqrt{y} = (x-5)^2;$$
 (8,3), (0,25), (4,1), (2,81)

20. Give an equation of the circle with center (3, -4) that passes through the origin.