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$$4a^4 - 20a^2b^2 + 25b^4$$

Which of the following is equal to the expression shown above?

A) 
$$(2a^2 - 5b^2)^2$$

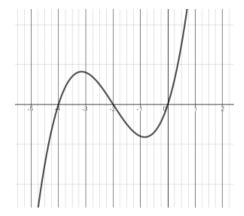
B) 
$$(2a - 5b)^4$$

C) 
$$(4a^2 - 25b^2)^2$$

D) 
$$(4a - 25b)^4$$

2.

Which of the following could be the equation for the polynomial function below?



A) 
$$y = x(x + 4)(x + 2)$$

B) 
$$y = x^2(x-4)(x-2)$$

C) 
$$y = x^2(x + 0.75)(x - 0.75)$$

D) 
$$y = x(x - 3)(x - 1)$$

3

If  $0 \le x \le 1$ , which of the following could be true?

- I. x + 2 > x
- II.  $x^2 > x$
- $III. \frac{1}{x^2} > \frac{1}{x}$
- A) I Only
- B) II and III
- C) I and III
- D) None

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If  $g^2h = b^{-1}k^3$  and  $b, g, h, and k \neq 0$ , what is b in terms of g, h, and k?

- A)  $\frac{g^2h}{k^3}$
- B)  $\frac{k^3}{g^2h}$
- C)  $\frac{gh^2}{k}$
- D)  $\frac{k^3}{gh^2}$

#### 5

Which of the following is equivalent to  $x^{\frac{3}{4}}$ ?

- A)  $\sqrt[3]{x^4}$
- B)  $\sqrt[4]{x^3}$
- C)  $\sqrt{3x^4}$
- D)  $\sqrt{4x^3}$

#### 1. Answer

$$4a^4 - 20a^2b^2 + 25b^4$$

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- A)  $(2a^2 5b^2)^2$
- B)  $(2a 5b)^4$
- C)  $(4a^2 25b^2)^2$
- D)  $(4a 25b)^4$

Answer: A

Domain: 2 (Advanced Math)

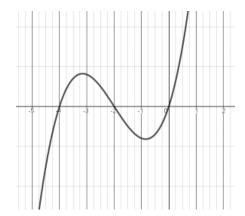
Skill: c (Equivalent Expressions)

Difficulty: 2 (Blue Square / Intermediate)

Strategy: 6 (Find a shortcut)

#### 2. Answer

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D) 
$$y = x(x-3)(x-1)$$

Answer: A

Domain: 2 (Advanced Math)

Skill: a (Nonlinear function)

Difficulty: 2 (Blue Square / Intermediate)

Strategy: 2 (Desmos)

### 3. Answer

If  $0 \le x \le 1$ , which of the following could be true?

I. 
$$x + 2 > x$$

II. 
$$x^2 > x$$

$$III. \frac{1}{x^2} > \frac{1}{x}$$

- A) I Only
- B) II and III
- C) I and III
- D) None

Answer: C

Domain: 2 (Advanced Math)

Skill: a (Nonlinear functions)

Difficulty: 3 (Black Diamond / Hard)

Strategy: 4 (Number Picking)

#### 4. Answer

If  $g^2h = b^{-1}k^3$  and  $b, g, h, and k \neq 0$ , what is b in terms of g, h, and k?

A) 
$$\frac{g^2h}{k^3}$$

B) 
$$\frac{k^3}{a^2h}$$

C) 
$$\frac{gh^2}{k}$$

D) 
$$\frac{k^3}{gh^2}$$

Answer: B

Domain: 2 (Advanced Math)

Skill: c (Equivalent Expressions)

Difficulty: 2 (Blue Square / Intermediate)

Strategy: 1 (Pencil and handheld calculator

only)



### 5. Answer

Which of the following is equivalent to  $x^{\frac{3}{4}}$ ?

- A)  $\sqrt[3]{x^4}$
- B)  $\sqrt[4]{x^3}$
- C)  $\sqrt{3x^4}$
- D)  $\sqrt{4x^3}$

Answer: B

Domain: 2 (Advanced Math)

Skill: c (Equivalent Expressions)

Difficulty: 2 (Blue Square / Intermediate)

Strategy: 1 (Pencil and handheld calculator

only)

