Instructions: No calculators! Answer all problems in the space provided! Do your rough work on scrap paper.

- 1. Complete the following rules: (a) $x^n \cdot x^m = \underline{\qquad}^{n+m}$ (b) $x^{-a} = \underline{\qquad}^{n}$ (c) $x^{m/n} = \underline{\qquad}^{n}$ (d) $\frac{x^n}{x^m} = \underline{\qquad}^{n-m}$ (e) $x^2 - y^2 = \underline{(x-y)(x+y)}$ (f) $x^3 - y^3 = \underline{(x-y)(x^2 + xy + y^2)}$
- **2.** Let (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) be two points in the Cartesian plane. State a formula that gives the:
 - (a) Distance d between the two points: $d = \sqrt{(x_2 x_1)^2 + (y_2 y_1)^2}$
 - (b) The midpoint between the two points: $M = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + x_2 & y_1 + y_2 \\ z & z \end{pmatrix}$
- **3.** Solve the following equations:

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- (a) $1 \frac{3}{x} = \frac{18}{x^2} \Longrightarrow x = -3;$ (b) $\frac{4}{x-3} + \frac{2}{x+3} = \frac{9}{x^2-9} \Longrightarrow x = \frac{1/2}{x-3}$ (c) $\frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{b} - \frac{1}{a} \Longrightarrow x = -\frac{a-b}{a-b}$ (d) $x + 4 = \sqrt{x+10} \Longrightarrow x = -1$
- 4. Solve the following inequalities (write your answer in interval notation):
 - (a) $|3x-2| \ge 5 \Rightarrow x \in (-\infty, -1] \cup [7/3, \infty)$ (b) $x^2 + 2x > 3 \Rightarrow x \in (-\infty, -3) \cup (1, \infty)$
 - (c) $\frac{x+2}{x+3} < \frac{x-1}{x-2} \Rightarrow x \in (-3, -\frac{1}{2}) \cup (2, \infty)$

Bonus (after attempting the problems above, do these for extra credit):

- **1.** Compute the distance between (-5, -4) and (3, -6): $d = \sqrt{68} = 2\sqrt{17}$
- **2.** Compute the midpoint between (-5, -4) and (3, -6): M = (-1, -5)
- **3.** Find the equation of the circle that has (-5, -4) and (3, -6) as endpoints of its diameter.

(x+1) + (y+5) = 17