Factoring – Greatest Common Factor

***REVIEW TYPES OF FACTORING***

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| 1. Trinomial Factoring | i.e. x2 + 8x + 12 |  |
| 1. Perfect Square Trinomial | i.e. x2 – 10x + 25 |  |
| 1. Difference of Squares | i.e. x2 – 121 |  |

***GREATEST COMMON FACTOR* (x2 + bx)**

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| **Method 1**  Rewrite the Polynomial in the form x2 + bx + c   * Find two numbers that multiply to \_\_\_\_\_\_ and add to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_   i.e. x2 + 5x = | **Method 2**  Find the Greatest Common Factor   * The largest \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by which you can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **ALL** terms in a polynomial   i.e. x2 + 5x GCF = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

***EXAMPLES***

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| 1. x2 + 15x | 1. 4x2 – 8 | 1. 3x2 + 18x |

***FULLY FACTORING TRINOMIALS of the FORM ax2 +bx + c***

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| 4x2 – 8x – 60 | **Steps to Fully Factoring** (in this order)   1. Always look for a **common factor first** 2. **CHECK**: Can it be factored further?    1. Is it a difference of squares?    2. Is it a perfect square trinomial?    3. Are there two numbers which multiply to **c** and add to **b**? |

Greatest Common Factor – Practice

1. **Complete the following table. The first one is done for you.**

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| **Trinomial** | **Common Factored Form** | **Fully Factored Form** |
| 3x2 + 21x + 36 | 3(x2 + 7x + 12) | 3(x+ 3)(x + 4) |
| 2x2 + 2x – 12 |  |  |
| 5x2 – 30x + 40 |  |  |
| -7x2 – 21x -14 |  |  |

1. **FULLY FACTOR each of the following.**

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1. **Application Questions**
2. The surface area (SA) for a cone is given by the formula 

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|  | * 1. Factor the expression for the surface area   2. If 3 cones all have a radius of 20 cm, find the surface area if the side length is:      1. 40 cm      2. 45 cm      3. 50 cm |



1. The makers of the Gateway Geyser in St. Louis, Missouri claim that the water is shot out of the fountain at 76 m/s and reaches a height of over 183 m.

Ignoring air resistance, the height, *h*, in metres, of the water can be modelled by the relation: , where ***t*** is the time, in seconds.

* 1. Factor the expression for the height of the water.
  2. Make a table of values for the times from 0 s to 10 s. Graph your results. What is the approximate maximum height of the water?

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* 1. Due to air resistance, the water only reaches about 65% of the predicted height. Is the manufacturer’s claim regarding a maximum height of 183 m reasonable? Explain.