

# NOTES: INTRODUCTION TO POLYNOMIALS

QUESTIONS: NOTES:

$$3x^2 + 6x - 8$$

**Polynomial:** an expression consisting of more than two terms

**Standard Form:** write with the highest degree first in descending order of exponents

## NAMING POLYNOMIALS:

1<sup>ST</sup>: Degree  
(highest power exponent)

2<sup>nd</sup>: Polynomial  
(Number of Terms)

0 - Constant

1 - Linear

2 - Quadratic

3 - Cubic

4 - Quartic

5 - Quintic

1 - Monomial

2 - Binomial

3 - Trinomial

4 or more - Polynomial

\*Terms  
are  
separated  
by a  
(+) or (-)

\* write  
in  
Standard  
Form

Find the degree and name of each polynomial.

1.  $x + 3x^4 - 21x^2 + x^3$   
 $3x^{\textcircled{4}} + x^3 - 21x^2 + x$

Degree = 4  
Quartic Polynomial

2.  $7x^2 + 17 - x^3 + 2x$   
 $-x^{\textcircled{3}} + 7x^2 + 2x + 17$

Degree = 3  
Cubic Polynomial

3.  $3g^{\textcircled{2}}h^{\textcircled{3}} + g^{\textcircled{3}}h^{\textcircled{1}}$   
5                      4

Degree = 5

4.  $10s^{\textcircled{2}}t^{\textcircled{2}} + 4st^{\textcircled{1}\textcircled{2}} - 5s^{\textcircled{3}}t^{\textcircled{2}}$   
4                      3                      5

Degree = 5

\* The degree  
is the  
highest sum  
of the  
exponents

Write the following in Standard Form

5.  $7a + 4 - a^2$

Degree = 2

$-a^2 + 7a + 4$

Quadratic Trinomial

★ Combine Like Terms

6.  $2x^3 \boxed{-9} + \boxed{2x} + \boxed{8} \boxed{-4x}$

Degree = 3

$2x^3 - 2x - 1$

Cubic Trinomial

We simplify expressions by combining like terms.

7.  $(\boxed{4x^2} + \boxed{5x}) + (\boxed{-7x^2} + \boxed{x})$

$-3x^2 + 6x$

Degree = 2

Quadratic Binomial

1) Distribute  
2) Combine Like Terms

8.  $\textcircled{2}(5x^2 - 4) + \textcircled{4}(3x^2 + 8x + 4)$

$\underline{10x^2} \textcircled{-8} + \underline{12x^2} + 32x \textcircled{+16}$

$\boxed{22x^2 + 32x + 8}$

Degree = 2  
Quadratic Trinomial

**7-1 Practice**

Form G

## Adding Polynomials

Find the degree of each monomial.

1.  $2b^2c^2$

4

2.  $5x$

1

3.  $7y^5$

5

4.  $19ab$

2

5.  $12$

0

6.  $\frac{1}{2}z^2$

2

7.  $t$

1

8.  $4d^2e$

3

Simplify.

9.  $2ab + 4ab$

6ab

10.  $5x^2 + 4x^2$

9x<sup>2</sup>

11.  $3m^2n + 5m^2n$

8m<sup>2</sup>n

12.  $-6ab + 3ab$

-3ab

13.  $4c^2d^2 + 7c^2d^2$

11c<sup>2</sup>d<sup>2</sup>

14.  $315x^2 + 30x^2$

345x<sup>2</sup>

Write each polynomial in standard form. Then name each polynomial based on its degree and number of terms.

15.  $15x - x^3 + 3$

 $-x^3 + 15x + 3$ 

Cubic

Trinomial

16.  $5x + 2x^2 - x + 3x^4$

 $3x^4 + 2x^2 + 4x$ 

Quartic

Trinomial

17.  $9x^3$

 $9x^3$ 

Cubic

Monomial

18.  $7b^2 + 4b$

 $7b^2 + 4b$ 

Quadratic

Binomial

19.  $-3x^2 + 11 + 10x$

 $-3x^2 + 10x + 11$ 

Quadratic

Trinomial

20.  $12x^2 + 1 - 3x + 8 - 2x$

 $12x^2 - 5x + 9$ 

Quadratic

Trinomial