

Special Products – Difference of Squares 1

Name _____

MULTIPLE CHOICE. Choose the one alternative that best completes the statement or answers the question.

Factor the binomial that is a difference of squares. If prime, so state.

1) $y^2 - 9$ 1) _____

- A) $(y + 3)^2$ B) $(y - 3)^2$ C) $(y + 3)(y - 3)$ D) prime

2) $x^2 - s^2$ 2) _____

- A) prime B) $(x^2 - s)(x^2 + s)$ C) $(x - s)(x + s)$ D) $(x - s)(x - s)$

3) $36x^2 - 25$ 3) _____

- A) prime B) $(6x + 5)^2$ C) $(6x + 5)(6x - 5)$ D) $(6x - 5)^2$

4) $9y^4 - 64$ 4) _____

- A) $(3y^2 - 8)^2$
C) $(3y^2 + 8)(3y^2 - 8)$
B) $(3y^2 + 8)^2$
D) prime

5) $169k^2 - 121m^2$ 5) _____

- A) $(13k + 11m)^2$
C) prime
B) $(13k + 11m)(13k - 11m)$
D) $(13k - 11m)^2$

6) $49s^2 - 36t^4$ 6) _____

- A) $(7s - 6t^2)^2$
C) $(7s + 6t^2)(7s - 6t^2)$
B) $(7s + 6t^2)^2$
D) prime

Answer Key

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- 1) C
- 2) C
- 3) C
- 4) C
- 5) B
- 6) C