

ALL PROBLEMS CAN BE COMPLETED ON THIS WORKSHEET

**WS 13B.4 - Factoring Completely Forever**

#1-10, Factor each polynomial completely until only prime factors remain.

1.  $8c^2 - 24c + 16 \leftarrow \text{GCF}$   
 $= 8(c^2 - 3c + 2) \leftarrow \text{Reverse FOIL}$   
 $= [8(c-2)(c-1)]$

2.  $5m^2n - 125n \leftarrow \text{GCF}$   
 $= 5n(m^2 - 25) \leftarrow \text{Difference of Two Squares}$   
 $= [5n(m+5)(m-5)]$

3.  $3r^3 - 48rs^2 \leftarrow \text{GCF}$   
 $= 3r(r^2 - 16s^2) \leftarrow \text{Difference of Two Squares}$   
 $= [3r(r+4s)(r-4s)]$

4.  $-3d^2 - 6d + 24 \leftarrow \text{GCF}$   
 $= -3(d^2 + 2d - 8) \leftarrow \text{Reverse FOIL}$   
 $= [-3(d+4)(d-2)]$

5.  $48y^3 - 24y^2 + 3y \leftarrow \text{GCF}$   
 $= 3y(16y^2 - 8y + 1) \leftarrow \text{Reverse FOIL}$   
 $= [3y(4y-1)(4y-1)]$

6.  $24m^4n^8 - 12m^3n^8 - 12m^2n^8 \leftarrow \text{GCF}$   
 $= 12m^2n^8(2m^2 - m - 1) \leftarrow \text{Reverse FOIL}$   
 $= [12m^2n^8(2m+1)(m-1)]$

7.  $32j^5k^2 - 48j^4k^3 - 32j^3k^4 \leftarrow \text{GCF}$   
 $= 16j^3k^2(2j^2 - 3jk - 2k^2) \leftarrow \text{Reverse FOIL}$   
 $= [16j^3k^2(2j+k)(j-2k)]$

8.  $3w^7 - 75w \leftarrow \text{GCF}$   
 $= 3w(w^6 - 25) \leftarrow \text{Difference of Two Squares}$   
 $= [3w(w^3+5)(w^3-5)]$

9.  $-36d^5f^5 - 96d^4f^6 - 64d^3f^7 \leftarrow \text{GCF}$   
 $= -4d^3f^5(9d^2 + 24df + 16f^2) \leftarrow \text{Reverse FOIL}$   
 $= [-4d^3f^5(3d+4f)(3d+4f)]$

10.  $8h^6 - 50h^4 + 72h^2 \leftarrow \text{GCF}$   
 $= 2h^2(4h^4 - 25h^2 + 36) \leftarrow \text{Reverse FOIL}$   
 $= 2h^2(4h^2 - 9)(h^2 - 4) \leftarrow \text{Difference of Two Squares}$   
 $= [2h^2(2h+3)(2h-3)(h+2)(h-2)]$