Worksheet: Polynomials & Like Terms Sept. 14, 2012 Algebra 1

1. Answer the questions or identify the specified parts of the polynomial:

$$5x^3 - 2x^2 + 14x + 7x^2 + 3x - 11$$

- a. How many terms does this polynomial have? _____
- b. Write the term that has a degree of 3. _____
- c. What is the coefficient of this term with degree 3?_____
- d. Which term is a constant term? _____
- e. List a pair of like terms. and
- f. List another pair of like terms. _____ and ____
- g. Rewrite the polynomial in simplified form by combining the like terms:
- h. Evaluate this polynomial for x = 2.
- 2. Answer the questions or identify the specified parts of the polynomial:

$$2ab^2 + 3a^2b - 6b - 2a^2b + 3a - b$$

- a. How many terms does this polynomial have? _____
- b. Write the term(s) that have a degree of 1.
- c. What are the coefficients of the term(s) with degree 1?
- d. Which term is a constant term? _____
- e. List a pair of like terms. _____ and _____
- f. List another pair of like terms. _____ and _____
- g. Rewrite the polynomial in simplified form by combining the like terms:
- h. Evaluate this simplified polynomial for a=4 and b=-1

Simplify each of these polynomial expressions by combining like terms:

(Hints: Change all subtraction to addition of a negative and group all like terms before combining)

3.
$$5a + 7 - 2a$$

4.
$$12b - 5c + 5b + 1$$

5.
$$14z + 11 - 5z$$

6.
$$3 - 11y - 8 - y$$

7.
$$x^2 - 4x + 7 - 2x$$

8.
$$3y^2 + 8y - 5 - y^2 + 14$$

9.
$$2x^2 - 4 - 3x + x^2 - 7$$

10.
$$4w + 7 - 2w + 5 - 2w$$

11.
$$-3a + b + 5ab - 8a - 3ab + 2b$$

12.
$$4rs^2 - 6r^2s + 3rs - 3r^2s + rs^2$$

13.
$$11z^3 - 11z^2 + 4z^3 + 2z - z^2 + 1$$

14.
$$3k + 5m - 2mk + 4 + 4mk - 4k$$

15.
$$6 - 9p + 11 - 2p + p - 8 + r$$

16.
$$4a^2 + 5ab - 6b^2 + ab - 8 + 2b^2$$

Challenge: Simplify the expressions

17.
$$-2w^5 + 5w^3 - w^2 + 11w^4 - 8w^3 + 2 + 2w^2 - w^5 - 9$$

18.
$$7y^2 + 13xy - 2x^2 + y^2 - 11 - 8xy + 3x^2 - 4 - xy - y^2$$

19.
$$2m^2n + 10mn^2 + 8n^2 - 5mn - 16 + 3nm - m^2 + 13 + 5nm^2 - 3mn^2 - 2m^2 + n^2 + 1$$