Practice B

6-1 Polynomials

Identify the degree of each monomial.

1.
$$6x^2$$

2.
$$3p^3m^4$$

3.
$$2x^8y^3$$

Rewrite each polynomial in standard form. Then identify the leading coefficient, degree, and number of terms. Name the polynomial.

4.
$$6 + 7x - 4x^3 + x^2$$

5.
$$x^2 - 3 + 2x^5 + 7x^4 - 12x$$

Add or subtract. Write your answer in standard form.

6.
$$(2x^2 - 2x + 6) + (11x^3 - x^2 - 2 + 5x)$$
 7. $(x^2 - 8) - (3x^3 + 6x - 4 + 9x^2)$

7.
$$(x^2-8)-(3x^3+6x-4+9x^2)$$

8.
$$(5x^4 + x^2) + (7 + 9x^2 - 2x^4 + x^3)$$
 9. $(12x^2 + x) - (6 - 9x^2 + x^7 - 8x)$

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Graph each polynomial function on a calculator. Describe the graph, and identify the number of real zeros.

10.
$$f(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 - 3$$

11.
$$f(x) = x^4 - 5x^2 + 1$$

Solve.

- **12.** The height, h, in feet, of a baseball after being struck by a bat can be approximated by $h(t) = -16t^2 + 100t + 5$, where t is measured in seconds.
 - **a.** Evaluate h(t) for t = 3 and t = 5.
 - **b.** Describe what the values of the function from part a represent.