

**Completing the Square (4.5)**

Practice. If necessary use fractions and **NO DECIMALS!!**  $c = \left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2$

Complete the square and write it in factored form (as a squared binomial)

1.  $x^2 - 22x + \underline{121} = (x - 11)^2$

7.  $x^2 - \frac{1}{2}x + \underline{\frac{1}{16}} = \left(x - \frac{1}{4}\right)^2$

2.  $x^2 + 12x + \underline{\quad} = (\quad)^2$

8.  $x^2 - \frac{5}{7}x + \underline{\quad} =$

3.  $x^2 + x + \underline{\frac{1}{4}} = \left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2$

9.  $x^2 - 13x + \underline{\frac{169}{4}} = \left(x - \frac{13}{2}\right)^2$

4.  $x^2 + 10x + \underline{\quad} =$

10.  $x^2 - 3x + \underline{\quad} =$

5.  $x^2 - 6x + \underline{9} = (x - 3)^2$

11.  $x^2 - 34x + \underline{289} = (x - 17)^2$

6.  $x^2 + 3x + \underline{\quad} =$

12.  $x^2 - 7x + \underline{\quad} =$

Solve each equation by taking the square root of both sides. Don't forget when you take the square root you need to note the two answers with  $\pm$ .

13.  $(x + 7)^2 = 64$

14.  $(x - 2)^2 = 15$

$x = -15 \quad x = 1$

$x = 2 + \sqrt{15} \quad x = 2 - \sqrt{15}$

15.  $(x + 12)^2 = 16$

16.  $(x - 8)^2 = 12$

$x = -16 \quad x = -8$

$x = 8 + 2\sqrt{3}$   
 $x = 8 - 2\sqrt{3}$

## Solve by Completing the Square.

1.  $x^2 + 4x = 0$

$$x=0$$

$$x=4$$

2.  $2x^2 - 12x = 0$

3.  $x^2 - 6x = 23$

$$x = 3 + 4\sqrt{2}$$

$$x = 3 - 4\sqrt{2}$$

4.  $x^2 - 8x + 16 = 8$

5.  $x^2 + 4x + 11 = 0$

$$x = -2 + i\sqrt{7}$$

$$x = -2 - i\sqrt{7}$$

6.  $2x + 4 = x^2$

7.  $x^2 + 8x + 16 = 1$

$$x = -5$$

$$x = -3$$

8.  $x^2 + 18 = 9x$

9.  $x^2 - 14x + 19 = 0$

$$x = 6$$

$$x = 3$$

10.  $x^2 - 13x + 36 = 0$

11.  $3x^2 + 2x - 1 = 0$

$$x = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$x = -1$$

12.  $4x^2 = -12x + 4$

**Investments:** The amount of money  $A$  in an account in which  $P$  dollars are invested for 2 years is given by the formula  $A = P(1+r)^2$  where  $r$  is the interest rate compounded annually. If the original investment is \$800 and the amount  $A$  in the account after two years is \$882, at what interest rate was it invested?

**Hint:** Substitute in your values for  $A$  and  $P$ , then use the square root method to find  $r$ . Since  $r$  is an interest rate you only care about the positive results and will need to convert your answer into a percent.

$$P = 800 \quad A = 882 \quad 882 = 800(1+r)^2 \quad \sqrt{\frac{882}{800}} = \sqrt{(1+r)^2}$$

Answer 5%