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## Part 1: Building a Foundation

### What is the primary purpose of factoring by grouping?

*Hint: Think about the main goal of this factoring method.*

- ◯ A) To solve quadratic equations
- ◯ C) To factor polynomials with four terms
- ◯ D) To find the derivative of a function
- ◯ C) To simplify fractions

### Which of the following are steps in the factoring by grouping process?

*Hint: Consider the steps involved in grouping and factoring.*

- ☐ A) Group terms in pairs
- ☐ C) Solve for x
- ☐ D) Factor out the common binomial factor
- ☐ C) Factor out the greatest common factor from each pair

### Explain what a 'greatest common factor' is in the context of factoring by grouping.

*Hint: Think about how the greatest common factor helps in simplifying expressions.*

### List two scenarios where factoring by grouping might not be applicable.

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*Hint: Consider the types of polynomials that do not fit this method.*

1. Scenario 1

2. Scenario 2

**When factoring by grouping, what should you do if the terms do not initially form pairs with common factors?**

*Hint: Think about how you can rearrange or modify the terms.*

○ A) Skip the problem
○ C) Add more terms
○ D) Use a different factoring method
○ C) Rearrange the terms

## Part 2: Understanding and Interpretation

**Why is it important to check your work after factoring by grouping?**

*Hint: Consider the purpose of verification in mathematics.*

○ A) To ensure the factors are prime
○ C) To find the roots of the equation
○ D) To simplify the expression further
○ C) To verify the factored form matches the original expression

**Which of the following expressions can be factored by grouping?**

*Hint: Look for polynomials with four terms or suitable for grouping.*

☐ A) $x^3 + 3x^2 + x + 3$
☐ C) $x^4 + 2x^3 + x^2 + 2x$
☐ D) $x^2 - 4$
☐ C) $x^2 + 4x + 4$

**Describe a situation where rearranging terms in a polynomial is necessary for successful factoring by grouping.**

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*Hint: Think about how the order of terms affects grouping.*

## Part 3: Application and Analysis

**Given the polynomial $x^3 + 3x^2 + x + 3$, apply the factoring by grouping method and provide the factored form.**

*Hint: Group the terms and factor out common factors.*

1. Factored Form

**Which expression is the result of factoring $x^2 + 5x + 6$ by grouping?**

*Hint: Think about the factors of the constant term.*

○ A) (x + 2)(x + 3)
○ C) (x + 2)(x + 4)
○ D) (x + 3)(x + 3)
○ C) (x + 1)(x + 6)

**Apply the factoring by grouping method to factor the polynomial $2x^3 + 4x^2 + 3x + 6$. Show your work.**

*Hint: Group the terms and factor out common factors step by step.*

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**Analyze the polynomial x^3 + 2x^2 - x - 2. Which of the following steps are correct for factoring by grouping?**

*Hint: Consider how to group the terms effectively.*

☐ A) Group as (x^3 + 2x^2) + (-x - 2)
☐ C) Factor out x^2 from the first group
☐ D) Combine the common binomial factor
☐ C) Factor out -1 from the second group

## Part 4: Evaluation and Creation

**Evaluate the effectiveness of factoring by grouping for solving real-world problems. Provide an example to support your evaluation.**

*Hint: Think about how this method can simplify complex problems.*

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**Create a polynomial that can be factored by grouping and provide the factored form.**

*Hint: Think of a polynomial with four terms.*

1. Polynomial

2. Factored Form

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**Which statement best evaluates the utility of factoring by grouping?**

*Hint: Consider the advantages and limitations of this method.*

○ A) It is only useful for polynomials with four terms.
○ C) It is the only method for factoring polynomials.
○ D) It is less effective than using the quadratic formula.
○ C) It simplifies solving equations by reducing complexity.

**Design a real-world problem that involves factoring by grouping, and explain how this method can be used to solve it.**

*Hint: Think about practical applications of polynomials.*

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