Reteaching 13-4 Polynomials

The polynomial $d = 4.9t^2 - vt$ gives the distance d in meters an object has fallen after t seconds if it is thrown down with an initial velocity v. A rock is thrown from the top of a cliff with an initial velocity of 2 m/s. The rock takes 7.3 s to reach the bottom. To the nearest meter, how tall is the cliff?

$$d = 4.9t^2 - vt$$

Substitute 7.3 for t and 2 for v.

$$d = 4.9(7.3)^2 - 2(7.3)$$

$$d = 4.9(53.29) - 2(7.3)$$

$$d = 261.121 - 14.6$$

Evaluate using the order of operations. Evaluate the exponent first.

$$d = 261.121 - 14.6$$

Multiply.

$$d = 246.521$$

Subtract.

$$d \approx 247 \text{ meters}$$

Round.

Use the polynomial $d = 4.9t^2 - vt$ to find the distance each object falls for the given time and initial velocity. Round to the nearest meter.

1.
$$t = 7 \text{ s. } v = 3 \text{ m/s}$$

2.
$$t = 6$$
 s, $v = 3.5$ m/s

3.
$$t = 5.7 \text{ s}, v = 2 \text{ m/s}$$

4.
$$t = 6.4 \text{ s}, v = 2.8 \text{ m/s}$$

Evaluate each polynomial for x = -2 and y = 3.

5.
$$x^2 - 2x - 5$$

6.
$$xy + y^2 + 2x$$

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

8.
$$x^2 - 2xy - y^2$$

9. The polynomial $S = 2\pi r^2 + 2\pi rh$ gives the surface area of a cylinder with radius r and height h. Find the surface area of a cylinder with radius 8 cm and height 14 cm, to the nearest cm².