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Challenge Practice 8.1 Challenge Practice For use with the lesson "Add and Subtract Polynomials"

In Exercises 1-5, use the following information.

Suppose you have x number of quarters, x + 4 number of dimes, 2x + 1 number of nickels, and 3x + 5 number of pennies. For each combination of coins, determine whether the number of coins is even, odd, or can't be determined from the given information.

- 1. The total number of quarters and dimes
- 2. The total number of quarters and nickels
- **3.** The total number of quarters and pennies
- **4.** The total number of dimes and pennies
- **5.** The total number of dimes, nickels, and pennies

In Exercises 6–12, simplify the given expression. Assume x is positive.

6.
$$(2x+1)[(3x^2-2x+5)+(2x^2+4x-3)-(5x^2+2x+2)]$$

7.
$$(2x + 1)^{[(3x^2 - 2x + 5) + (2x^2 + 4x - 3) - (5x^2 + 2x + 2)]}$$

8.
$$x^{3x+5} \cdot x^{-2x-2} \cdot x^{-x-2}$$

9.
$$3^{x^x \cdot x^{-2x} \cdot x^x}$$

10.
$$\frac{3^{2x^2-5x+1} \cdot 3^{-2x^2+5x+3}}{2^{6x-1} \cdot 2^{-6x+3}}$$

$$11. \quad \frac{5^{2x^2 - 3x - 4}}{5^{2x^2 - 3x - 6}}$$

12.
$$\frac{3^{x^2-2}}{3^{x^2-5}} - \frac{2^{x^4+3}}{2^{x^4}}$$