Note to my students taking this online class:

- Although this is an online class, to be successful you must work on the class material, particularly the homework assignments every week. Plan to spend at least 5-7 hours per week on this class. More time will be needed for complete mastery of the material.
- Each homework assignment begins with a media part which consists of one or more video lectures on the material of the section and the reading material from the eBook, followed by many questions/problems.
 - o Start by watching the videos, take notes of the examples and make sure you understand all the examples in the videos.
 - o Then skim through the reading material in the eBook, pay particular attention to the worked examples that illustrate the key objectives in each section as outlined in the calendar below.
 - o Note that to complete the media portion for each assignment, you must click on all the video links and the eBook link.
 - Once you understand the examples in the videos and the eBook section, start working on the questions. Write down all your work neatly and carefully in a college-ruled spiral notebook.
 - The first few questions of each assignment usually require you to watch a video and then solve a problem similar to the one worked out in the video. Make sure to watch the video and apply the method there to solve the problem.
 - O If you get stuck on a question, click on Question Help. Then you can View an Example similar to the question or click on Help Me Solve This to walk through all the steps of the solution and fill in the blank. If neither functions helps you, click on Ask My Instructor and email me, tell me specifically what you have tried, what you get stuck on and your question.
 - o If you use the Question Help function, when you are done with the online question, write down the question in your notebook, and at the end go back and solve the question on your own without help. This will help you internalize the method of solving that question.
 - Use only a NON-GRAPHING, scientific calculator like the TI-30X when you work on your homework, because that is the type of calculator you will get when you take the test at a testing center.
 - All tests are proctored paper-pencil-test and you must take them at a LSC testing center or a testing center approved by me.
- The schedule below is my recommendation, which I strongly suggest you follow, of what sections and which objectives in each section that you should study each week. It also contains all test dates and the sections each test covers.
- You cannot do well on the tests by cramming or simply watching the videos and read the eBook the night before. Mathematics, just like swimming, playing tennis or body building, requires constant efforts and practices. You cannot expect to get a six-pack the next day by going to the gym for the whole night the night before. Similarly, you cannot expect to get a good grade on the test by studying the night before.
- PowerPoint Slides and supplementary videos are posted on the class website and are helpful to understand the material and solve the homework problems. Make use of them.
- If at any time you need help or advice, I am an email away. Email me at vinh.x.dang@lonestar.edu and I will do my best to get you unstuck and move forward with the material.

• Exercise self-discipline, be patient, be perseverant, read the eBook sections, watch the videos, work hard on the homework problems and you will be successful.

Week Number	LECTURE AND READING MATERIAL	Homework
1		
1/16 – 1/21	Read carefully the Syllabus and Course Calendar Watch the Review Videos Register for Pearson-MyLab-Math	View the How to Answers Tours videos to learn about entering answers with math notation.
2		
1/22-1/28	 1.5: Quadratic Equations Solve quadratic equations by factoring, by the square root property, by completing the square, by using the quadratic formula. Use the discriminant to determine the number and type of solutions. Solve problems modeled by quadratic equations. 	HW1 due 2/21 by 11:59pm
	 1.6: Other Types of Equations Solve polynomial equations by factoring, Solve radical equations, Solve equations with rational exponents, Solve equations that are quadratic in form, Solve equations involving absolute value. Solve application problems 	HW2 due 2/21 by 11:59pm
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	 2.1: Basics of Functions and Their Graphs Find the domain and range of a relation. Determine whether a relation is a function. Determine whether an equation represents a function. Evaluate a function. Graph functions by plotting points. Use the vertical line test to identify functions. Obtain information about a function from its graph. Identify intercepts from a function's graph. 	HW3 due 2/21 by 11:59pm
1/29-2/4	 2.2: More on Functions and Their Graphs Identify intervals on which a function increases, decreases, or is constant. Use graphs to locate relative maxima or minima. Identify even or odd functions and recognize their symmetries. Understand and use piecewise functions. Find and simplify a function's difference quotient. 	HW4 due 2/21 by 11:59pm
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Week Number	LECTURE AND READING MATERIAL	Homework
2/5-2/11	 2.3: Linear Functions and Slope Calculate a line's slope. Write the point-slope form of the equation of a line. Write and graph the slope-intercept form of the equation of a line. Graph horizontal or vertical lines. Recognize and use the general form of a line's equation. Use intercepts to graph the general form of a line's equation. Model data with linear functions and make predictions. 	HW5 due 2/21 by 11:59pm
	 2.4: More on Slope Find slopes and equations of parallel and perpendicular lines. Interpret slope as rate of change. Find a function's average rate of change. 	HW6 due 2/21 by 11:59pm
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2/12-2/18	 2.5-1: Transformations of Functions Recognize graphs of common functions. (Read this part before class starts) Use vertical shifts to graph functions. Use horizontal shifts to graph functions. Use reflections to graph functions. Use vertical stretching and shrinking to graph functions. 	HW7 due 2/21 by 11:59pm

Week Number	LECTURE AND READING MATERIAL	Homework
	 2.5-2: Transformations of Functions (Cont.) Use horizontal stretching and shrinking to graph functions. Graph functions involving a sequence of transformations. Test 1 Review 	HW7 due 2/21 by 11:59pm
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Test 1 opens from Thursday, 2/15 through Wednesday, 2/21 at all LSC testing centers Test 1 Covers Sections 1.5, 1.6 and Sections 2.1 through 2.5.

Extra credit for Test 1 is due via email on Wednesday, 2/21 by 11:59pm All Homework for Test 1 are due on Wednesday, 2/21 by 11:59pm

2/19-2/25	 2.6: Combinations of Functions; Composite Functions Find the domain of a function. Combine functions using the algebra of functions, specifying domains. Form composite functions. Determine domains for composite functions. Write functions as compositions. 	HW8 due 3/28 by 11:59pm
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2/26-3/4	 2.7: Inverse Functions Verify inverse functions. Find the inverse of a function. Use the horizontal line test to determine if a function has an inverse function. 	HW9 due 3/28 by 11:59pm

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	 2.8: Distance and Midpoint Formulas; Circles Find the distance between two points. Find the midpoint of a line segment. Write the standard form of a circle's equation. Give the center and radius of a circle whose equation is in standard form. Convert the general form of a circle's equation to standard form. 	HW10 due 3/28 by 11:59pm
8		
3/5-3/11	 3.1: Quadratic Functions Recognize characteristics of parabolas. Graph parabolas. Determine a quadratic function's minimum or maximum value. Solve problems involving a quadratic function's minimum or maximum value. 	HW11 due 3/28 by 11:59pm
	 3.2: Polynomial Functions and Their Graphs Identify polynomial functions. Recognize characteristics of graphs of polynomial functions. Determine end behavior. Use factoring to find zeros of polynomial functions. Identify zeros and their multiplicities. Graph polynomial functions. 	HW12 due 3/28 by 11:59pm
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	Spring Break (Offices Closed): March 12-18	
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Week Number	LECTURE AND READING MATERIAL	HOMEWORK
3/19-3/25	 3.3-1: Dividing Polynomials; Remainder and Factor Theorems Use long division to divide polynomials. Use synthetic division to divide polynomials. Evaluate a polynomial using the Remainder Theorem. 	HW13 due 3/28 by 11:59pm
	 3.3-2: Dividing Polynomials; Remainder and Factor Theorems Use the Factor Theorem to solve a polynomial equation. Test 2 Review 	HW13 due 3/28 by 11:59pm
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Test 2 opens from Thursday 3/22 through Wednesday 3/28 at all LSC testing centers Test 2 Covers Sections 2.6 through 2.8 and Sections 3.1 through 3.3.

Extra Credit for Test 2 is via email on Wednesday, 3/28 by 11:59pm All Homework for Test 2 are due on Wednesday, 3/28 by 11:59pm

3/26-4/1	 3.4: Zeros of Polynomial Functions Use the Rational Zero Theorem to find possible rational zeros. Find zeros of a polynomial function. Solve polynomial equations. 	HW14 due 4/25 by 11:59pm
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	 3.5-1: Rational Functions and Their Graphs Find the domains of rational functions. Use arrow notation. Identify vertical asymptotes. 	HW15 due 4/25 by 11:59pm
4/2-4/8	 3.5-2: Rational Functions and Their Graphs (Cont.) Identify horizontal asymptotes. Use transformations to graph rational functions. Graph rational functions. 	HW15 due 4/25 by 11:59pm

Week Number	LECTURE AND READING MATERIAL	Homework
Last day to drop and receive a "W" for 16-week Courses: Friday, April 6 th .		
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4/9-4/15	 3.6: Polynomial and Rational Inequalities Solve polynomial inequalities. Solve rational inequalities. Solve problems modeled by polynomial or rational inequalities. 	HW16 due 4/25 by 11:59pm
	 4.1: Exponential Functions ➤ Evaluate exponential functions ➤ Graph exponential functions. ➤ Evaluate functions with base e. ➤ Use compound interest formulas. 	HW17 due 4/25 by 11:59pm
14		
4/16-4/22	 4.2: Logarithmic Functions Change from logarithmic to exponential form. Change from exponential to logarithmic form. Evaluate logarithms. Use basic logarithmic properties. Graph logarithmic functions. Find the domain of a logarithmic function. Use common logarithms. Use natural logarithms. 	HW20 due 4/25 by 11:59pm
	Test 3 Review	
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Week Number	LECTURE AND READING MATERIAL	HOMEWORK
Test 3 opens from Thursday 4/19 through Wednesday 4/25 at all LSC testing centers Test 3 Covers Sections 3.4, 3.5, 3.6 and 4.1, 4.2. Extra Credit for Test 3 is due via email on Wednesday, 4/25 by 11:59pm All Homework for Test 3 are due on Wednesday, 4/25 by 11:59pm		
4/23-4/29	 4.3: Properties of Logarithms Use the product rule, quotient rule, power rule. Expand logarithmic expressions. Condense logarithmic expressions. Use the change-of-base property. 	HW19 due 5/9 by 11:59pm
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4/30-5/6	 4.4: Exponential and Logarithmic Equations Use like bases to solve exponential equations. Use logarithms to solve exponential equations. Use exponential form to solve logarithmic equations. Use the one-to-one property of logarithms to solve logarithmic equations. Solve applied problems involving exponential and logarithmic equations. 	HW20 due 5/9 by 11:59pm
	Final Exam Review	Assigned Reading for Section 6.1 and 6.2 are due 5/9 by 11:59pm

Week Number	LECTURE AND READING MATERIAL	Homework
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The final exam opens from Monday, May 7th through Wednesday, May 9th at all LSC testing centers. (Note that you only have those 3 days to take the final)

The final exam is COMPREHENSIVE.

Homework 19 and 20 and Assigned Reading 6.1 and 6.2 are due on Wednesday, May 9th by 11:59pm

Extra Credit for the final is due via email on Wednesday, May 9th by 11:59pm