Book and notes (in any form) are not allowed. You may use a calculator. Show all your work. Good Luck! [Form A]

1. (3 pts) Factor by grouping. $\quad 8 a b^{2}-12 a b-6 b+9$
2. (5 pts) Factor Completely.
(a). $x^{2}+5 x-24$
(b). $8 x^{2}-21 x-9$
3. (12 pts) Perform the indicated operation and simplify.
(a). $\frac{4 x-8}{3 x-9} \cdot \frac{x-3}{3 x-6}$
(b). $\frac{x^{2}+3 x}{x+1} \div\left(x^{5}-9 x^{3}\right)$
(c). $\frac{2}{x+1}-\frac{x-2}{x^{2}+x}$
