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6) $c + c - 3a + 4b + 2c - c$	7) $8b + 3c - 13b + 10b - 25c - c$	8) $20a + 3c - 3a + 4b + 10a - 2b$
9) $2a + 12a - 5 + a$	10) $12 - 10m + m - 3$	11) $-4k - 8 + 4k$
12) $2p + 1 + 2p + 5$	13) $-12m + 5m$	14) $21 - 10x + 9 - 2x$
15) $3c - 5 - c$	16) $-8 + 4h + 1 - h$	17) $r + 2r + 3r - 7$
18) $8 + 2z + 4 + 3z$	19) $9 - 12p + 5p - 14 + 2$	20) $5m + 4b - 10$
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