Math 118 - Dr. Miller - Homework \#20: Computing Distance via Right Triangles

For this entire problem, let $A=(2,3), B=(3,-6)$, and $C=(-2,-2)$.

1. Which is longer: $\overline{A B}$ or $\overline{A C}$ ?
2. Is $\triangle A B C$ scalene, isosceles, or equilateral? Explain.
3. Compute the perimeter of $\triangle A B C$, rounded to the nearest tenth.
4. Find a fourth point $D$ on $\overleftrightarrow{A B}$ for which $B D=B A$.
5. Find a fifth point $E$ on $\overleftrightarrow{A C}$ where $C E=2 A E$.
6. Find a sixth point $F$ on $\overleftrightarrow{B C}$ where $B F=3 B C$.

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1. Segment $\overline{A B}$ is the hypotenuse of a 1-by-9 right triangle, so its length is $\sqrt{82}$ while $\overline{A C}$ is only the hypotenuse of a 4 -by- 5 right triangle, having a length of just $\sqrt{41}$. The longer segment is $\overline{A B}$.
2. Side $\overline{B C}$ is the hypotenuse of a 5 -by- 4 right triangle, just as $\overline{A C}$ is, so the triangle is isosceles.
3. The perimeter is $\sqrt{82}+\sqrt{41}+\sqrt{41}=9.1+6.4+6.4=21.9$ (no units).
4. $D=(4,15)$
5. $E=(6,8)$ or $(-10,-12)$
6. $F=(8,6)$ or $(18,-18)$
