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ANSWERS

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1. $\csc x (1 - \cos^2 x)$

$$= \frac{1}{\sin x} (\sin^2 x)$$

$$= \boxed{\sin x}$$

2. $(\sec^2 y)(\cot^2 y)(\sin y)$

$$= \frac{1}{\cos^2 y} \cdot \frac{\cos^2 y}{\sin^2 y} \cdot \sin y$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sin^2 y} \cdot \sin y$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sin y} = \boxed{\csc y}$$

3. $\cot \theta (\tan \theta + \cot \theta)$

$$= \cot \theta \cdot \tan \theta + \cot^2 \theta$$

$$= \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} \cdot \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} + \cot^2 \theta$$

$$= 1 + \cot^2 \theta$$

$$= \boxed{\csc^2 \theta}$$

4. $\frac{\sin \theta \cdot \cos \theta}{\cot \theta}$

$$= \frac{\sin \theta \cdot \cos \theta}{\frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta}}$$

$$= \sin \theta \cdot \cancel{\cos \theta} \cdot \frac{\sin \theta}{\cancel{\cos \theta}}$$

$$= \boxed{\sin^2 \theta}$$