

Suggested solutions

1. B	2. B	3. C	4. B	5. C
6. B	7. B	8. C	9. C	10. A
11. D	12. D	13. A	14. A	15. C
16. B	17. D	18. C	19. B	20. B
21. D	22. B	23. D	24. D	25. B
26. D	27. D	28. D	29. B	30. A

1. **B**

$$\begin{array}{r} \overline{x^2 + x + 3} \\ -x^3 + 3 + 5 \\ \underline{3x^2} \\ - x^2 + 0x \\ \underline{3x} \\ - 3x + 5 \\ \underline{9} \\ - 4 \end{array}$$

2. **B**

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Required polynomial} &= (x^2 - 3x - 10)(3x - 1) + (3x - 2) \\ &= 3x^3 - 10x^2 - 24x + 8\end{aligned}$$

3. C

Let the required polynomial be $p(x)$.

$$\begin{aligned} 2x^3 - 3x + 5 &= p(x)(2x^2 + 4x + 5) + 15 \\ 2x^3 - 3x - 10 &= p(x)(2x^2 + 4x + 5) \\ p(x) &= \frac{2x^3 - 3x - 10}{2x^2 + 4x + 5} \\ &= x - 2 \end{aligned}$$

4. B

$$2x^3 + px^2 - 4x - 1 = (x^2 - 2x + q)(2x + 3) - 4$$

$$2x^3 + px^2 - 4x + 3 = (x^2 - 2x + q)(2x + 3)$$

Compare the coefficients of x^2 and the constant terms.

$$\begin{cases} 3q = 3 \\ (1)(3) + (-2)(2) = p \end{cases}$$

Solving, we have $p = -1$ and $q = 1$.

5. C

Let $3x^3 + 2x^2 - 27x - 15 = (3x^2 + kx + 6)(Ax + B) + 3$, where A and B are constants.

$$3x^3 + 2x^2 - 27x - 18 = (3x^2 + kx + 6)(Ax + B)$$

Compare the coefficients of x^3 , coefficient of x and constant term.

$$\begin{cases} 3A = 3 \\ kB + 6A = -27 \\ 6B = -18 \end{cases}$$

Solving, we have $A = 1$, $B = -3$ and $k = 11$.

6. B

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Remainder} &= \left[3 \left(\frac{-2}{3} \right) - 2 \right] \left[3 \left(\frac{-2}{3} \right) + 5 \right] + 3 \left(\frac{-2}{3} \right) + 2 \\ &= -12 \end{aligned}$$

7. B

$$\text{Remainder} = \left(-\frac{1}{2} \right)^3 - \left(-\frac{1}{2} \right)^2 + 1 = \frac{5}{8}$$

8. C

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Remainder} &= (-1)^3 - 4(-1)^2 - 7(-1) + 10 \\ &= 12 \end{aligned}$$

9. C

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Remainder} &= 10 \left(\frac{-1}{2} \right)^3 - 33 \left(\frac{-1}{2} \right)^2 + 9 \left(\frac{-1}{2} \right) - 5 \\ &= -19 \end{aligned}$$

10. A

$$\text{We have } P \left(\frac{3}{2} \right) = k.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Remainder} &= P \left(\frac{3}{2} \right) \\ &= k \end{aligned}$$

11. D

We have $f(a) = 15$ and $g(a) = -3$.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Remainder} &= f(a) - g(a) \\ &= 15 - (-3) \\ &= 18\end{aligned}$$

12. D

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Remainder} &= (-1)^4 - 2(-1)^3 + 3(-1)^2 - 4(-1) + 5 \\ &= 15\end{aligned}$$

13. A

$$\text{Remainder} = (-1)^{2k+1} - k + k = (-1)^{2k+1} = -1$$

14. A

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Remainder} &= (-1)^{2009} + (-1)^{2008} + (-1)^{2007} + \dots + (-1) \\ &= (-1 + 1) + (-1 + 1) + \dots + (-1) \\ &= -1\end{aligned}$$

15. C

$$\begin{aligned}-2 &= 6\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + a\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - 1 \\ a &= -3\end{aligned}$$

16. B

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Remainder} &= f(-1 + 1) \\ &= f(0) \\ &= (0 - 1)(0 + 3)(0 - a) \\ &= 3a\end{aligned}$$

17. D

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Remainder} &= f(-3 - 3) \\ &= f(-6)\end{aligned}$$

18. C

I. ✓. $f(-1) = -1 + 7 - 6 = 0 \Rightarrow x + 1$ is a factor of $f(x)$.

II. ✓. $f(-2) = -8 + 14 - 6 = 0 \Rightarrow x + 2$ is a factor of $f(x)$.

So, $(x + 1)(x + 2)$ is a factor of $f(x)$.

19. B

$f(x) = (2x^2 + x - 1)q(x)$, where $q(x)$ is a polynomial.

$$f(x) = (2x - 1)(x + 1)q(x)$$

We have $f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = f(-1) = 0$.

20. B

A. ✗. $(-2)^3 - 2(-2)^2 - (-2) + 2 = -12$

B. ✓. $(-2)^3 + 2(-2)^2 - (-2) - 2 = 0$

C. ✗. $2(-2)^3 - (-2)^2 - 2(-2) + 1 = -15$

D. ✗. $2(-2)^3 + (-2)^2 - 2(-2) - 1 = -9$

21. D

$$(-1)^{2n} + k(-1) - 2k = 0$$

$$1 - 3k = 0$$

$$k = \frac{1}{3}$$

22. B

$$f(x) = x^3 + x^2 - 5x + 3$$

$$= (x - 1)(x^2 + 2x - 3)$$

$$= (x - 1)^2(x + 3)$$

23. D

We have $f(-1) = f(2) = 0$.

$$\begin{cases} 0 = (-1)^3 + 2(-1)^2 - a + b \\ 0 = (2)^3 + 2(2)^2 + 2a + b \end{cases}$$

Solving, we have $a = -5$ and $b = -6$.

$$f(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 - 5x - 6$$

$$= (x + 1)(x^2 + x - 6)$$

$$= (x + 1)(x - 2)(x + 3)$$

24. D

We have $f(-2) = f(1) = 0$.

$$\begin{cases} 0 = (-2)^3 - 4(-2)^2 - 2a + b \\ 0 = 1 - 4 + a + b \end{cases}$$

Solving, we have $a = -7$ and $b = 10$.

$$f(x) = x^3 - 4x^2 - 7x + 10$$

$$= (x + 2)(x^2 - 6x + 5)$$

$$= (x + 2)(x - 1)(x - 5)$$

25. B

$$4^3 + k(4)^2 + 2k(4) + 8 = 0$$

$$k = -3$$

$$P(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 - 6x + 8$$

By calculator, $P(1) = P(-2) = 0$. So, $(x - 1)(x + 2)$ is a factor of $P(x)$.

Only option B satisfies this.

26. D

We have $f(-3) = -63$ and $f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 0$.

$$\begin{cases} -63 = a(-3)^3 + 2(-3)^2 + b(-3) + 3 \\ 0 = a\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 + 2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + b\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 3 \end{cases}$$

Solving, we have $a = 4$ and $b = -8$.

27. D

$$2\left(\frac{-k}{2}\right)^4 + k\left(\frac{-k}{2}\right)^3 - 4\left(\frac{-k}{2}\right) - 16 = 0$$

$$2k - 16 = 0$$

$$k = 8$$

28. D

Let $f(x) = (x + 1)q(x)$, where $q(x)$ is a polynomial.

$$f(3x + 1) = [(3x + 1) + 1]q(3x + 1)$$

$$= (3x + 2)q(3x + 1)$$

Thus, $3x + 2$ is a factor of $f(3x + 1)$.

29. B

Let $f(x) = (x + 1)q(x)$, where $q(x)$ is a polynomial.

$$f(3x - 4) = [(3x - 4) + 1]q(3x - 4)$$

$$= (3x - 3)q(3x - 4)$$

$$= 3(x - 1)q(3x - 4)$$

Thus, $x - 1$ is a factor of $f(3x - 4)$.

30. A

Let $f(x) = (x - 1)q(x)$, where $q(x)$ is a polynomial.

$$f(2x + 1) = [(2x + 1) - 1]q(2x + 1)$$

$$= 2xq(2x + 1)$$

Thus, x is a factor of $f(2x + 1)$.

Conventional Questions

31. (a) We have

$$\begin{cases} -7 = [3(3) + p](3 - 2)^2 + q \\ 0 = (12 + p)(2)^2 + q \end{cases} \quad 1\text{M}$$

Solving, we have $p = \frac{-32}{3}$ and $q = \frac{-16}{3}$. 1A+1A

(b) $0 = \left(3x - \frac{32}{3}\right)(x - 2)^2 - \frac{16}{3}$

$$0 = (9x - 32)(x^2 - 4x + 4) - 16$$

$$0 = 9x^3 - 68x^2 + 164x - 144$$

$$0 = (x - 4)(9x^2 - 32x + 36)$$

1M+1A

$$x = 4 \quad \text{or} \quad 9x^2 - 32x + 36 = 0$$

For $9x^2 - 32x + 36 = 0$, $\Delta = 32^2 - 4(9)(36) = -272 < 0$. 1M

The equation has no real roots.

Thus, there is 1 real root. 1A

32. (a) (i) $f(-3) = m(-3)^3 + 3(m - 2)(-3)^2 - 13(-3) + 15$ 1M

$$= -27m + 27m - 54 + 39 + 15$$

$$= 0$$

Thus, $x + 3$ is a factor of $f(x)$. 1

(ii) $f(x) = (x + 3)(mx^2 - 6x + 5)$ 1A

(b) (i) When $f(x) = 0$,

$$(x + 3)(mx^2 - 6x + 5) = 0$$

$$x = -3 \quad \text{or} \quad mx^2 - 6x + 5 = 0$$

If the roots are real,

$$\Delta = 6^2 - 4(m)(5) \geq 0 \quad 1\text{M}$$

$$m \leq \frac{9}{5}$$

Since $m \neq 0$, we have $m < 0$ or $0 < m \leq \frac{9}{5}$. 1A

(ii) Put $m = 1$, when $f(x) = 0$, 1A

$$(x + 3)(x^2 - 6x + 5) = 0$$

$$(x + 3)(x - 1)(x - 5) = 0$$

$$x = -3 \quad \text{or} \quad 1 \quad \text{or} \quad 5$$

The claim is agreed. 1A

33. (a) $f(-1) = h = -h - 1 + 9 + k$ 1M
- $$2h - k = 8$$
- $$0 = f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{h}{8} - \frac{1}{4} - \frac{9}{2} + k$$
- 1M
- $$h + 8k = 38$$
- Solving, we have $h = 6$ and $k = 4$. 1A+1A
- (b) $f(x) = 6$
- $$6x^3 - x^2 - 9x - 2 = 0$$
- $$(x + 1)(6x^2 - 7x - 2) = 0$$
- 1M
- $$x = -1 \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{7 \pm \sqrt{7^2 - 4(6)(-2)}}{2(6)}$$
- 1M
- $$= -1 \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{7 \pm \sqrt{97}}{12}$$
- There are some irrational roots in $f(x) = 6$.
- The claim is disagreed. 1A
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34. (a) Let $f(x) = (x^2 - 4)(Ax + B) + 4x + k$, where A and B are constants. 1A
- $$f(2) = 0 + 4(2) + k = 0$$
- 1M
- $$k = -8$$
- 1A
- (b) We have
- $$\begin{cases} f(-4) = (16 - 4)(-4A + B) - 16 - 8 = 0 \\ f(0) = (-4)(B) - 8 = 40 \end{cases}$$
- 1M
- Solving, we have $A = -\frac{7}{2}$ and $B = -12$. 1A
- $$f(x) = (x^2 - 4)\left(-\frac{7}{2}x - 12\right) + 4x - 8 = 0$$
- $$-\frac{1}{2}(x + 2)(x - 2)(7x + 24) + 4(x - 2) = 0$$
- $$\frac{1}{2}(x - 2)[-(x + 2)(7x + 24) + 8] = 0$$
- 1M
- $$\frac{1}{2}(x - 2)(-7x^2 - 38x - 40) = 0$$
- $$-\frac{1}{2}(x - 2)(7x + 10)(x + 4) = 0$$
- $$x = 2 \quad \text{or} \quad -4 \quad \text{or} \quad -\frac{10}{7}$$
- The claim is disagreed. 1A

35. (a) We have

$$\begin{cases} 0 = 4(3)(3+1)^2 + 3a + b \\ 2b + 165 = 4(-2)(-2+1)^2 - 2a + b \end{cases} \quad 1M$$

Therefore, $3a + b = -192$ and $-2a - b = 173$.

Solving, we have $a = -19$ and $b = -135$.

1A+1A

(b) $0 = 4x(x+1)^2 - 19x - 135$

$$= 4x^3 + 8x^2 - 19x - 135$$

1A

$$= (x-3)(4x^2 + 20x + 45)$$

1M

$$x = 3 \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{-20 \pm \sqrt{20^2 - 4(4)(45)}}{2(4)}$$

1M

$$= 3 \quad \text{or} \quad -\frac{5}{2} \pm i\sqrt{5}$$

All roots of $f(x) = 0$ are not irrational, the claim is disagreed.

1A

36. (a) $p(x) = (x^2 + x + 1)(2x^2 - 37) + cx + c - 1$

1M

$$(5^2 + 5 + 1)(2(5)^2 - 37) + 5c + c - 1 = 0$$

1M

$$c = -67$$

1A

(b) $p(-3) = (9 - 3 + 1)(18 - 37) - 67(-3) - 68$

$$= 0$$

Thus, $x + 3$ is a factor of $p(x)$.

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(c) $0 = (x^2 + x + 1)(2x^2 - 37) - 67x - 68$

$$= 2x^4 + 2x^3 - 35x^2 - 104x - 105$$

$$= (x-5)(2x^3 + 12x^2 + 25x + 21)$$

$$= (x-5)(x+3)(2x^2 + 6x + 7)$$

1M

$$x = 5 \quad \text{or} \quad -3 \quad \text{or} \quad 2x^2 + 6x + 7 = 0$$

For the equation $2x^2 + 6x + 7 = 0$, $\Delta = 6^2 - 4(2)(7) = -20 < 0$.

1M

The roots of $2x^2 + 6x + 7 = 0$ are not real.

The claim is not correct.

1A