

Suggested solutions

1. B	2. B	3. C	4. D	5. C
6. D	7. D	8. B	9. B	10. C
11. C	12. B	13. B	14. A	15. C
16. D	17. B	18. A		

1. B

$$\begin{array}{r} \overline{x-3} \\ x+1 x^2-2x+3 \\ \underline{x^2+x} \\ -3x+3 \\ \underline{-3x-3} \\ 6 \end{array}$$

2. **B**

$$\begin{array}{r} \overline{x^2+0x+1} \\ x^2+0x-1 \bigg) x^4+0x^3+0x^2+0x+1 \\ \underline{x^4+0x^3- x^2} \\ x^2+0x+1 \\ \underline{x^2+0x-1} \\ 2 \end{array}$$

3. C

$$\frac{2x^3 + 54}{x + 3} = 2x^2 - 6x + 18$$

4. D

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x^2 - 5x + 10 \\ \hline x+2 2x^3 - x^2 + 0x - 4 \\ \underline{2x^3 + 4x^2} \\ - 5x^2 + 0x \\ - \underline{5x^2 - 10x} \\ 10x - 4 \\ \underline{10x + 20} \\ - 24 \end{array}$$

5. C

$$\begin{array}{r} \underline{-x^2+2x+2} \\ -x+1 x^3-3x^2+0x+1 \\ \underline{x^3-x^2} \\ \underline{-2x^2+0x} \\ \underline{-2x^2+2x} \\ \underline{-2x+1} \\ \underline{-2x+2} \\ \underline{-1} \end{array}$$

6. D

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x+1 \\ x-2 \overline{) 2x^2-3x+5} \\ \underline{2x^2-4x} \\ x+5 \\ \underline{x-2} \\ 7 \end{array}$$

7. **D**

$$\begin{array}{r} \overline{3x + 5} \\ x^2 - x + 2 \bigg) \overline{3x^3 + 2x^2 - 4x + 6} \\ \underline{3x^3 - 3x^2 + 6x} \\ 5x^2 - 10x + 6 \\ \underline{5x^2 - 5x + 10} \\ -5x - 4 \end{array}$$

8. B

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

9. B

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \overline{x^2 + 0x + 3} \\
 x^2 - 2x + 0 \bigg) x^4 - 2x^3 + 3x^2 - 4x + 1 \\
 \underline{x^4 - 2x^3 + 0x^2} \\
 3x^2 - 4x + 1 \\
 \underline{3x^2 - 6x + 0} \\
 2x + 1
 \end{array}$$

10. C

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \overline{2x^2 - 6x + 10} \\
 x+3 \bigg) 2x^3 + 0x^2 - 8x + 5 \\
 \underline{2x^3 + 6x^2} \\
 -6x^2 - 8x \\
 \underline{-6x^2 - 18x} \\
 10x + 5 \\
 \underline{10x + 30} \\
 -25
 \end{array}$$

11. C

Degree of remainder must be smaller than the degree of the divisor (degree 2).
Thus, only II and III are possible.

12. B

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Required polynomial} &= (x - 2)(x^2 - x - 2) + 3 \\
 &= x^3 - 3x^2 + 7
 \end{aligned}$$

13. B

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

14. A

Let the polynomial be $p(x)$.

$$\begin{aligned}x^3 + 7x^2 - 5 &= p(x)(x + 3) - (11x + 2) \\ p(x) &= \frac{(x^3 + 7x^2 - 5) + (11x + 2)}{x + 3} \\ &= \frac{x^3 + 7x^2 + 11x - 3}{x + 3} \\ &= x^2 + 4x - 1\end{aligned}$$

15. C

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

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

16. D

$$\begin{aligned}-5 &= (1)(-a) + (2)(1) \\ a &= 7\end{aligned}$$

17. 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 $q = 1$.

18. A

Let $4x^3 + 8x^2 - 11x + 3 = (2x^2 + 5x + k)(Ax + B)$, where A and B are constants.

$$\text{R.H.S.} = 2Ax^3 + (2B + 5A)x^2 + (5B + Ak)x + Bk$$

We have $2A = 4$, $2B + 5A = 8$, $5B + Ak = -11$ and $Bk = 3$.

Solving, we have $A = 2$, $B = -1$ and $k = -3$.

Conventional Questions

19. (a) $f(x) = 2(x-2)(x^2 - 4x + 1) + ax + b$ 1M
 $= 2x^3 - 12x^2 + (18 + a)x + (b - 4)$

We have $2b = -12$, $18 + a = 7a$ and $c = b - 4$. 1M

Solving, we have $a = 3$, $b = -6$ and $c = -10$. 1A

(b) $0 = 2(x-2)(x^2 - 4x + 1) + 3x - 6$
 $= (x-2)[2(x^2 - 4x + 1) + 3]$ 1M
 $= (x-2)(2x^2 - 8x + 5)$

$x = 2$ or $\frac{8 \pm \sqrt{8^2 - 4(2)(5)}}{2(2)}$
 $= 2$ or $\frac{4 \pm \sqrt{6}}{2}$ 1A

There is 1 rational root. 1A

20. (a) $f(x) = (8x^2 + ax + 8)(3x^2 + 7x + r) + bx + c$ 1M
 $= 24x^4 + (56 + 3a)x^3 + \dots$

$56 + 3a = 47$ 1M

$a = -3$ 1A

(b) (i) Let $g(x) = A(8x^2 + ax + 8) + bx + c$, where A is a constant. 1M

$f(x) - g(x) = [(8x^2 + ax + 8)(3x^2 + 7x + r) + bx + c] - [A(8x^2 + ax + 8) + bx + c]$
 $= (8x^2 + ax + 8)(3x^2 + 7x + r - A)$

Thus, $f(x) - g(x)$ is divisible by $8x^2 + ax + 8$. 1

(ii) $f(x) - g(x) = 0$

$(8x^2 - 3x + 8)(3x^2 + 7x + r - A) = 0$

$8x^2 - 3x + 8 = 0$ or $3x^2 + 7x + r - A = 0$ 1M

For $8x^2 - 3x + 8 = 0$,

$\Delta = (-3)^2 - 4(8)(8) = -247 < 0$. The equation has no real roots. 1M

For $3x^2 + 7x + r - A = 0$, the equation has at most 2 real roots.

Thus, $f(x) - g(x) = 0$ has at most 2 real roots.

The claim is disagreed. 1A