

Q1a

$$\begin{aligned}
 & a) \quad (2-x)(3x+1) \\
 & \quad (6x+2-3x^2-x)(x+1) \\
 & \quad (5x+2-3x^2)(x+1)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 5x^2+2x-3x^3 \\
 & -3x^2+5x+2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$2x^2 + 7x - 3x^3 + 2$$

Q1b

ALTERNATE SOLUTION

$$\begin{aligned}
 & C^2 = 2(5x-2y+3)^2 \\
 & \sqrt{\quad} \quad \quad \quad \sqrt{\quad} \\
 & C = \sqrt{2(5x-2y+3)^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$C = \pm(5x-2y+3)\sqrt{2}$$

LENGTH CAN ONLY BE POSITIVE

$$C = (5x-2y+3)\sqrt{2} \text{ UNITS}$$

EITHER SOLUTION IS A VALID ANSWER

b)

PYTHAGORAS  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ 

$$a^2 + a^2 = c^2$$

$$2a^2 = c^2$$

$$c^2 = 2(5x - 2y + 3)^2$$

EXPANDING BRACKETS

$$2(5x - 2y + 3)(5x - 2y + 3)$$

$$25x^2 - 10xy + 15x$$

$$-10xy + 4y^2 - 6y$$

$$+15x - 6y + 9$$

$$c^2 = 2(25x^2 - 20xy + 30x + 4y^2 - 12y + 9)$$

$$c^2 = 50x^2 - 40xy + 60x + 8y^2 - 24y + 18$$

$$c = \sqrt{50x^2 - 40xy + 60x + 8y^2 - 24y + 18}$$

UNITS

Q2

$$(2x-3y)(2x-3y)(y-2x)$$

$$(4x^2 - 6xy - 6xy + 9y^2)(y-2x)$$

$$(4x^2 - 12xy + 9y^2)(y-2x)$$

$$y(4x^2 - 12xy + 9y^2)$$

$$-2x(4x^2 - 12xy + 9y^2)$$

$$4x^2y - 12xy^2 + 9y^3$$

$$-8x^3 + 24x^2y - 18xy^2$$

$$-8x^3 + 28x^2y - 30xy^2 + 9y^3$$

$$a = -8 \quad b = 28 \quad c = -30 \quad d = 9$$

Q3

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{AC} \left( \overbrace{15x^2 + 19x - 10}^{-150} \right) \quad \begin{array}{l} -150 \\ 10 \ 15 \\ 3 \ 50 \\ 5 \ 30 \end{array} \\
 \left( \underset{\div 3}{15x - 6} \right) \left( \underset{\div 5}{15x + 25} \right) \\
 \text{AC} \left( \underset{\div 3}{5x - 2} \right) \left( \underset{\div 5}{3x + 5} \right) \quad \boxed{-6 + 25 = 19}
 \end{array}$$

OR

$$\text{AC} = -\frac{5}{3} \quad x = \frac{2}{5}$$

USING  
CALCULATOR  
SOLUTIONS

$$\begin{array}{l}
 3x = -5 \quad 5x = 2 \\
 3x + 5 = 0 \quad 5x - 2 = 0
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 (3x + 5) \quad (5x - 2)
 \end{array}$$

$$\boxed{\text{AC} (5x - 2)(3x + 5)}$$

Q4

INSPECTION  $x^3 - 19x - 30$ 

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{INSPECTION} \\ \begin{array}{c} \overbrace{(-5x^2) \quad -25x} \\ (x-5)(x^2+5x+6) \\ \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{+5x^2 \quad +6x} \\ \text{OR} \end{array} \end{array}$$

LONG  
DIVISION

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + 5x + 6 \\ x-5 \overline{) x^3 - 19x - 30} \\ \underline{-(x^3 - 5x^2)} \phantom{-30} \\ +5x^2 - 19x - 30 \\ \underline{-(5x^2 - 25x)} \phantom{-30} \\ \phantom{+} 6x - 30 \\ \underline{-(6x - 30)} \\ \phantom{+} \phantom{6x} 0 \end{array}$$

$$\boxed{x^2 + 5x + 6}$$

Q5a

a)

$$x^3 - 28x + 48$$

INSPECTION

$$(x-3)(x^2 + 3x - 19) - 9$$

$-9x$   
 $-3x^2$   
 $+3x^2$   
 $-19x$

$$-3x - 19 = 57$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 48 \\ -57 \\ \hline -9 \end{array}$$

**REMAINDER -9**

OR

LONG DIVISION

$$x^2 + 3x - 19$$

$$x-3 \overline{) x^3 - 28x + 48}$$

$$-(x^3 - 3x^2)$$

$$+3x^2 - 28x + 48$$

$$-(3x^2 - 9x)$$

$$-19x + 48$$

$$-(-19x + 57)$$

$$-9$$

**REMAINDER -9**

Q5b

b)

$$x^3 - 28x + 48$$

BY INSPECTION

$$(x+6)(x^2 - 6x + 8)$$

$6x^2$   
 $-6x^2$   
 $-36x$   
 $+8x$

FACTORISE QUADRATIC

**$(x+6)(x-4)(x-2)$**

Q6a

a)

$$6x^3 - 19x^2 + 11x + 6$$

$$\begin{array}{c} -10x^2 \\ \text{---} \\ -4x^2 \\ \text{---} \\ (2x-3)(3x^2-5x-2) \\ \text{---} \\ 15x \\ \text{---} \\ -4x \end{array}$$

$$(2x-3)(3x^2-5x-2)$$

Q6b

b)

$$(2x-3)(3x^2-5x-2)$$

$$(3x+1)(3x-6)$$

$$\div 3$$

FACTORISE QUADRATIC  
-6  
1 -6

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

Q6c

c)

SOLVE FOR  $f(x)=0$ 

$$(2x-3)(3x+1)(x-2)=0$$

$$2x-3=0 \quad 3x+1=0 \quad x-2=0$$

$$x = \frac{3}{2} \quad x = -\frac{1}{3} \quad x = 2$$

a

c)

 $(x-p)$  IS A FACTOR IFF  $f(p)=0$ 

$$(2x+1)=0 \quad x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

CHECK  $f(-\frac{1}{2})=0$ 

$$4(-\frac{1}{2})^3 - 7(-\frac{1}{2}) - 3 = 0$$

$$f(-\frac{1}{2})=0 \text{ so } (2x+1) \\ \text{IS A FACTOR OF } f(x)$$

Q7b



b)  $4x^3 - 7x - 3$

DIVIDE BY  $(2x+1)$

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

Diagram showing the division process:  $2x^2$  is multiplied by  $(2x+1)$  to get  $4x^3 + 2x^2$ , which is subtracted from  $4x^3 - 7x - 3$  to leave  $-2x^2 - x - 3$ . Then  $-x$  is multiplied by  $(2x+1)$  to get  $-2x^2 - x$ , which is subtracted from  $-2x^2 - x - 3$  to leave  $-3$ .

FACTORISE  
QUADRATIC

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

Diagram showing the factoring of  $2x^2 - x - 3$  into  $(2x+2)(2x-3)$  with a  $-6$  above the second factor and a  $\div 2$  below the first factor.

	-6
1	-6
2	-3

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

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

Q7c

c)  $(2x+1)(x+1)(2x-3) = 0$

$$x = -\frac{1}{2} \quad x = -1 \quad x = \frac{3}{2}$$

Q8a

[3]

a) FORM SIMULTANEOUS EQUATIONS

$$f(2) = (2)^3 + r(2)^2 + s(2) - 30 = 0$$

$$8 + 4r + 2s - 30 = 0$$

$$\textcircled{1} 4r + 2s = 22$$

$$f(-3) = (-3)^3 + r(-3)^2 + s(-3) - 30 = -240$$

$$-27 + 9r - 3s - 30 = -240$$

$$\textcircled{2} 9r - 3s = -183$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \textcircled{1} \times 3 \quad 12r + 6s = 66 \\ \textcircled{2} \times 2 \quad \textcircled{+} 18r - 6s = -366 \\ \hline 30r = -300 \\ r = -10 \end{array}$$

SUB INTO  $\textcircled{1}$ 

$$4(-10) + 2s = 22$$

$$-40 + 2s = 22$$

$$2s = 62$$

$$s = 31$$

CHECK  $\textcircled{2}$ 

$$9(-10) - 3(31) = -183$$

$$-90 - 93 = -183 \checkmark$$

$$r = -10 \quad s = 31$$

Q8b

$$r = -10 \quad S = 31$$

$$f(x) = x^3 - 10x^2 + 31x - 30$$

IF  $f(2) = 0$ ,  $(x-2)$  MUST BE A FACTOR

$$(x-2)(x^2 - 8x + 15)$$

$-8x^2$  +15x  
 $-2x^2$  +16x

FACTORISE  
QUADRATIC

$$(x-3)(x-5)$$

$$(x-2)(x-3)(x-5)$$

Q9a

"Extended Factor Theorem"If  $f\left(\frac{b}{a}\right) = 0$ , then  $(ax-b)$  is a factor of  $f(x)$ 

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{a) } f\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) &= 4\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^3 - 7\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2 - 21\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) + 18 \\
 &= 4\left(\frac{27}{64}\right) - 7\left(\frac{9}{16}\right) - 21\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) + 18 \\
 &= \frac{27}{16} - \frac{63}{16} - \frac{63}{4} + 18 \\
 &= \frac{27 - 63 - 252 + 288}{16} \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

So by the Factor Theorem,

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

Q9b

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{b) } 4x^3 - 7x^2 - 21x + 18 &= (4x-3)(x^2 + kx - 6) \\
 4x^3 - 7x^2 - 21x + 18 &= 4x^3 + \underline{(4k-3)x^2} + (-3k-24)x + 18
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned}
 &-7 = 4k - 3 \implies k = -1 \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{equate } x^2 \\ \text{coefficients} \end{array} \right\} \\
 &\text{Can also do this factorisation by algebraic} \\
 &\text{division, or by inspection}
 \end{aligned} \right.$$

So

$$4x^3 - 7x^2 - 21x + 18 = (4x-3)(x^2 - x - 6)$$

$$= (4x-3)(x-3)(x+2)$$

Q9c

From part (b),

$$4x^3 - 7x^2 - 21x + 18 = (4x-3)(x-3)(x+2)$$

c)

$$x = \frac{3}{4}, 3, -2$$

Q10

"Extended Factor Theorem"If  $f(\frac{b}{a}) = 0$ , then  $(ax-b)$  is a factor of  $f(x)$ .If  $x = \frac{2}{5}$ ,

$$25\left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^3 + 55\left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^2 - 56\left(\frac{2}{5}\right) + 12$$

$$= \frac{8}{5} + \frac{44}{5} - \frac{112}{5} + 12 = \frac{8+44-112+60}{5} = 0$$

So by the Factor Theorem,  $(5x-2)$  is a factor.

$$25x^3 + 55x^2 - 56x + 12 = (5x-2)(5x^2+kx-6)$$

$$= 25x^3 + (5k-10)x^2 + (-2k-30)x + 12$$

$$5k-10 = 55 \Rightarrow k=13 \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{equate } x^2 \text{ coefficients} \\ \text{could also do this factorisation by algebraic} \\ \text{division, or by inspection} \end{array} \right.$$

could also do this factorisation by algebraic  
division, or by inspection

$$25x^3 + 55x^2 - 56x + 12 = 0$$

$$(5x-2)(5x^2+13x-6) = 0$$

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

The solutions are

$$x = \frac{2}{5}, -3$$

Q11a

"Extended Factor Theorem"

If  $(ax-b)$  is a factor of  $f(x)$ , then  $f(\frac{b}{a}) = 0$

a) Because  $(4x-5)$  is a factor,

$$4\left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^3 - 9\left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^2 + a\left(\frac{5}{4}\right) + 30 = 0$$

$$\frac{125}{16} - \frac{225}{16} + \frac{5a}{4} + 30 = 0$$

$$\frac{125 - 225 + 20a + 480}{16} = 0$$

$$20a + 380 = 0$$

$$a = -19$$

Q11b

From part (a),  $a = -19$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } 4x^3 - 9x^2 - 19x + 30 &= (4x-5)(x^2+kx-6) \\ &= 4x^3 + (4k-5)x^2 + (-5k-24)x + 30 \end{aligned}$$

$4k-5 = -9 \Rightarrow k = -1$  } equate  $x^2$  coefficients  
 could also do this factorisation by algebraic division, or by inspection

$$4x^3 - 9x^2 - 19x + 30 = (4x-5)(x^2-x-6)$$

$$= (4x-5)(x+2)(x-3)$$

Q12

$$(i) \begin{array}{r} x^2+4 \\ x-2 \overline{) x^3-2x^2+4x-3} \\ \underline{-(x^2-2x^2)} \\ 4x-3 \\ \underline{-(4x-8)} \\ 5 \end{array}$$

The remainder  
is 5

$$(ii) f(2) = (2)^3 - 2(2)^2 + 4(2) - 3 \\ = 8 - 8 + 8 - 3$$

$$f(2) = 5$$

(iii) They are equal

This isn't just  
a coincidence!

From part (i),

$$x^3 - 2x^2 + 4x - 3 = (x^2 + 4)(x - 2) + 5$$

When  $x = 2$ ,

$$(2)^3 - 2(2)^2 + 4(2) - 3 = \underbrace{(2^2 + 4)}_{=0} \underbrace{(2-2)}_{=0} + 5 \\ = 5$$

Q13a

a)

The equation appears to be  
in the form

$$\frac{\text{dividend}}{\text{divisor}} = \text{quotient} + \frac{\text{remainder}}{\text{divisor}}$$

Q13b

b) If  $g(x) = x+1$ , then:

$$\frac{f(x)}{x+1} = 2x+3 - \frac{4}{x+1}$$

$$f(x) = \left(2x+3 - \frac{4}{x+1}\right)(x+1)$$

$$= (2x+3)(x+1) - 4$$

$$= 2x^2 + 2x + 3x + 3 - 4$$

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

Q13c

c)

Multiplying  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  by the same constant will give the same result.

For example,

$$2f(x) = 2(2x^2 + 5x - 1) = 4x^2 + 10x - 2$$

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

Then

$$\frac{4x^2 + 10x - 2}{2x+2} = \frac{2(2x^2 + 5x - 1)}{2(x+1)}$$

$$= \frac{2x^2 + 5x - 1}{x+1}$$

$$= 2x+3 - \frac{4}{x+1}$$

Q14



$$\frac{\text{dividend}}{\text{divisor}} = \text{quotient} + \frac{\text{remainder}}{\text{divisor}}$$

$$\frac{x^3 + ax^2 + 4x - 1}{x+2} = x^2 - 4x + 12 + \frac{b}{x+2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x^3 + ax^2 + 4x - 1 &= \left(x^2 - 4x + 12 + \frac{b}{x+2}\right)(x+2) \\ &= (x^2 - 4x + 12)(x+2) + b \\ &= x^3 - 4x^2 + 12x + 2x^2 - 8x + 24 + b \\ &= x^3 - 2x^2 + 4x + 24 + b \end{aligned}$$

Comparing coefficients,

$$a = -2$$

$$24 + b = -1$$

$$b = -25$$

Q15

$(x+4)$  is a factor  $\Leftrightarrow f(-4) = 0$  [Factor Theorem]

$$f(-4) = 16p - 22q + 14 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 8p - 11q = -7 \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$\frac{f(x)}{(x+1)}$  has remainder  $-12 \Leftrightarrow f(-1) = -12$  [Remainder Theorem]

$$f(-1) = 4p - 7q - 1 = -12$$

$$\Rightarrow 8p - 14q = -22 \quad \textcircled{2}$$

$\textcircled{1}$  and  $\textcircled{2}$  are simultaneous equations

$$\Rightarrow 3q = 15 \quad \textcircled{1} - \textcircled{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{q = 5, p = 6}$$

Q16

$$(3x+1)(ax^2+bx+c)+d = 3(x+\frac{1}{3})(ax^2+bx+c)+d$$

By the Remainder Theorem,  $f(-\frac{1}{3}) = d$

$$\Rightarrow d = 3(-\frac{1}{3})^3 + 16(-\frac{1}{3})^2 - 22(-\frac{1}{3}) = -\frac{1}{9} + \frac{16}{9} + \frac{66}{9} = 9$$

$$(3x+1)(ax^2+bx+c)+9 =$$

$$3ax^3 + (a+3b)x^2 + (b+3c)x + (c+9)$$

Now compare coefficients:

$$3a = 3 \Rightarrow a = 1 \quad c+9 = 0 \Rightarrow c = -9$$

$$a+3b = 16 \Rightarrow b = 5$$

And check that  $b+3c$  then equals  $-22$ , as expected!

$$3x^3 + 16x^2 - 22x = (3x+1)(x^2+5x-9)+9$$

You could also do this entirely by comparing coefficients, but using the Remainder Theorem is a nice touch!