

The polynomial $6x^3 + ax^2 + bx + 9$ is denoted by $p(x)$, where a and b are constants. It is given that $(x - 3)$ is a factor of $p(x)$, and when the first derivative $p'(x)$ is divided by $(x - 3)$ the remainder is 72.

- (a)** Find the values of a and b . [5]
- (b)** When a and b have the values found in part **(a)**, factorise $p(x)$ completely. [3]
- (c)** Hence solve the inequality $p(x) < 0$. [2]