

For the following Multiple Choice and True/False problems, write the UPPERCASE letter in the space provided.

1. Given the polynomial:  $f(x) = x^4 - 2x^3 + 5x^2 - 15$ , the factor theorem suggests test values for x when discovering factors should include: [2]

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- A)  $\pm 1, \pm 3, \pm 5, \pm 15$
- B)  $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \dots, \pm 15$
- C)  $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 5, \pm 15$
- D)  $1, -2, 5, -15$
- E) None of the above

2. A polynomial  $f(x)$  is divided by  $(2x + 7)$ , the remainder can be determined by evaluating: [2]

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- A)  $f(-7)$
- B)  $f(7)$
- C)  $f(\frac{7}{2})$
- D)  $f(-\frac{7}{2})$
- E)  $f(-\frac{2}{7})$
- F) Not enough information

3. True/False: [2]

F

a) All polynomials of degree 4 have zeroes.

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b) All polynomials of degree 5 will have at least one change in direction.

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c) Some polynomials of degree 6 may have only 1 zero.

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d) Polynomials of degree 7 can have at most 6 changes in direction.

4. Perform the following long division:  $(x^3 - 2x - 4) \div (x - 2)$  [2]

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

5. Factor: [4]

$$a) 6x^3 + 19x^2 + 11x - 6 = f(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned}f(-2) &= -48 + 76 - 22 - 6 \\&= 0\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore x+2$  is a factor

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore (x+2)(6x^2 + 7x - 3) &\stackrel{3-1}{\cancel{\quad}} \stackrel{2+3}{\cancel{\quad}} \\&= (x+2)(3x-1)(2x+3)\end{aligned}$$

$$b) (x+g)^3 + 125w^3$$

$$= (x+g+5w)[(x+g)^2 - 5w(x+g) + 25w^2]$$

6. Solve:  $x^4 - 4x^3 - 4x^2 + 11x + 10 = 0 = f(x)$  [3]

$$f(-1) = 0$$

$\therefore x+1$  is a factor

$$\therefore (x+1)(x^3 - 5x^2 + x + 10) = 0$$

$$f(2) = 0$$

$\therefore x-2$  is a factor

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore (x+1)(x-2)(x^2 - 3x - 5) &= 0 \\ \therefore x = -1 \text{ or } 2 \text{ or } x = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{9+20}}{2} \\ &= \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{29}}{2}\end{aligned}$$

7. Solve: [3]

$$\frac{6x^2 - 3x + 2}{2x+1} \geq 1$$

$$\frac{6x^2 - 3x + 2 - 2x - 1}{2x+1} \geq 0$$

$$\frac{6x^2 - 5x + 1}{2x+1} \geq 0$$

$$\frac{(3x-1)(2x-1)}{2x+1} \geq 0$$

$$\therefore \text{key} \leq \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$(-\infty, -\frac{1}{2}) \cup [-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}] \cup [\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{2}] \cup [\frac{1}{2}, \infty)$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc} - & - & + & + \\ - & - & + & + \\ - & + & - & + \\ \checkmark & & & \checkmark \end{array}$$

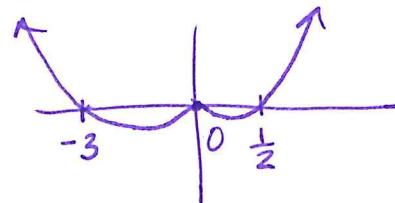
$$\therefore (-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}], [\frac{1}{2}, \infty)$$

8. Solve: [3]  $2x^4 + 5x^3 - 3x^2 < 0$

$$\begin{matrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} -1 \\ +3 \end{matrix} \quad x^2(2x^2 + 5x - 3) < 0$$

$$x^2(2x - 1)(x + 3) < 0$$

$$\therefore x = 0 \text{ or } \frac{1}{2} \text{ or } -3 \text{ (roots)}$$



$$\therefore (-3, \frac{1}{2}), x \neq 0$$

$$\text{or } (-3, 0) \cup (0, \frac{1}{2})$$

9. Determine the value of  $k$  such that when  $2x^3 - 3x^2 + kx - 1$  is divided by  $x + 3$ , the remainder is  $-37$ . [2]

$$f(-3) = -37$$

$$-54 - 27 - 3k - 1 = -37$$

$$-3k - 82 = -37$$

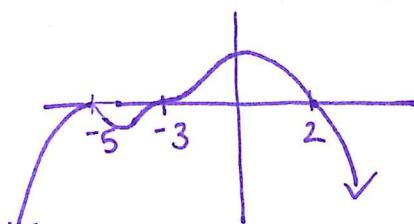
$$-3k = 45$$

$$k = -15$$

10. Determine the  $x$ -values that would satisfy both inequalities below: [4]

$$-(x+5)^2(x+3)^3(x-2) \leq 0 \quad \text{AND} \quad 2x^2 + 5x - 7 < 0$$

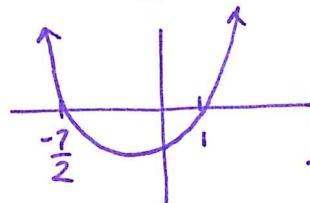
$$\therefore x = -5, -3, 2 \text{ (roots)}$$



$$\therefore (-\infty, -3], [2, \infty)$$

$$(2x+7)(x-1) < 0$$

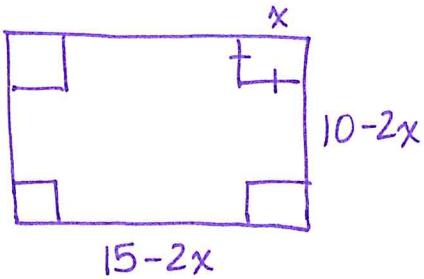
$$\therefore x = -\frac{7}{2} \text{ or } 1 \text{ (roots)}$$



$$\therefore (-\frac{7}{2}, 1)$$

$$\therefore \left(-\frac{7}{2}, -3\right]$$

11. A rectangular piece of cardboard measuring 15 cm by 10 cm is made into an open-topped box by cutting squares from the corners and turning up the sides. If the volume of the box is  $104 \text{ cm}^3$ , what are the dimensions of the box? [4]



$$V = LwH$$

$$104 = x(15 - 2x)(10 - 2x)$$

$$104 = 150x - 50x^2 + 4x^3$$

$$4x^3 - 50x^2 + 150x - 104 = 0$$

$$f(x) = 2x^3 - 25x^2 + 75x - 52 = 0$$

$$f(1) = 0$$

$\therefore x-1$  is a factor

$$\therefore (x-1)(2x^2 - 23x + 52) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = 1 \text{ cm} \text{ or } x = \frac{23 \pm \sqrt{529 - 416}}{4}$$

$$= \frac{23 \pm \sqrt{113}}{4}$$

$$= 8.41 \text{ or } 3.09 \text{ cm}$$

inadmissible

$\therefore$  The dimensions are

$$13 \text{ cm} \times 8 \text{ cm} \times 1 \text{ cm} \quad \text{or} \quad 8.82 \text{ cm} \times 3.82 \text{ cm} \times 3.09 \text{ cm}$$