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AS/A Level Mathematics

The Factor Theorem and Algebraic Division

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Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- If pencil is used for diagrams/sketches/graphs it must be dark (HB or B).
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name.
- Answer **all** questions and ensure that your answers to parts of questions are clearly labelled..
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– there may be more space than you need.
- You should show sufficient working to make your methods clear.
Answers without working may not gain full credit.
- Answers should be given to three significant figures unless otherwise stated.

Information

- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

1
$$f(x) = 2x^3 - 7x^2 - 17x + 10$$

Use the factor theorem and division to factorise $f(x)$ completely.

(Total for question 1 is 6 marks)

2
$$g(x) = 4x^3 - 8x^2 - 35x + 75$$

(a) Use the factor theorem to show that $(x + 3)$ is a factor of $g(x)$ (2)

(b) Hence show that $g(x)$ can be written in the form $g(x) = (x + 3)(ax + b)^2$,
where a and b are constants to be found. (4)

(Total for question 2 is 6 marks)

3
$$f(x) = x^3 + 6x^2 + px + q$$

Given that $f(4) = 0$ and $f(-5) = 36$ (3)

(a) Find the values of p and q

(b) Factorise $f(x)$ completely. (4)

(Total for question 3 is 7 marks)

4
$$f(x) = 2x^3 - x^2 - 13x + 14$$

(a) Use the factor theorem to show that $(x - 2)$ is a factor of $f(x)$ (2)

(b) Hence, or otherwise, solve the equation $2x^3 - x^2 - 13x + 14 = 0$ giving your answers to 2 decimal places where appropriate (5)

(Total for question 4 is 7 marks)

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

(a) Given that $(x - 2)$ is a factor of $f(x)$ find the value of k (2)

(b) Solve the equation $f(x) = 0$ (4)

(Total for question 5 is 6 marks)

6
$$f(x) = x^3 + 6x^2 + 4x - 15$$

(a) Use the factor theorem to show that $x = -3$ is a solution to $f(x) = 0$ (2)

(b) Find the other solutions to the equation $f(x) = 0$ giving your answers to 2 decimal places (5)

(Total for question 6 is 7 marks)
