



QUESTION WORKBOOK

Polynomials and the factor theorem

Algebra and functions · Year 12–13

6 questions · 20 marks

NAVY SCREEN EDITION

SECTION A · Warm-up

A1 Show that $(x - 2)$ is a factor of $f(x) = x^3 - 4x^2 + x + 6$. [2]

A2 Divide $x^3 - 4x^2 + x + 6$ by $(x - 2)$. [3]

SECTION B · Standard

B1 Hence factorise $f(x) = x^3 - 4x^2 + x + 6$ completely, and state its roots. [3]

B2 Divide $2x^3 + 3x^2 - 5$ by $(x + 2)$, stating the quotient and remainder. [4]

- B3** Show that $(2x - 1)$ is a factor of $f(x) = 2x^3 + 5x^2 - x - 1$, and express $f(x)$ as $(2x - 1)$ times a quadratic. [4]

SECTION C · Stretch

- C1** Simplify $(x^2 - 9)/(x^2 + x - 6)$, stating any value of x for which the simplification is not valid. [4]