

POLYNOMIALS 2**1. Work out:**

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

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

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

d) $-5x^2y \cdot (x^2y - 3xy^2 + 4xy - 2) =$

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

f) $(3xy) \cdot (2x^2y^4) - (2x^2y^3) \cdot (-4xy^2) =$

g) $(x + y)(x^2 - 2xy + y^2) =$

2. Factorise the following expressions:

a) $mn - 4m^2 - 5m =$

b) $5xy^2 + 10xy + 5x =$

c) $12x^3y^4 - 8y^3x^2 =$

d) $x^4 - 25x^2 =$

e) $4x^4 + 4x^3 + x^2 =$

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

g) $x^4 - 12x^2 + 36$

h) $100 - 9a^2 =$

i) $25x^2y - y =$

j) $16a^2b - 9b =$

k) $3a^3 - 27ab^4 =$

3. Fill in the gaps:

a) $(\quad + 2)^2 = x^2 + \quad +$

b) $(x - \quad)^2 = \quad - 6x + 9$

c) $(m \quad)^2 = \quad - 2mn +$

d) $(x - \quad)(x + \quad) = \quad - 36$

e) $(\quad + \quad)^2 = 16 \quad + 9t^2$

f) $(\quad - 3w)^2 = 4 - \quad +$

SOLUTION

1. Work out:

a) $(x^5 - 2x^3 + 3x - 4) - 2(x^4 - 2x^3 + 3x - 2) = x^5 - 2x^3 + 3x - 4 - 2x^4 + 4x^3 - 6x + 4 =$
 $= x^5 - 2x^4 + 2x^3 - 3x$

b) $(x^3 - x + 2) - 3(x^2 + 2x - 3) - 2(x+1)^2 = x^3 - x + 2 - 3x^2 - 6x + 9 - 2(x^2 + 2x + 1) =$
 $= x^3 - x + 2 - 3x^2 - 6x + 9 - 2x^2 - 4x - 2 = x^3 - 5x^2 - 11x + 9$

c) $-2(2x^4 - x^3 + 5x) - 3 \cdot (x^2 - 2)(x^2 + 2) = -4x^4 + 2x^3 - 10x - 3(x^4 - 4) = -7x^4 + 2x^3 - 10x + 12$

d) $-5x^2y \cdot (x^2y - 3xy^2 + 4xy - 2) = -5x^4y^2 + 15x^3y^3 - 20x^3y^2 - 20x^3y^2 + 10x^2y$

e) $(x^3 - 5x^2 - 2)(x^2 + 5) = x^5 - 5x^4 - 2x^2 + 5x^3 - 25x^2 - 10 = x^5 - 5x^4 + 5x^3 - 27x^2 - 10$

f) $(3xy)(2x^2y^4) - (2x^2y^3)(-4xy^2) = 6x^3y^5 + 8x^3y^5 = 14x^3y^5$

g) $(x+y)(x^2 - 2xy + y^2) = x^3 - 2x^2y + xy^2 + x^2y - 2xy^2 + y^3 = x^3 - x^2y - xy^2 + y^3$

2. Factorise the following expressions:

a) $mn - 4m^2 - 5m = m(n - 4m - 5)$

b) $5xy^2 + 10xy + 5x = 5x(y^2 + 2y + 1) = 5x(y + 1)^2$

c) $12x^3y^4 - 8y^3x^2 = 4x^2y^3(3xy - 2)$

d) $x^4 - 25x^2 = x^2(x^2 - 25) = x^2(x + 5)(x - 5)$

e) $4x^4 + 4x^3 + x^2 = x^2(4x^2 + 4x + 1) = x^2(2x + 1)^2$

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

g) $x^4 - 12x^2 + 36 = (x^2 - 6)^2$

h) $100 - 9a^2 = (10 + 3a)(10 - 3a)$

i) $25x^2y - y = y(25x^2 - 1) = y(5x + 1)(5x - 1)$

j) $16a^2b - 9b = b(16a^2 - 9) = b(4a + 3)(4a - 3)$

k) $3a^3 - 27ab^4 = 3a(a^2 - 9b^4) = 3a(a + 3b^2)(a - 3b^2)$

3. Fill in the gaps:

a) $(x+2)^2 = x^2 + 4x + 4$

b) $(x-3)^2 = x^2 - 6x + 9$

c) $(m-n)^2 = m^2 - 2mn + n^2$

d) $(x-6)(x+6) = x^2 - 36$

e) $(4+3t)^2 = 16 + 12t + 9t^2$

f) $(2-3w)^2 = 4 - 24w + 9w^2$