

## EXAM 1\_1 (Real Numbers- Surds - Polynomials)

1) Classify according to number type and mark on the real number line the following. (Notice that some numbers may be of more than one type).

(2 points)

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|-----------------|----------------------|
| a) $-\sqrt{16}$ | b) 1.75              |
| c) $\sqrt{5}$   | d) $-0.\overline{6}$ |

2) Work out and simplify:

(1.5 points)

a)  $x(x+1)^2 - x^2(x+1) - \left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right)\left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right) =$

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

c)  $x^3y^2(2x^2y^2 - 3xy) - 3x^2y^3(1-x)(1+x) =$

3) Rationalise and simplify:

(2 points)

a)  $\frac{\sqrt{3} + 1}{2\sqrt{3}}$

b)  $\frac{10}{\sqrt[5]{5^3}}$

c)  $\frac{\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{5}}$

5) Work out and simplify:

(3 points)

a)  $\sqrt{2\sqrt[3]{\sqrt{8}}} =$

b)  $\sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt[3]{16\sqrt[3]{32}} =$

c)  $3\sqrt[3]{81} - 2\sqrt[6]{3^2} + 3\sqrt[3]{\frac{3}{8}} =$

d)  $\frac{\sqrt{24} - \sqrt{150} + 4\sqrt{54}}{\sqrt{6}} =$

6) Calculate quotient and remainder in the following divisions: (1.5 points)

a)  $(6x^3 - 2x^2 - 1) \div (x^2 + x + 2)$

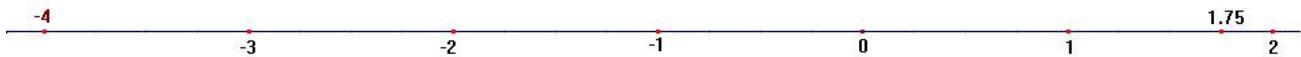
b)  $(x^5 - 2x^2 + 3) \div (x + 1)$

**SOLUTION**

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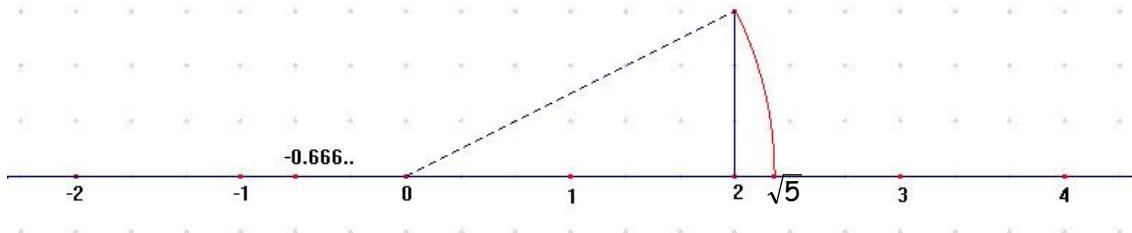
a)  $-\sqrt{16} = -4$  Integer number, Rational

b)  $1.75 = \frac{7}{4}$  Terminating decimal, Rational  $1.75 = \frac{175}{100} = \frac{7}{4}$



c)  $\sqrt{5}$  Irrational

d)  $-0.\overline{6} = -\frac{2}{3}$  Repeating decimal, Rational  $N = 0.6666\dots$      $10N = 6.666\dots$      $\left. \begin{array}{l} N = 0.6666\dots \\ 10N = 6.666\dots \end{array} \right\} 9N = 6 \rightarrow N = \frac{2}{3}$



2) Work out and simplify:

$$\begin{aligned} a) & x(x+1)^2 - x^2(x+1) - \left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right)\left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right) = x(x^2 + 2x + 1) - x^3 - x^2 - \left(x^2 - \frac{1}{4}\right) = \\ & = x^3 + 2x^2 + x - x^3 - x^2 + \frac{1}{4} = x + \frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} b) & (x^2 - 3)(x^3 - 2x^2 + x - 2) = x^5 - 2x^4 + x^3 - 2x^2 - 3x^3 + 6x^2 - 3x + 6 = \\ & = x^5 - 2x^4 - 2x^3 + 4x^2 - 3x + 6 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} c) & x^3y^2(2x^2y^2 - 3xy) - 3x^2y^3(1-x)(1+x) = 2x^5y^4 - 3x^4y^3 - 3x^2y^3(1-x^2) = \\ & = 2x^5y^4 - 3x^4y^3 - 3x^2y^3 + 3x^4y^3 = 2x^5y^4 - 3x^2y^3 \end{aligned}$$

3) Rationalise and simplify:

a)  $\frac{\sqrt{3} + 1}{2\sqrt{3}} = \frac{(\sqrt{3} + 1)\sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{3}\sqrt{3}} = \frac{3 + \sqrt{3}}{6}$

b)  $\frac{10}{\sqrt[5]{5^3}} = \frac{10\sqrt[5]{5^2}}{\sqrt[5]{5^3}\sqrt[5]{5^2}} = \frac{10\sqrt[5]{5^2}}{5} = 2\sqrt[5]{25}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 c) \frac{\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{5}} &= \frac{(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{5})(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{5})}{(\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{5})(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{5})} = \frac{(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{5})^2}{\sqrt{3^2} - \sqrt{5^2}} = \frac{3+5+2\sqrt{3}\sqrt{5}}{3-5} = \\
 &= \frac{8+2\sqrt{15}}{-2} = \frac{2(4+\sqrt{15})}{-2} = -4 - \sqrt{15}
 \end{aligned}$$

4) Work out and simplify:

$$a) \sqrt[2]{\sqrt[3]{\sqrt{8}}} = \sqrt[2]{\sqrt[6]{2^3}} = \sqrt[6]{2^6 \cdot 2^3} = \sqrt[12]{2^9} = \sqrt[4]{2^3}$$

$$b) \sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt[3]{16} \cdot \sqrt[3]{32} = \sqrt[6]{2^3} \cdot \sqrt[6]{16^2} \cdot \sqrt[6]{32^2} = \sqrt[6]{2^3 \cdot 2^8 \cdot 2^{10}} = \sqrt[6]{2^{21}} = 2^3 \sqrt[6]{2^3} = 2^3 \sqrt{2} = 8\sqrt{2}$$

$$c) 3\sqrt[3]{81} - 2\sqrt[6]{3^2} + 3\sqrt[3]{\frac{3}{8}} = 3\sqrt[3]{3^4} - 2\sqrt[3]{3} + 3\sqrt[3]{\frac{3}{2^3}} = 9\sqrt[3]{3} - 2\sqrt[3]{3} + \frac{3}{2}\sqrt[3]{3} = \frac{17}{2}\sqrt[3]{3}$$

$$d) \frac{\sqrt{24} - \sqrt{150} + 4\sqrt{54}}{\sqrt{6}} = \frac{\sqrt{2^3 \cdot 3} - \sqrt{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5^2} + 4\sqrt{2 \cdot 3^3}}{\sqrt{6}} =$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{24} - \sqrt{150} + 4\sqrt{54}}{\sqrt{6}} = \frac{9\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{6}} = 9$$

5) Calculate quotient and remainder in the following divisions:

$$a) (6x^3 - 2x^2 - 1) \div (x^2 + x + 2)$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 6x^3 \quad -2x^2 \quad -1 \\
 -6x^3 \quad -6x^2 \quad -12x \\
 \hline
 -8x^2 \quad -12x \quad -1 \\
 +8x^2 \quad +8x \quad +16 \\
 \hline
 -4x \quad +15
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{r}
 x^2 \quad +x \quad +2 \\
 \hline
 6x \quad -8
 \end{array}$$

Quotient:  $6x - 8$

Remainder:  $-4x + 15$

$$b) (x^5 - 2x^2 + 3) \div (x + 1) \quad \text{Ruffini's rule}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 | \quad 1 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad -2 \quad 0 \quad +3 \\
 -1 \quad | \quad -1 \quad +1 \quad -1 \quad +3 \quad -3 \\
 \hline
 | \quad 1 \quad -1 \quad +1 \quad -1 \quad +3 \quad 0
 \end{array}$$

Quotient:  $x^4 - x^3 + x^2 - x + 3$

Remainder: 0