

- **Polynomials** : An expression of the form  $p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_nx^n$ , where  $a_n \neq 0$ , is called a polynomial in  $x$  of degree  $n$ . Here  $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  are real numbers and each power of  $x$  is a non-negative integer.

e.g.

- (i)  $2x + 7$  is a polynomial in  $x$  of degree 1.  
 (ii)  $2y^2 - 5y + 7$  is a polynomial in  $y$  of degree 2.  
 (iii)  $3u^3 + \frac{3}{7}u^2 - 8u + \sqrt{7}$  is a polynomial in  $u$  of degree 3.

- (iv)  $5t^4 - \frac{2}{7}t^3 + \sqrt{3}t^2 + \frac{3}{8}$  is a polynomial in  $t$  of degree 4.

- (v)  $(\sqrt{x} + 5), \frac{1}{x+3}, \frac{5}{x^2 - 3x + 1}$  etc. are not polynomials.

□ **Polynomials of Various Degrees :**

- (1) **Linear Polynomial** : A polynomial of degree 1 is called a linear polynomial.

A linear polynomial is of the form  $p(x) = ax + b$ , where  $a \neq 0$

e.g.  $(3x - 7), (\sqrt{2}x + 5), \left(x - \frac{7}{3}\right)$  etc.

- (2) **Quadratic Polynomial** : A polynomial of degree 2 is called a quadratic polynomial. It is of the form  $p(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ , where  $a \neq 0$

E.g.  $(2x^2 + 7x - 9), (3x^2 - \sqrt{2}x + 7), (y^2 - 7y + \sqrt{5})$  etc.

- **Byquadratic Polynomial** : A polynomial of degree 4 is called a biquadratic polynomial.

It is of the form  $P(x) = ax^4 + bx^3 + cx^2 + dx + e$  where  $a \neq 0$

E.g.  $(3x^4 + 7x^3 - 4x^2 + 6x + 11), (4t^4 - 7t^3 + 6t^2 - 11t + 9)$  etc.

- (3) **Cubic Polynomial** : A polynomial of degree 3 is called a cubic polynomial. It is of the form  $P(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$ , where  $a \neq 0$

E.g.  $(4x^3 - 2x^2 + 7x + 9), (2\sqrt{2}y^3 - 5y^2 - 8)$  etc.

**Value of a Polynomial at a given point :**

If  $P(x)$  is a polynomial in  $x$  and if  $\alpha$  is any real number, then the value obtained by putting  $x = \alpha$  in  $P(x)$  is called the value of  $P(x)$  at  $x = \alpha$

The value of  $P(x)$  at  $x = \alpha$  is denoted by  $p(\alpha)$ .

e.g. Let  $p(x) = 3x^2 - 2x + 7$ . then

$$\begin{aligned} p(2) &= (3 \times 2^2 - 2 \times 2 + 7) \\ &= (12 - 4 + 7) \\ &= 15 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p(-1) &= [3 \times (-1)^2 - 2(-1) + 7] \\ &= (3 + 2 + 7) \\ &= 12 \end{aligned}$$

**Zeros of a Polynomial** : A real number  $\alpha$  is called a zero of the polynomial  $p(x)$ , if  $p(\alpha) = 0$

**Note :** 1. If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are the zeros of  $p(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ ,  $a \neq 0$ , then.

$$(i) \quad \alpha + \beta = -\frac{b}{a}$$

$$(ii) \quad \alpha \beta = \frac{c}{a}$$

(2) A quadratic polynomial whose zeros are  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  is given by  $p(x) = \{x^2 - (\alpha + \beta)x + \alpha \beta\}$

(3) If  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$  are the zeros of  $p(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$ , then,

$$(i) \quad \alpha + \beta + \gamma = -\frac{b}{a}$$

$$(ii) \quad (\alpha \beta + \beta \gamma + \gamma \alpha) = \frac{c}{a}$$

$$(iii) \quad \alpha \beta \gamma = -\frac{d}{a}$$

(4) A cubic polynomial whose zeros are  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$  is given by  $p(x) = \{x^3 - (\alpha + \beta + \gamma)x^2 + (\alpha \beta + \beta \gamma + \gamma \alpha)x - \alpha \beta \gamma\}$

**Factor Theorem :** The Condition that  $(x - a)$  is a factor of a polynomial  $f(x)$ , if and only if  $f(a) = 0$

Thus,  $(x - a)$  is a factor of  $f(x) \Leftrightarrow f(a) = 0$ .

**Remarks :** (i)  $(x + a)$  is a factor of polynomial  $p(x)$  if and only if  $p(-a) = 0$

(ii)  $(ax - b)$  is a factor of a polynomial  $p(x)$ ,  
if  $p\left(\frac{b}{a}\right) = 0$

(iii)  $(ax + b)$  is a factor of a polynomial  $p(x)$ ,  
iff  $p\left(-\frac{b}{a}\right) = 0$

(iv)  $(x - a)(x - b)$  are factors of a polynomial  $p(x)$  iff  $p(a) = 0$  and  $p(b) = 0$ .

• **Remainder Theorem :** If a polynomial  $f(x)$  of degree  $n \geq 1$ , is divided by  $(x - a)$ , then the remainder is  $f(a)$ .

e.g. Let  $f(x) = x^3 + 3x^2 - 5x + 4$  be divided by  $(x - 1)$ . Find the remainder.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sol. Remainder} &= f(1) \\ &= 1^3 + 3 \times 1^2 - 5 \times 1 + 4 \\ &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

**Important Results :**

(i)  $(x^n - a^n)$  is divisible by  $(x - a)$  for all values of  $n$ .

(ii)  $(x^n + a^n)$  is divisible by  $(x + a)$  only when  $n$  is odd.

(iii)  $(x^n - a^n)$  is divisible by  $(x + a)$  only for even values of  $n$ .

(iv)  $(x^n + a^n)$  is never divisible by  $(x - a)$

□ **H.C.F & L.C.M of Polynomials :**

**Divisor :** A polynomial  $p(x)$  is called a divisor of another polynomial  $f(x) = p(x) \cdot g(x)$  for some polynomial  $g(x)$ .

□ **H.C.F. or (G.C.D.) of Polynomials :**

A polynomial  $h(x)$  is called the H.C.F. or G.C.D of two or more given polynomials, if  $h(x)$  is a polynomial of highest degree dividing each one of the given polynomials.

□ **Remark :** The coefficient of highest degree term in H.C.F is always taken as positive.

e.g. What is the HCF of  $(x + 3)^2(x - 2)^3$  and  $(x - 1)(x + 3)(x - 2)^2$  ?

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sol. } p(x) &= (x + 3)^2(x - 2)^3 \\ q(x) &= (x - 1)(x + 3)(x - 2)^2 \end{aligned}$$

We see that  $(x + 3)(x - 2)^2$  is such a polynomial that is a common divisor and whose degree is highest among all common divisors.

□ **L.C.M. of Polynomials** : A polynomial  $p(x)$  is called the L.C.M. of two or more given polynomials, if it is a polynomial of smallest degree which is divided by each one of the given polynomials.

e.g. Find the L.C.M of  $(x-3)(x+4)^2$  and  $(x-3)^3(x+4)$  :

**Sol :**  $p(x) = (x-3)(x+4)^2$

$q(x) = (x-3)^3(x+4)$

we make a polynomial by taking each factor of  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$ .

If a factor is common in both, then we take the factor which has highest degree in  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$ .

$\therefore \text{LCM} = (x-3)^3(x+4)^2$

**Note :** For any two polynomials  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$

$p(x) \times q(x) = (\text{Their H.C.F.}) \times (\text{Their L.C.M.})$

□ **Factorisation of Polynomials** : To express a given polynomial as the product of polynomials, each of degree less than that of the given polynomial such that no such a factor has a factor of lower degree, is called factorisation.

### Formulae for Factorisation :

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- (i)  $(x+y)^2 = x^2 + y^2 + 2xy$
  - (ii)  $(x-y)^2 = x^2 + y^2 - 2xy$
  - (iii)  $(x+y)^2 + (x-y)^2 = 2(x^2 + y^2)$
  - (iv)  $(x+y)^2 - (x-y)^2 = 4xy$
  - (v)  $(x+y)^3 = x^3 + y^3 + 3xy(x+y)$
  - (vi)  $(x-y)^3 = x^3 - y^3 - 3xy(x-y)$
  - (vii)  $x^2 - y^2 = (x+y)(x-y)$
  - (viii)  $(x^3 + y^3) = (x+y)(x^2 + y^2 - xy)$
  - (ix)  $(x^3 - y^3) = (x-y)(x^2 + y^2 + xy)$
  - (x)  $(x+y+z)^2 = (x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2(xy + yz + zx))$
  - (xi)  $(x^3 + y^3 + z^3 - 3xyz) = (x+y+z)(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - xy - yz - zx)$   

$$= \frac{1}{2}(x+y+z)[(x-y)^2 + (y-z)^2 + (z-x)^2]$$
  - (xii)  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - xy - yz - zx$   

$$= \frac{1}{2}[(x-y)^2 + (y-z)^2 + (z-x)^2]$$
  - (xiii)  $x^4 + x^2y^2 + y^4 = (x^2 + xy + y^2)(x^2 - xy + y^2)$

## Exercise

1. If  $f(x)$  is divided by  $(3x + 5)$ , the remainder is :  
 (a)  $f\left(\frac{3}{5}\right)$  (b)  $f\left(-\frac{3}{5}\right)$   
 (c)  $f\left(\frac{5}{3}\right)$  (d)  $f\left(-\frac{5}{3}\right)$
2. If  $(x^{11} + 1)$  is divided by  $(x + 1)$ , the remainder is :  
 (a) 0 (b) 2  
 (c) 11 (d) 12
3. When  $(x^4 - 3x^3 + 2x^2 - 5x + 7)$  is divided by  $(x - 2)$ , the remainder is :  
 (a) 3 (b) -3  
 (c) 2 (d) 0
4. If  $(x - 2)$  is a factor of  $(x^2 + 3qx - 2q)$ , then the value of  $q$  is :  
 (a) 2 (b) -2  
 (c) 1 (d) -1
5. The value of  $\lambda$  for which the expression  $x^3 + x^2 - 5x + \lambda$  will be divisible by  $(x - 2)$  is :  
 (a) 2 (b) -2  
 (c) -3 (d) 4
6. If  $(x + 1)$  and  $(x - 2)$  be the factors of  $x^3 + (a + 1)x^2 - (b - 2)x - 6$ , then the value of  $a$  and  $b$  will be :  
 (a) 2 and 8 (b) 1 and 7  
 (c) 5 and 3 (d) 3 and 7
7. The polynomial  $(x^4 - 5x^3 + 5x^2 - 10x + 24)$  has a factor as :  
 (a)  $x + 4$  (b)  $x - 2$   
 (c)  $x + 2$   
 (d) None of these
8.  $(x^{29} - x^{25} + x^{13} - 1)$  is divisible by :  
 (a) both  $(x - 1)$  &  $(x + 1)$   
 (b)  $(x - 1)$  but not by  $(x + 1)$   
 (c)  $(x + 1)$  but not by  $(x - 1)$   
 (d) neither  $(x - 1)$  nor  $(x + 1)$
9. The value of expression  $(9x^2 + 12x + 7)$  for  $x = -\frac{4}{3}$  is :  
 (a) 7 (b) 0  
 (c) -7 (d) 18
10. When  $(x^3 - 2x^2 + px - q)$  is divided by  $(x^2 - 2x - 3)$ , the remainder is  $(x - 6)$ . The values of  $P$  and  $q$  are :  
 (a)  $p = -2, q = -6$  (b)  $p = 2, q = -6$   
 (c)  $p = -2, q = 6$  (d)  $p = 2, q = 6$
11. If  $(x - a)$  is a factor of  $(x^3 - 3x^2a + 2a^2x + b)$ , then the value of  $b$  is :  
 (a) 0 (b) 2  
 (c) 1 (d) 3
12. If  $x^{100} + 2x^{99} + K$  is divisible by  $(x + 1)$ , then the value of  $K$  is :  
 (a) -3 (b) 2  
 (c) -2 (d) 1
13. If the polynomial  $f(x)$  is such that  $f(-1) = 0$ , then a factor of  $f(x)$  is :  
 (a) -1 (b)  $x - 1$   
 (c)  $x + 1$  (d)  $-1 - x$
14. If  $x^3 + 5x^2 + 10K$  leaves remainder  $-2x$  when divided by  $x^2 + 2$ , then the value of  $k$  is :  
 (a) -2 (b) 1  
 (c) -1 (d) 2
15. Which of the following is a polynomial ?  
 (a)  $x^2 - 3x + 2\sqrt{x} + 7$   
 (b)  $\sqrt{x} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$   
 (c)  $x^{7/2} - x + x^{3/2}$   
 (d) None of these
16. If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are the zeros of  $x^2 + 3x + 7$ , then the value of  $(\alpha + \beta)$  is :  
 (a) -3 (b) 3  
 (c) 7 (d) -7

17. If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are the zeros of  $2x^2 + 3x - 10$ , then the value of  $\alpha\beta$  is :
- (a)  $-\frac{5}{2}$  (b) 5  
(c) -5 (d)  $-\frac{3}{2}$
18. If common factor of  $x^2 + bx + c$  and  $x^2 + mx + n$  is  $(x + a)$ , then the value of  $a$  is :
- (a)  $\frac{c-n}{b-m}$  (b)  $\frac{c-n}{b+m}$   
(c)  $\frac{c-n}{m-b}$  (d)  $\frac{c+1}{b-m}$
19.  $(x^4 + 5x^3 + 6x^2)$  is equal to :
- (a)  $x(x+3)(x^2+2)$   
(b)  $x^2(x+3)(x+2)$   
(c)  $x^2(x-2)(x-3)$   
(d)  $x(x^2+3)(x+2)$
20. The factors of  $(x^4 + 625)$  are :
- (a)  $(x^2 - 25)(x^2 + 25)$   
(b)  $(x^2 + 25)(x^2 + 25)$   
(c)  $(x^2 - 10x + 25)(x^2 + 5x + 24)$   
(d) do not exist
21. The factors of  $(x^4 + 4)$  are :
- (a)  $(x^2 + 2)^2$   
(b)  $(x^2 + 2)(x^2 - 2)$   
(c)  $(x^2 + 2x + 2)(x^2 - 2x + 2)$   
(d) None of these
22.  $(x + y)^3 - (x - y)^3$  can be factorized as :
- (a)  $2y(3x^2 + y^2)$   
(b)  $2x(3x^2 + y^2)$   
(c)  $2y(3y^2 + x^2)$   
(d)  $2x(x^2 + 3y^2)$
23. The H.C.F. of  $x^2 - xy - 2y^2$  and  $2x^2 - xy - y^2$  is :
- (a)  $(x + y)$  (b)  $(x - y)$   
(c)  $(2x - 3y)$   
(d) None of these
24. The H.C.F. of  $(x^3 + x^2 + x + 1)$  and  $(x^4 - 1)$  is:
- (a)  $(x^2 - 1)(x^2 + 1)$   
(b)  $(x + 1)(x^2 - 1)$   
(c)  $(x + 1)(x^2 + 1)$   
(d)  $(x^2 + 1)(x + 1)(x^3 + 1)$
25. The L.C.M of the polynomials  $X$  and  $Y$ , where  $X = (x + 3)^2(x - 2)(x + 1)^2$  and  $Y = (x + 1)^2(x + 3)(x + 4)$  is given by :
- (a)  $(x - 2)(x + 4)(x + 3)^2(x + 1)^2$   
(b)  $(x + 1)(x - 2)(x + 3)(x + 4)$   
(c)  $(x - 2)(x + 1)(x + 3)^2(x + 4)$   
(d)  $(x - 2)(x + 1)^2(x + 3)(x + 4)$
26. The L.C.M of  $(x + 2)^2(x - 2)$  and  $(x^2 - 4x - 12)$  is :
- (a)  $(x + 2)(x - 2)$   
(b)  $(x + 2)(x - 2)(x - 6)$   
(c)  $(x + 2)(x - 2)^2$   
(d)  $(x + 2)^2(x - 2)(x - 6)$
27. The H.C.F. of  $(x^2 - 4)$ ,  $(x^2 - 5x - 6)$  and  $(x^2 + x - 6)$  is :
- (a) 1 (b)  $(x - 2)$   
(c)  $(x + 2)$  (d)  $(x^2 + x - 6)$
28. The H.C.F of  $2(x^2 - y^2)$  and  $5(x^3 - y^3)$  is :
- (a)  $2(x^2 - y^2)$  (b)  $(x - y)$   
(c)  $(x + y)$  (d)  $(x^2 + y^2)$
29. The L.C.M of  $2(x^2 - 3x + 2)$  and  $(x^3 - 4x^2 + 4x)$  is :
- (a)  $x(2x^2 + 1)(x^2 + 2)$   
(b)  $x(2x + 1)(x - 2)^2$   
(c)  $x(2x^2 + 1)(x - 1)^2$   
(d)  $x(2x + 1)(x^2 - 1)$
30. The L.C.M of  $(a^3 + b^3)$  and  $(a^4 - b^4)$  is:
- (a)  $(a^3 + b^3)(a^2 + b^2)(a - b)$   
(b)  $(a^3 + b^3)(a + b)(a^2 + b^2)$   
(c)  $(a + b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)(a^3 + b^3)$   
(d)  $(a^3 + b^3)(a^2 - b^2)(a - b)$

31. If Polynomials  $2x^3 + ax^2 + 3x - 5$  and  $x^3 + x^2 - 2x + a$  are divided by  $(x - 2)$ , the same remainder are obtained. Find the value of  $a$  :

(a) 3 (b) - 9  
(c) - 3 (d) - 5

32. If the polynomial  $f(x) = x^4 - 2x^3 + 3x^2 - ax + b$  is divided by  $(x - 1)$  and  $(x + 1)$ , the remainders are 5 and 19 respectively. The values of  $a$  and  $b$  are:

(a)  $a = 8, b = 5$  (b)  $a = 5, b = 6$   
(c)  $a = 6, b = 8$  (d)  $a = 5, b = 8$

33. Factorise :  $(x^8 + x^4y^4 + y^8)$

(a)  $(x^2 + xy + y^2)(x^2 - xy + y^2)(x^4 - x^2y^2 + y^4)$   
(b)  $(x^2 + xy - y^2)(x^4 - x^4y^4 + y^4)$   
(c)  $(x^2 + xy + y^2)^2(x^4 - x^2y^2 + y^4)$   
(d)  $(x^2 - xy + y^2)^2(x^4 - x^4y^4 - y^4)$

34. Factorise :  $\left(x^6 + \frac{y^6}{27}\right)$

(a)  $\left(x^2 + \frac{y^2}{3}\right)\left(x^4 + \frac{x^2y^2}{3} + \frac{x^2y^6}{9}\right)$

(b)  $\left(x^2 + \frac{y^2}{3}\right)\left(x^4 - \frac{x^2y^2}{3} + \frac{y^4}{9}\right)$

(c)  $\left(x^2 - \frac{y^2}{3}\right)\left(x^4 - \frac{x^2y^2}{3} + \frac{x^2y^4}{9}\right)$

(d)  $\left(x^2 - \frac{y^2}{3}\right)\left(x^4 - \frac{x^2y^2}{3} + \frac{y^4}{9}\right)$

35. Factorise :  $(x^4 + x^2 + 25)$

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

(b)  $(x^2 + 5 + 3x)(x^2 + 5 - 3x)$

(c)  $(x^2 + x + 5)(x^2 - x + 5)$

(d) None of these

## Hints and Solutions :

1.(d)  $3x + 5 = 0 \Rightarrow x = -\frac{5}{3}$

So, remainder is  $f\left(-\frac{5}{3}\right)$

2.(a) Remainder =  $f(-1)$   
 $= (-1)^{11} + 1$   
 $= -1 + 1$   
 $= 0$

3.(b) Remainder =  $f(2)$   
 $= 2^4 - 3(2)^3 + 2(2)^2 - 5 \times 2 + 7$   
 $= 16 - 24 + 8 - 10 + 7$   
 $= -3$

4.(d) Since  $(x - 2)$  is a factor of  $f(x)$   
 $= x^2 + 3qx - 2q$   
 $\therefore f(2) = 0 \Rightarrow 2^2 + 3q \times 2 - 2q = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow 4q = -4 \Rightarrow q = -1$

5.(b)  $(x - 2)$  is a factor of polynomial  
 $f(x) = x^3 + x^2 - 5x + \lambda$   
 $\therefore f(2) = 0 \Rightarrow 2^3 + 2^2 - 5 \times 2 + \lambda = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow 12 - 10 + \lambda = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = -2$

6.(b) Since  $(x + 1)$  &  $(x - 2)$  are the factors of  
 $f(x) = x^3 + (a + 1)x^2 - (b - 2)x - 6$   
 $\therefore f(-1) = 0$  and  $f(2) = 0$   
 or  $-1 + (a + 1) + (b - 2) - 6 = 0$   
 and  $8 + 4(a + 1) - (b - 2) \times 2 - 6 = 0$   
 or  $a + b = 8$  .....(i)  
 and  $2a - b = -5$  .....(ii)  
 (i) + (ii)  $3a = 3 \Rightarrow a = 1$   
 From equation (i)  
 $b = 8 - 1 = 7$   
 $\therefore a = 1$  &  $b = 7$

7.(b) Since  $x = 2$  makes the given expression zero, so,  $(x - 2)$  is its factor.

8.(b) Since  $x = 1$  makes  $x^{29} - x^{25} + x^{13} - 1$  zero, so  $(x - 1)$  is its factor. And  $x = -1$  does not make it zero so  $(x + 1)$  is not its factor.

9.(a)  $f(x) = 9x^2 + 12x + 7$

$\therefore f\left(-\frac{4}{3}\right) = 9\left(-\frac{4}{3}\right)^2 + 12\left(-\frac{4}{3}\right) + 7$   
 $= 16 - 16 + 7 = 7$

10.(c)

$$\begin{array}{r} x \\ x^2 - 2x - 3 \overline{) x^3 - 2x^2 + px - q} \\ \underline{x^3 - 2x^2 - 3x} \phantom{- q} \\ - \phantom{+} \phantom{+} \phantom{-} \phantom{q} \\ (p + 3)x - q \leftarrow \text{remainder} \end{array}$$

$\therefore (p + 3)x - q = x - 6$   
 $\therefore p + 3 = 1$  and  $q = 6$   
 or  $p = -2$  and  $q = 6$

11.(a) let  $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2a + 2a^2x + b$   
 $\therefore (x - a)$  is a factor of  $f(x)$   
 $\therefore f(a) = 0 \Rightarrow a^3 - 3a^3 + 2a^3 + b = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow b = 0$

12.(d)  $\therefore x^{100} + 2x^{99} + k$   
 $= f(x)$  (let) is divisible by  $(x + 1)$   
 $\therefore f(-1) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow 1 - 2 + k = 0 \Rightarrow k = 1$

13.(c) Since  $x = -1$  makes  $f(x)$  zero, So  $(x + 1)$  is its factor.

14.(b)

$$\begin{array}{r} x + 5 \\ x^2 + 2 \overline{) x^3 + 5x^2 + 10k} \\ \underline{x^3 + 2x} \phantom{+ 10k} \\ - \phantom{+} \phantom{+} \phantom{+} \phantom{10k} \\ 5x^2 - 2x + 10k \\ \underline{5x^2} \phantom{+ 10k} \\ - \phantom{+} \phantom{+} \phantom{+} \phantom{10k} \\ -2x + 10k - 10 \leftarrow \text{Remainder} \end{array}$$

but given, remainder =  $-2x$   
 $\therefore -2x + 10k - 10 = -2x$   
 $\Rightarrow 10k = 10$   
 $\Rightarrow k = 1$

- 15.(d) For polynomial, each power of  $x$  must be a non-negative integer.
- 16.(a)  $\alpha + \beta = -\frac{b}{a} = -\frac{3}{1} = -3$
- 17.(c)  $\alpha \beta = \frac{c}{a} = -\frac{10}{2} = -5$
- 18.(a) Let  $f(x) = x^2 + bx + c$   
and  $g(x) = x^2 + mx + n$   
 $\therefore (x + a)$  is a common factor of  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$   
 $\therefore f(-a) = 0$  and  $g(-a) = 0$   
or  $a^2 - ba + c = 0$  and  $a^2 - ma + n = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow a^2 = ab - c \dots (i)$  and  $a^2 = ma - n \dots (ii)$   
 $\therefore$  from (i) and (ii)  
 $ab - c = ma - n$   
 $\Rightarrow a(b - m) = c - n$  or  $a = \frac{c - n}{b - m}$
- 19.(b)  $x^4 + 5x^3 + 6x^2 = x^2(x^2 + 5x + 6)$   
 $= x^2(x^2 + 3x + 2x + 6)$   
 $= x^2[x(x + 3) + 2(x + 3)]$   
 $= x^2(x + 3)(x + 2)$
- 21.(c)  $x^4 + 4 = (x^2)^2 + (2)^2 + 4x^2 - 4x^2$   
 $= (x + 2)^2 - (2x)^2$   
 $= (x^2 + 2x + 2)(x^2 - 2x + 2)$
- 22.(a) Using formulae,  $a^3 - b^3$   
 $= (a - b)(a^2 + b^2 + ab)$   
 $\therefore (x + y)^3 - (x - y)^3 = [(x + y) - (x - y)] + [(x + y)^2 + (x - y)^2 + (x + y)(x - y)]$   
 $= 2y[2(x^2 + y^2) + (x^2 - y^2)]$   
 $= 2y(3x^2 + y^2)$
- 23.(d)  $x^2 - xy - 2y^2 = (x^2 - y^2) - (xy + y^2)$   
 $= (x + y)(x - y) - y(x + y)$   
 $= (x + y)(x - y - y)$   
 $= (x + y)(x - 2y)$   
 $2x^2 - xy - y^2 = (x^2 - xy) + (x^2 - y^2)$   
 $= x(x - y) + (x + y)(x - y)$   
 $= (x - y)(x + x + y)$   
 $= (x - y)(2x + y)$   
Clearly, no factor is common,  
So, H.C.F = 1
- 24.(c)  $x^3 + x^2 + x + 1 = x^2(x + 1) + 1(x + 1)$   
 $= (x + 1)(x^2 + 1)$   
 $x^4 - 1 = (x^2 - 1)(x^2 + 1)$   
 $= (x + 1)(x - 1)(x^2 + 1)$   
 $\therefore$  Required H.C.F =  $(x + 1)(x^2 + 1)$
- 26.(d)  $x^2 - 4x - 12 = x^2 - 6x + 2x - 12$   
 $= x(x - 6) + 2(x - 6)$   
 $= (x + 2)(x - 6)$   
and other is  $(x + 2)^2(x - 2)$   
 $\therefore$  L.C.M =  $(x + 2)^2(x - 2)(x - 6)$
- 27.(a)  $x^2 - 4 = (x + 2)(x - 2)$   
 $x^2 - 5x - 6 = x^2 - 6x + x - 6$   
 $= (x - 6)(x + 1)$   
and  $x^2 + x - 6 = x^2 + 3x - 2x - 6$   
 $= (x + 3)(x - 2)$   
Clearly, there is no common factor.  
So, H.C.F = 1.
- 28.(b)  $2(x^2 - y^2) = 2(x - y)(x + y)$   
and  $5(x^3 - y^3) = 5(x - y)(x^2 + y^2 + xy)$   
 $\therefore$  H.C.F. =  $(x - y)$
- 29.(b)  $2x^2 - 3x + 2 = 2x^2 - 4x + x - 2 = 2x(x - 2) + 1(x - 2) = (x - 2)(2x + 1)$   
 $x^3 - 4x^2 + 4x = x(x^2 - 4x + 4) = x(x - 2)^2$   
 $\therefore$  L.C.M. =  $x(x - 2)^2(2x + 1)$
- 30.(a)  $a^3 + b^3 = (a + b)(a^2 - ab + b^2)$   
 $a^4 - b^4 = (a - b)(a + b)(a^2 + b^2)$   
 $\therefore$  L.C.M. =  $(a - b)(a + b)(a^2 - ab + b^2)(a^2 + b^2)$   
 $= (a - b)(a^3 + b^3)(a^2 + b^2)$
- 31.(c)  $f(x) = 2x^3 + ax^2 + 3x - 5$   
 $g(x) = x^3 + x^2 - 2x + a$   
By remainder theorem,  
 $f(2) = 2(2)^3 + a(2)^2 + 3 \times 2 - 5$   
 $= 17 + 4a$   
and,  $g(2) = 2^3 + (2)^2 - 2 \times 2 + a$   
 $= 8 + a$   
 $\therefore 17 + 4a = 8 + a$

# Answer -key

## LEVEL - 1

$$\Rightarrow 3a = -9 \text{ or } a = -3$$

32.(d) By remainder theorem,

$$f(1) = 5 \text{ .....(i) } [\because x - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 1]$$

$$\text{and } f(-1) = 19 \text{ .....(ii) } [\because x + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x = -1]$$

$$\text{Now, from (i) } 1 - 2 + 3 - a + b = 5$$

$$\text{or } b - a = 3 \text{ ..... (iii)}$$

$$\text{from (ii) } 1 + 2 + 3 + a + b = 19$$

$$\text{or } a + b = 13 \text{ .....(iv)}$$

$$\text{(iii) + (iv) } 2b = 16 \text{ or } b = 8$$

$$\text{Now from (iv), } a = 13 - 8 = 5$$

$$\therefore a = 5, b = 8$$

$$33.(a) \quad x^8 + x^4y^4 + y^8$$

$$= x^8 + 2x^4y^4 + y^8 - x^4y^4$$

$$= (x^4 + y^4)^2 - (x^2y^2)^2$$

$$= (x^4 + y^4 + x^2y^2)(x^4 + y^4 - x^2y^2)$$

$$= [(x^2 + y^2)^2 - (xy)^2](x^4 - x^2y^2 + y^4)$$

$$= (x^2 + xy + y^2)(x^2 - xy + y^2)(x^4 - x^2y^2 + y^4)$$

$$34.(b) \quad x^6 + \frac{y^6}{27} = (x^2)^3 + \left(\frac{y^2}{3}\right)^3$$

$$= \left(x^2 + \frac{y^2}{3}\right) \left(x^4 - \frac{x^2y^2}{3} + \frac{y^4}{9}\right)$$

$$35.(b) \quad x^4 + x^2 + 25 = (x^2)^2 + (5)^2 + 10x^2 - 9x^2$$

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

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

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| 1. (d)  | 2. (a)  | 3. (b)  |
| 4. (d)  | 5. (b)  | 6. (b)  |
| 7. (b)  | 8. (b)  | 9. (a)  |
| 10. (c) | 11. (a) | 12. (d) |
| 13. (c) | 14. (b) | 15. (d) |
| 16. (a) | 17. (c) | 18. (a) |
| 19. (b) | 20. (d) | 21. (c) |
| 22. (a) | 23. (d) | 24. (c) |
| 25. (a) | 26. (d) | 27. (a) |
| 28. (b) | 29. (b) | 30. (a) |
| 31. (c) | 32. (d) | 33. (a) |
| 34. (b) | 35. (b) |         |