

1. If $i = \sqrt{-1}$ and $z = 1 + i\sqrt{3}$, then $\frac{1}{i}(z^2 - 2z)$ is equal to

- ✓(a) $4i$ (b) $6i$ (c) $-2 + 3i$ (d) $-3i$ (e) $1 - 3i$

Ans: $= \frac{1}{i} \left[(1 + i\sqrt{3})^2 - 2(1 + i\sqrt{3}) \right] = \frac{1}{i} \left[(1 + 2\sqrt{3}i - 3) - 2 - 2\sqrt{3}i \right] = \frac{-4}{i} \cdot \frac{-i}{-i} = \frac{4i}{1} = 4i$

2. One of the factors of $4x^2 + 4x + 1 - y^2$ is

- (a) $2x + y - 1$ (b) $4x - y - 1$ (c) $2x + y$ (d) $2x - y$ ✓(e) $2x - y + 1$

Ans: $(4x^2 + 4x + 1) - y^2 = (2x + 1)^2 - y^2 = (2x + 1 - y)(2x + 1 + y) = (2x - y + 1)(2x + y + 1)$,
so $2x - y + 1$ is one of the factors.

3. The degree n and the leading coefficient L of the polynomial $(2 - 3x^2 - x)^3(2x + 5)$ are

- (a) $n = 6$, $L = -27$ ✓(b) $n = 7$, $L = -54$ (c) $n = 7$, $L = 27$
(d) $n = 6$, $L = 54$ (e) $n = 7$, $L = -18$

Ans: In $(2 - 3x^2 - x)^3 = (-3x^2 - x + 2)^3$, the leading term is $(-3x^2)^3 = -27x^6$. So, in the product $(2 - 3x^2 - x)^3(2x + 5)$, the leading term is $(-27x^6)(2x) = -54x^7$.

Therefore, the degree $= n = 7$ and the leading coefficient $= L = -54$

4. One of the factors of $8x^6 - 15x^3 - 2$ is

- ✓(a) $4x^2 - 2x + 1$ (b) $2x^2 - 4x + 2$ (c) $4x^3 - 2x + 2$ (d) $2x^2 - 4x - 1$ (e) $4x^2 - 2x - 2$

Ans: $= (8x^3 + 1)(x^3 - 2)$
 $= (2x + 1)(4x^2 - 2x + 1)(x^3 - 2)$

So, $4x^2 - 2x + 1$ is one of the factors.

5. If $A = \{x|x \leq -3\} \cup \{x|x > 1\}$ and $B = \{x|-6 \leq x < 8\}$ then $A \cap B =$

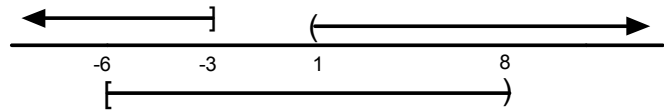
(a) $\{x|-6 \leq x \leq -3\}$ (b) $\{x|-3 \leq x < 1\} \cup \{x|1 < x < 8\}$

✓(c) $\{x|-6 \leq x \leq -3\} \cup \{x|1 < x < 8\}$ (d) $\{x|-6 \leq x < 1\}$ (e) $\{x|-3 \leq x < 8\}$

Ans: Clearly from the adjacent figure

$A \cap B = [-6, -3] \cup (1, 8)$

$= \{x|-6 \leq x \leq -3\} \cup \{x|1 < x < 8\}$



6. The **conjugate** of the complex number $\frac{8+i^7}{2+3i^{13}}$ in standard form is

(a) $3 - 2i$ (b) $\frac{3}{13} - \frac{5}{13}i$ (c) $2 - i$ ✓(d) $1 + 2i$ (e) $\frac{3}{13} + \frac{5}{13}i$

Ans: $Z = \frac{8+i^3}{2+3i} = \frac{8-i}{2+3i} \cdot \frac{2-3i}{2-3i} = \frac{(16-3) + (-24-2)i}{4+9}$
 $= \frac{13-26i}{13} = 1 - 2i \implies \bar{Z} = 1 + 2i$

7. $\frac{\frac{3y}{y-5} - \frac{2}{y-5}}{2(y-2)^{-1} + y^{-1}} =$

(a) $(y-2)(y-5)$ (b) $\frac{y}{(y-2)(y-5)}$ (c) $\frac{y(y+5)}{y-2}$ (d) $\frac{(y-2)(y-5)}{y}$ ✓(e) $\frac{y(y-2)}{y-5}$

Ans: $= \frac{\frac{3y-2}{y-5}}{\frac{2}{y-2} + \frac{1}{y}} \cdot \frac{y(y-2)(y-5)}{y(y-2)(y-5)} = \frac{y(3y-2)(y-2)}{2y(y-5) + (y-2)(y-5)} = \frac{y(3y-2)(y-2)}{(y-5)(2y+y-2)}$
 $= \frac{y \cancel{(3y-2)} (y-2)}{(y-5) \cancel{(3y-2)}} = \frac{y(y-2)}{y-5}$

8. $\frac{3x-4}{4x-1} - \frac{3x+6}{(1-4x)(x+2)} =$

(a) $\frac{3x-1}{x+2}$ (b) $\frac{3x-5}{(4x-1)(x+2)}$ (c) $\frac{3x-2}{(4x-1)^2(x+2)}$ ✓(d) $\frac{3x-1}{4x-1}$ (e) $\frac{3x-1}{(4x-1)^2(x+2)}$

Ans: $= \frac{3x-4}{4x-1} + \frac{3 \cancel{(x+2)}}{(4x-1) \cancel{(x+2)}} = \frac{3x-4}{4x-1} + \frac{3}{4x-1} = \frac{3x-4+3}{4x-1} = \frac{3x-1}{4x-1}$

9. If $x \neq 0$, then the expression $\left[\frac{(3x^2)^{-1}(3x^5)^{-2}}{(3^{-1}x^{-2})^2} \right]^{-1}$ is equal to

- (a) $27x^4$ (b) $9x^3$ (c) $3x^8$ (d) $9x^6$ (e) $3x^4$

Ans: $= \frac{(3^{-1}x^{-2})^2}{(3x^2)^{-1}(3x^5)^{-2}} = (3x^2)(3x^5)^2(3^{-1}x^{-2})^2 = (3x^2)(9x^{10})\left(\frac{1}{9x^4}\right) = \frac{27x^{12}}{9x^4} = 3x^8$

10. $\frac{y^2 + 7y + 12}{y^3 - 3y^2 + 9y} \div \frac{y^2 + 6y + 9}{y^3 + 27} =$

- (a) $\frac{y+3}{y+4}$ (b) $\frac{y+3}{y-3}$ (c) $\frac{y+4}{y+3}$ (d) $\frac{y+4}{y}$ (e) $\frac{y+3}{y}$

Ans: $= \frac{\cancel{(y+3)}(y+4)}{y(\cancel{y^2-3y+9})} \cdot \frac{\cancel{(y+3)}(y^2-3y+9)}{\cancel{(y+3)}^2} = \frac{y+4}{y}$

11. Write without absolute values and simplify: $|-3x| + \sqrt{(x-3)^2} + 2|x+1|$, $-3 < x < -2$

- (a) 1 (b) $4x+1$ (c) $5-2x$ (d) $1-6x$ (e) $2x-5$

Ans: $= |3x| + |x-3| + 2|x+1|$



Now $3x < 0 \implies |3x| = -3x$, $x < 0 \implies x-3 < 0 \implies |x-3| = -(x-3)$ and $x < -2 \implies x < -1 \implies x+1 < 0 \implies |x+1| = -(x+1)$

Therefore the expression $= -(3x) - (x-3) - (x+1) = -3x - x + 3 - 2x - 2 = 1 - 6x$

12. If P and Q are any two different polynomials each of degree $n > 1$, then which one of the following statements is **Always True**?

- (a) $P - Q$ is a polynomial of degree $< n$ (b) $P + Q$ is a polynomial of degree n
 (c) $P + P$ is a polynomial of degree $2n$ (d) $P - Q$ is a polynomial of degree $\leq n$
 (e) PQ is a polynomial of degree n^2

Ans: Degree of $P - Q$ and $P + Q \leq n$. Degree of $P + P = n$. While degree of $PQ = n+n = 2n$.

So the correct answer is (d).

13. If $2^{x-1} = y$, then $2^{3x-2} =$

(a) $\frac{y^3}{8}$

(b) $\frac{y^3}{4}$

(c) $\frac{y^3}{2}$

(d) $4y^3$

✓(e) $2y^3$

Ans: $2^{x-1} = y \implies 2^x \cdot 2^{-1} = y \implies \frac{2^x}{2} = y \implies \boxed{2^x = 2y}$

Thus $2^{3x-2} = 2^{3x} \cdot 2^{-2} = \frac{(2^x)^3}{4} = \frac{(2y)^3}{4} = \frac{8y^3}{4} = 2y^3$

14. Which one of the following statements is **Always True**?

- ✓(a) The product of two prime numbers is a composite number.
- (b) The sum of two prime numbers is a prime number.
- (c) Every rational number has a multiplicative inverse.
- (d) The product of two irrational numbers is an irrational number.
- (e) The sum of two irrational numbers is an irrational number.

- Ans:** (a) True, because the product of two prime numbers is a number divisible by both of them.
(b) False, because 3, 5 are prime numbers, but $3 + 5 = 8$ is not a prime number.
(c) False, because 0 has no multiplicative inverse.
(d) False, because $\sqrt{3}$ is an irrational number, but $(\sqrt{3})(\sqrt{3}) = 3$ is rational.
(e) False, because $\sqrt{2}$, $-\sqrt{2}$ are irrational numbers, but $\sqrt{2} + (-\sqrt{2}) = 0$ is rational.

15. $\frac{-2}{1 + 2\sqrt{12} - 3\sqrt{3}} =$

(a) $1 - 2\sqrt{3}$

(b) $5 - \sqrt{3}$

✓(c) $1 - \sqrt{3}$

(d) $2 + \sqrt{3}$

(e) $-2 - \frac{5}{9}\sqrt{3}$

Ans: $= \frac{-2}{1 + 4\sqrt{3} - 3\sqrt{3}} = \frac{-2}{1 + \sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{1 - \sqrt{3}}{1 - \sqrt{3}} = \frac{-2(1 - \sqrt{3})}{1 - 3} = \frac{-2(1 - \sqrt{3})}{-2} = 1 - \sqrt{3}$