



CREST Mathematics Olympiad (CMO) Worksheet *for* Class 10



Topic

Number System and Polynomials



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1. Which of the following is a rational number?

- a. $5 + \sqrt{3}$
- b. $7 - \sqrt{2}$
- c. $8 + \sqrt{4}$
- d. $10 - \sqrt{5}$

2. Out of the following polynomials, which polynomial has the highest degree?

- a. $-8x^5 + 4x^3 - 3x + 2$
- b. $4x^4 + 2x^3 + x^2 - 1$
- c. $7x^5 + 3x^4 - 2x^3 + 4x^2 - 5x + 1$
- d. $12x^7 + 4x^6 - 2x^5 + 7x^4 + 3x^3 - 8x^2 + 4x + 3$

3. When divided by $(x + 3)$, the polynomials $3x^3 + (p + 8)x^2 + 16x - 6$ and $x^3 - x^2 - px + 15$ leave the same remainder. What is the value of p ?

- a. 7
- b. 5
- c. 6
- d. 2

4. If $a + b + c = 8$, then what is the value of $(a - 3)^3 + (b - 1)^3 + (c - 4)^3$.

- a. 0
- b. 3
- c. $3(a - 3)(b - 1)(c - 4)$
- d. $(a - 3)(b - 1)(c - 4)$

5. Using the law of exponents, simplify:



$$\frac{24 \times 4^{a+5} + 64 \times 4^{a+3}}{7 \times 4^{a+4} + 24 \times 4^{a+2}}$$

- a. $224/17$
- b. $228/17$
- c. $220/17$
- d. $232/17$

Answer Key

1. $c - 8 + \sqrt{4}$

Explanation: The root of the numbers like $\sqrt{2}$, $\sqrt{3}$ and $\sqrt{5}$ are irrational numbers.

The sum of a rational number and an irrational number and the difference between a rational number and an irrational number is an irrational number. Hence, $5 + \sqrt{3}$, $7 - \sqrt{2}$ and $10 - \sqrt{5}$ are irrational numbers.

The sum of two rational numbers is a rational number.

Number: $8 + \sqrt{4} = 8 + \sqrt{(2 \times 2)} = 8 + 2 = 10 = 10/1$

$8 + \sqrt{4}$ is a rational number which is in the form $10/1$ where both '10' and '1' are integers and '1' is not equal to zero.

2. $d - 12x^7 + 4x^6 - 2x^5 + 7x^4 + 3x^3 - 8x^2 + 4x + 3$

Explanation: The degree of a polynomial is determined by the highest exponent of the variable within the expression.

The degree of the polynomial $-8x^5 + 4x^3 - 3x + 2$ is 5.

The degree of the polynomial $4x^4 + 2x^3 + x^2 - 1$ is 4.

The degree of the polynomial $7x^5 + 3x^4 - 2x^3 + 4x^2 - 5x + 1$ is 5.

The degree of the polynomial $12x^7 + 4x^6 - 2x^5 + 7x^4 + 3x^3 - 8x^2 + 4x + 3$ is 7.

Thus, the polynomial $12x^7 + 4x^6 - 2x^5 + 7x^4 + 3x^3 - 8x^2 + 4x + 3$ has the highest degree.

3. $a - 7$

Explanation: The Remainder Theorem states that if you divide a polynomial $f(x)$ by $x - c$, where c is a constant, the remainder will be $f(c)$.

When $x = -3$,

For polynomial $3x^3 + (p + 8)x^2 + 16x - 6$,

$$R^1 = 3(-3)^3 + (p + 8)(-3)^2 + 16(-3) - 6$$

$$R^1 = -81 + (p + 8)(9) - 48 - 6$$

$$R^1 = -81 + 9p + 72 - 54$$

$$R^1 = 9p - 63$$

For polynomial $x^3 - x^2 - px + 15$,

$$R_2 = (-3)^3 - (-3)^2 - p(-3) + 15$$

$$R_2 = -27 - 9 + 3p + 15$$

$$R_2 = 3p - 21$$

$$\text{Since } R_1 = R_2$$

$$\rightarrow 9p - 63 = 3p - 21$$

$$\rightarrow 9p - 3p = -21 + 63$$

$$\rightarrow 6p = 42$$

$$\rightarrow p = 42/6$$

$$\rightarrow p = 7$$

4. $c - 3(a - 3)(b - 1)(c - 4)$

Explanation: $a + b + c = 8$

$$(a - 3) + (b - 1) + (c - 4) = 0$$

Let $A = a - 3$, $B = b - 1$ and $C = c - 4$

$$A + B + C = 0$$

We know that if $a + b + c = 0$, then $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 = 3abc$

Thus, $A^3 + B^3 + C^3 = 3ABC$

$$(a - 3)^3 + (b - 1)^3 + (c - 4)^3 = 3(a - 3)(b - 1)(c - 4)$$

5. $a - 224/17$

Explanation: We know that if a , b , m and n are real numbers, then:

$a^m \times a^n = a^{m+n}$

$\frac{a}{a} = a^{m-n}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{24 \times 4^{a+5} + 64 \times 4^{a+3}}{7 \times 4^{a+4} + 24 \times 4^{a+2}} = \frac{6 \times 4 \times 4^{a+5} + 4^3 \times 4^{a+3}}{7 \times 4^{a+4} + 6 \times 4 \times 4^{a+2}}$$

$$= \frac{6 \times 4^{a+6} + 4^{a+6}}{7 \times 4^{a+4} + 6 \times 4^{a+3}}$$

$$= \frac{4^{a+6}(6+1)}{4^{a+3}(7 \times 4 + 6)}$$

$$= \frac{4^{(a+6)-(a+3)}(7)}{(28 + 6)}$$

$$= \frac{4^3(7)}{34}$$

$$= \frac{64 \times (7)}{34}$$

$$= \frac{224}{17}$$

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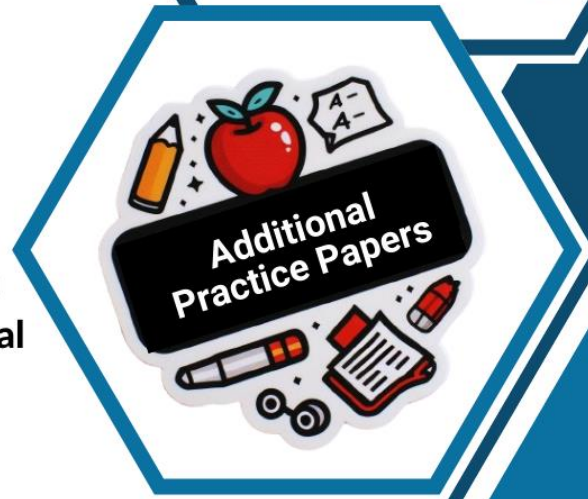
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