

Session 119 | Polynomial 1 | Worksheet 119

- 1) The sides of a rectangle are $(x - 3)$ and $(x + 1)$
 - a) Find the area $a(x)$
 - b) If $x = 4$ then what is its area ?
 - c) If $x = 0$ is it possible to get a rectangle ? Why?
 - d) What is the condition for x to get a rectangle?

Answers

- a) $a(x) = (x - 3)(x + 1) = x(x + 1) - 3(x + 1) = x^2 - 2x - 3$
- b) If $x = 4$ then $a(4) = 4^2 - 2 \times 4 - 3 = 16 - 8 - 3 = 5$
- c) If $x = 0$ side becomes a negative number. Square cannot be drawn
- d) $x > 3$.

- 2) Sides of a rectangular box are $x - 1$, $x + 2$ and $x + 3$.
 - a) Calculate the volume $v(x)$.
 - b) If $x = 2$ then what is its volume?
 - c) Is it possible to make the box for $x = 1$
 - d) What is the condition for x to make the rectangular box?

Answers

- a) $v(x) = (x - 1)(x + 2)(x + 3)$
 $v(x) = (x^2 + x - 2)(x + 3) = x^3 + 4x^2 + x - 6$
- b) $v(2) = 2^3 + 4 \times 2^2 + 2 - 6 = 8 + 16 + 2 - 6 = 20$
- c) If $x = 1$ then side becomes 0. Box cannot be made .
- d) $x > 1$

- 3) The difference between breadth ,length and length of diagonal of a rectangle differ by 1
 - a) If breadth is x what is its length and diagonal of the rectangle?
 - b) Make an equation connecting breadth ,length and diagonal in the form $p(x) = 0$
 - c) Find the solution of the equation $p(x) = 0$
 - d) Find the length , breadth and diagonal.

Answers

- a) If breadth is x then length is $x + 1$, diagonal $x + 2$
- b) $(x + 2)^2 = x^2 + (x + 1)^2$, $x^2 + 4x + 4 = x^2 + x^2 + 2x + 1$, $x^2 - 2x - 3 = 0$
- c) $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$
 $x = \frac{-(-2) \pm \sqrt{(-2)^2 - 4 \times 1 \times -3}}{2}$
 $x = 3, -1$
- d) If $x = 3$ then breadth = 3, length = 4, diagonal = 5

4) Consider the polynomial $p(x) = x^2 - 7x + 12$

- a) Write $p(x) = (x - a)(x - b)$.
- b) Write $p(x)$ as the product of two first degree polynomials.
- c) Find the solution of the equation $p(x) = 0$

Answers

a) $x^2 - 7x + 12 = (x - a)(x - b) = x^2 - (a + b)x + ab$
 $a + b = 7, ab = 12$

$$(a - b)^2 = (a + b)^2 - 4ab$$

$$(a - b)^2 = (7)^2 - 4 \times 12 \rightarrow a - b = \pm 1$$

If $a - b = 1$ then, $a - b = 1, a + b = 7 \rightarrow 2a = 8, a = 4, b = 3$

(What change occur in the answer corresponding to $a - b = -1$. Try yourself)

- b) $p(x) = (x - 4)(x - 3)$
- c) $p(x) = 0 \rightarrow (x - 4)(x - 3) = 0$
 $x = 3, 4$

5) Consider the polynomial $p(x) = x^3 - 4x^2 + 2x + k$

- a) If x is a factor then find k .
- b) $x - 1$ is a first degree factor of $p(x)$ then what is k ?
- c) Use k for becoming $x - 1$ a factor and write the polynomial
- d) Is $(x + 1)$ a factor of this polynomial .

Answers

- a) $k = 0$
- b) If $x - 1 = 0$ then $p(1) = 0$
 $1^3 - 4 \times 1^2 + 2 \times 1 + k = 0, k = 1$
- c) $p(x) = x^3 - 4x^2 + 2x + 1$
- d) $p(-1) = (-1)^3 - 4(-1)^2 + 2(-1) + 1 = -1 - 4 - 2 + 1 \neq 0$
 $x + 1$ is not a factor

Session 120 | Polynomial 2 | Worksheet 120

- 1) Consider the polynomial $p(x) = x^2 - 8x + 12$
- If $p(x) = (x - a)(x - b)$ then what is $a + b$ and ab
 - Find a, b and write $p(x)$ as the product of two first degree factors
 - Find the solution of the equation $p(x) = 0$

Answers

- $x^2 - 8x + 12 = (x - a)(x - b) = x^2 - (a + b)x + ab, a + b = 8, ab = 12$
- $(a - b)^2 = (a + b)^2 - 4ab$
 $(a - b)^2 = 8^2 - 4 \times 12 = 16, a - b = 4.$
 $a + b = 8, a - b = 4 \rightarrow 2a = 12, a = 6, b = 2$
 $p(x) = (x - 6)(x - 2)$
- $p(x) = 0 \rightarrow (x - 6)(x - 2) = 0, x = 6, x = 2$

- 2) If $p(x) = x^3 - 4x^2 + 6x - k$ then
- Find k such that $x - 1$ a factor of $p(x)$
 - Write the polynomial. Is $(x + 1)$ a factor of $p(x)$
 - What is the speciality of the coefficients of $p(x)$ having $x - 1$ a factor
 - Write three polynomials having $x - 1$ a factor

Answers

- Since $(x - 1)$ a factor $p(1) = 0.$
 $1^3 - 4 \times 1^2 + 6 \times 1 - k = 0, 1 - 4 + 6 - k = 0, k = 3$
- $p(x) = x^3 - 4x^2 + 6x - 3$
 $p(-1) = (-1)^3 - 4 \times (-1)^2 + 6 \times (-1) - 3 = -1 - 4 - 6 - 3 = -14 \neq 0$
 $p(-1) \neq 0.$ Therefore $(x + 1)$ not a factor.
- Sum of the coefficients will be zero $(x - 1)$
- It can be any polynomial with sum of the coefficients is zero.
 $x^3 - x^2 + x - 1, 2x^3 - 4x^2 + 5x - 3, x^3 - 4x^2 + 2x + 1$

- 3) Consider the polynomials $p(x) = x^3 + 1, q(x) = x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$
- Find $p(-1)$ and $q(-1)$
 - What is the factor common to both the polynomials
 - Find $r(x) = p(x) + q(x)$
 - what is the first degree factor of $r(x)$

Answers

- a) $p(-1) = (-1)^3 + 1 = -1 + 1 = 0$
 $q(-1) = (-1)^3 + (-1)^2 + (-1) + 1 = -1 + 1 - 1 + 1 = 0$
- b) $p(-1) = 0, q(-1) = 0$ implies $(x - 1)$ is a factor of both. $(x - 1)$ is the common factor
- c) $r(x) = (x^3 + 1) + (x^3 + x^2 + x + 1) = 2x^3 + x^2 + x + 2$
- d) $r(-1) = 2(-1)^3 + (-1)^2 + (-1) + 2 = -2 + 1 - 1 + 2 = 0$
 $x + 1$ is the factor of $r(x)$

4) $x^2 - 1$ is the factor of $p(x) = a^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$

- a) Find $p(1), p(-1)$
- b) Show that $a = -c, b = -d$
- c) Write a polynomial having $x^2 - 1$ a factor

Answers

- a) $x^2 - 1 = (x - 1)(x + 1)$
 $(x - 1), (x + 1)$ are the factors of $p(x)$
 $p(-1) = 0, p(1) = 0$
- b) $p(1) = 0 \rightarrow a + b + c + d = 0$
 $p(-1) = 0 \rightarrow a - b + c - d = 0, a + c = b + d$
 $a + b + c + d = 0 \rightarrow 2(a + c) = 0, a + c = 0, a = -c, b = -d$
- c) The condition $a = -c, b = -d$ should be satisfied. Example $3x^3 - 4x^2 - 3x + 4$

5) If $p(x) = x^3 - 8$ then

- a) Check whether $x - 2$ a factor of $p(x)$
- b) Write a first degree factor of $x^3 - 27$
- c) What is the second degree factor of $x^3 - 27$

Answers

- a) $p(2) = 2^3 - 8 = 8 - 8 = 0$
 $x - 2$ is a factor of $p(x)$
- b) $q(x) = x^3 - 27$ implies $q(3) = 3^3 - 27 = 27 - 27 = 0$
 $x - 3$ is a factor of $x^3 - 27$
- c) $x^3 - 27 = x^3 - 3^3 = (x - 3)(ax^2 + bx + c)$
 $ax^2 + bx + c$ is the second degree factor .
- $$x^3 - 27 = (x - 3)(ax^2 + bx + c)$$
- $$x(ax^2 + bx + c) - 3(ax^2 + bx + c) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx - 3ax^2 - 3bx - 3c =$$
- $$ax^3 + (b - 3a)x^2 + (c - 3b)x - 3c$$
- Equating the coefficients $a = 1, (b - 3a) = 0, (c - 3b) = 0, -27 = -3c, c = 9$
- $$c - 3b = 0 \rightarrow 9 - 3b = 0, b = 3,$$
- $$x^3 + 3x + 9 \text{ is the second degree factor}$$

Session 121 | Polynomial 3 | Worksheet 121

- 1) Consider the polynomial $p(x) = 3x^2 + 4x + 1$
- Write $p(x)$ as the product of two first degree factors
 - Find the solution of the equation $p(x) = 0$

Answers

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } p(x) &= 3x^2 + 4x + 1 = k(x - a)(x - b) = k(x^2 - (a + b)x + ab) = kx^2 - k(a + b)x + kab \\ k &= 3, a + b = -\frac{4}{3}, ab = \frac{1}{3} \\ (a - b)^2 &= (a + b)^2 - 4ab \rightarrow \left(-\frac{4}{3}\right)^2 - 4\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = \frac{4}{9} \\ a - b &= \frac{2}{3} \\ a - b &= \frac{2}{3}, a + b = -\frac{4}{3} \rightarrow a = -\frac{1}{3}, b = -1 \\ p(x) &= k(x - a)(x - b) \rightarrow 3\left(x - \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)\right)(x - (-1)) = 3\left(\frac{3x+1}{3}\right)(x+1) = (x+1)(3x+1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{b) } x + 1 = 0 \rightarrow x = -1, 3x + 1 = 0 \rightarrow x = -\frac{1}{3}$$

- 2) Consider the equation $p(x) = x^3 + 4x^2 + x - 7$
- Check whether $x - 1$ a factor of this polynomial or not
 - If not what should be subtracted from $p(x)$ to get another polynomial $q(x)$ in which $x - 1$ is a factor
 - Write $q(x)$ as the product of three first degree factors
 - Write the solution of the equation $q(x) = 0$.

Answers

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } p(1) &= 1^3 + 4 \times 1^2 + 1 - 7 = 6 - 7 = -1 \neq 0 \\ x - 1 &\text{ is not a factor} \\ \text{b) Since } p(1) &= -1, \text{ on subtracting } -1 \text{ from } p(x) \text{ we get } (x - 1) \text{ a factor.} \\ q(x) &= x^3 + 4x^2 + x - 6 \\ \text{c) } x^3 + 4x^2 + x - 6 &= (x - 1)(ax^2 + bx + c). \\ \text{Equating the constant terms both sides } &-6 = -c, c = 6 \\ \text{Equating coefficients of } x \text{ on both sides } &1 = c - b \rightarrow 1 = 6 - b, b = 5 \\ \text{equating coefficients of } x^2 \text{ on both sides } &-a + b = 4, -a + 5 = 4, a = 1 \\ ax^2 + bx + c &= x^2 + 5x + 6 = (x + 2)(x + 3) \\ q(x) &= (x + 1)(x + 2)(x + 3) \\ \text{d) } q(x) : (x + 1)(x + 2)(x + 3) &= 0, x = -1, -2, -3 \text{ are the solutions.} \end{aligned}$$

- 3) Consider the second degree polynomial $x^2 - 20x + 91$. This is the area of a rectangle with the sides the first degree polynomials.
- What are the sides of this rectangle.
 - What is the condition for getting a rectangle .
 - What is the polynomial representing the perimeter of the rectangle.

Answers

- a) $p(x) : x^2 - 20x + 91 = 0, x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$
 $x = 13, 7$
 $p(x) = (x - 7)(x - 13)$
 sides are $x - 7, x - 13$
- b) Side should be greater than 0.
 $x - 13 > 0 \rightarrow x > 13$
- c) Perimetre = $2(x - 13 + x - 7) = 2(2x - 20) = 4x - 40$

4) When a first degree polynomial is added to $x^3 + 2x^2$ we get a polynomial $p(x)$ such that $x^2 - 1$ is a factor.

- a) Write two first degree factors of $p(x)$
- b) What is the first degree factor to be added?
- c) What are the solutions of the equation $p(x) = 0$

Answers

- a) $x^2 - 1 = (x - 1)(x + 1)$ implies $x - 1, x + 1$ are the factors of $p(x)$
- b) Term to be added is $ax + b$.
 $p(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 + ax + b$
 Since $(x - 1)$ is a factor sum of coefficients is 0.
 $1 + 2 + a + b = 0, a + b = -3$
 Since $x + 1$ is a factor $p(-1) = 0$
 $-1 + 2 - a + b = 0, a - b = 1$
 $a + b = -3, a - b = 1 \rightarrow 2a = -2, a = -1, b = -2$
~~Therefore also~~ $ax + b = -x - 2$
 $p(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 - x - 2$
- c) One factor is $x^2 - 1$. This is a second degree factor. Other factor is $px + q$.
 $x^3 + 2x^2 - x - 2 = (x^2 - 1)(px + q)$
 we get $q = 2, p = 1$ by equating the coefficients. Third factor is $x + 2$

5) Consider the equation $p(x) = x^2 + 4x + k$

- a) If $k = 0$ write the first degree factors of $p(x)$
- b) If $k = 4$ what are the factors of this polynomial?
- c) What is the condition for k to get two first degree factors of $p(x)$?

Answers

- a) If $k = 0, p(x) = x^2 + 4x$. x is a factor. $x + 4$ is also a factor.
- b) If $k = 4$ then $x^2 + 4x + k = x^2 + 4x + 4 = (x + 2)(x + 2)$. Both factors are $x + 2$.
- c) $p(x) = x^2 + 4x + k$.
 $(x - a), (x - b)$ are the factors $x^2 + 4x + k = (x - a)(x - b) = x^2 - (a + b)x + ab$
 $a + b = -4, ab = k$. $(a - b)^2 = 4^2 - 4k$. If k is greater than 4, $(a - b)^2$ become a negative number. It is meaningless. k should be less than or equal to 4.

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Session 122 | Polynomial 4 | Worksheet 122

1) Write a polynomial $p(x)$ such that $p(1) = p(-2) = p(0) = 0$

- a) What are the first degree factors of $p(x)$
- b) What should be added to $p(x)$ to get a polynomial in which $x + 1$ is a factor?

Answers

a) Since $p(1) = 0$, $x - 1$ is a factor. Since $p(-2) = 0$, $x + 2$ is a factor. Since $p(0) = 0$, x is a factor.

$$p(x) = x(x - 1)(x + 2), p(x) = x^3 + x^2 - 2x \text{ First degree factors are } x - 1, x + 2, x$$

b) Since $x + 1$ is a factor $p(-1) = 0$.

$$p(-1) = (-1)^3 + (-1)^2 - 2 \times (-1) = -1 + 1 + 2 = 2 \neq 0. -2 \text{ should be subtracted}$$

2) Consider the polynomial $p(x) = 4x^2 - 16x + 15$

- a) Write $p(x)$ in the form $(x - a)(x - b)$ and find $a + b, ab$
- b) Find $a - b$
- c) Write $p(x)$ as the product of two first degree factors
- d) Find the solution of the equation $p(x) = 0$

Answers

a) $4x^2 - 16x + 15 = k(x - a)(x - b) = k(x^2 - (a + b)x + ab) = kx^2 - k(a + b)x + kab$
Equating the coefficients of x^2 on both sides $k = 4$

$$16 = k(a + b) \rightarrow a + b = \frac{16}{4} = 4$$

$$kab = 15 \rightarrow ab = \frac{15}{4}$$

b) $(a - b)^2 = (a + b)^2 - 4ab = 4^2 - 4 \times \frac{15}{4} = 1, a - b = 1$

c) $a + b = 4, a - b = 1 \rightarrow 2a = 5, a = \frac{5}{2}, b = \frac{3}{2}$

$$p(x) = 4(x - \frac{5}{2})(x - \frac{3}{2}) = 4(\frac{2x-5}{2})(\frac{2x-3}{2}) = (2x - 5)(2x - 3)$$

d) $p(x) = 0 \rightarrow 2x - 3 = 0, x = \frac{3}{2}, 2x - 5 = 0 \rightarrow x = \frac{5}{2}$

3) Consider the polynomial $p(x) = x^n + 1$

- a) What are the numbers suitable for n getting $x + 1$ a factor of $p(x)$?
- b) Can $x - 1$ a factor of $p(x)$ for any n ?
- c) Can $x^2 - 1$ a factor of $p(x)$?

Answers

a) n should be odd. If n is odd $p(-1) = (-1)^n + 1 = -1 + 1 = 0$. Therefore $(x + 1)$ is a factor.

b) Whether n is odd or even $P(1) \neq 0$. $x - 1$ is not a factor

c) $x^2 - 1 = (x + 1)(x - 1)$.

$x + 1, x - 1$ are not factors $x^2 - 1$ is not a factor

4) Consider the polynomial $p(x) = x^2 + 6x + k$

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- If $k = 0$ then what are the first degree factors of $p(x)$?
- What is the value of k to get two equal first degree factors ?
- What are the values of k not for occurring a first degree factor to this polynomial?
- If $k = 8$ what are the first degree factors of $p(x)$?

Answers

- If $k = 0$, $p(x) = x^2 + 6x \rightarrow x(x + 6)$. First degree factors are $x, x + 6$
- $x^2 + 6x + k = x^2 + 2 \times 3 \times x + 3^2 \rightarrow (x + 3)^2$. For this $k = 9$. $x + 3, x + 3$ are equal the factors
- $x^2 + 6x + k = (x - a)(x - b) \rightarrow a + b = -6, ab = k$
 $(a - b)^2 = (a + b)^2 - 4ab \rightarrow (a - b)^2 = (-6)^2 - 4 \times k$
 $(a - b)^2 = 36 - 4k$.
If $k > 9$ then $(a - b)^2$ become a negative number, it is not possible. If $k > 9$ no first degree factor exist.
- If $k = 8$ then $p(x) = x^2 + 6x + 8 = x^2 + 4x + 2x + 8 = x(x + 4) + 2(x + 4) = (x + 4)(x + 2)$
First degree factors are $(x + 4), (x + 2)$

5) Consider the polynomial $p(x) = ax^2 - 2bx + c$

- If $x - 1$ is a factor of $p(x)$ prove that a, b, c are in an arithmetic sequence.
- Write two polynomials in the form $ax^2 - 2bx + c$ such that a, b, c are in an arithmetic sequence .
- If $x^2 - 1$ is a factor of $p(x)$ then what is $a + b$?

Answers

- If $x - 1$ is a factor then $p(1) = 0$.
 $a \times 1^2 - 2b \times 1 + c = 0, a - 2b + c = 0$
 $a + c = 2b, a + c = b + b \rightarrow b - a = c - b \rightarrow a, b, c$ are in an arithmetic sequence .
- If $a = 4, b = 3, c = 2$ then $4x^2 - 6x + 2$.
- $x^2 - 1 = (x - 1)(x + 1), x - 1, x + 1$ are the factors $p(1) = 0 \rightarrow a - 2b + c = 0$
 $p(-1) = 0 \rightarrow a + 2b + c = 0$
adding these equations $2a + 2c = 0, a + c = 0$

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Session 123 | Polynomial 5 | Worksheet 123

- 1) Consider the polynomial $p(x) = x^3 + 4x^2 + x - 6$
- Find $p(1)$. Is $x - 1$ a factor of this polynomial?
 - What is the quotient when $p(x)$ is divided by $x - 1$?
 - Write the quotient as the product of two first degree factors
 - Find the solution of the equation $p(x) = 0$

or

Write $x^3 + 4x^2 + x - 6$ as the product of three first degree factors. Also solve the equation $x^3 + 4x^2 + x - 6 = 0$.

Answers

- $p(1) = 1^3 + 4 \times 1^2 + 1 - 6 = 1 + 4 + 1 - 6 = 0$
Since $p(1) = 0$ we can write $(x - 1)$ is a factor
- Let $ax^2 + bx + c$ is the quotient. $x^3 + 4x^2 + x - 6 = (x - 1)(ax^2 + bx + c)$
 $x^3 + 4x^2 + x - 6 = x(ax^2 + bx + c) - (ax^2 + bx + c) = ax^3 + (b - a)x^2 + (c - b)x - c$
Equating the coefficients $a = 1, b - a = 4 \rightarrow b = 4 + a = 4 + 1 = 5, c - b = 1 \rightarrow c = 1 + b = 1 + 5 = 6$
Quotient is $x^2 + 5x + 6$
- $x^2 + 5x + 6 = x^2 + 2x + 3x + 6 = x(x + 2) + 3(x + 2) = (x + 2)(x + 3)$
- $p(x) = (x + 1)(x + 2)(x + 3), p(x) = 0 \rightarrow (x + 1) = 0$ or $(x + 2) = 0$ or $(x + 3) = 0$
 $x = -1, -2, -3$

- 2) Consider the polynomial $p(x) = ax^4 + bx^3 + cx^2 + dx + e$
- Write a fourth degree polynomial having $x - 1$ a factor
 - If $x + 1$ is a factor what is the relation between the coefficients of $p(x)$
 - Using these conditions write a fourth degree polynomial having $x^2 - 1$ as a factor.

Answers

- If $x - 1$ is a factor then $p(1) = 0$. That is sum of the coefficients is 0.
 $p(x) = x^4 + 2x^3 + 3x^2 + 4x - 10$
- Since $x + 1$ is a factor $p(-1) = 0$.
 $a - b + c - d + e = 0$ That is $a + c + e = b + d$
Choose five numbers as coefficients. $a = 1, b = 2, c = 3, d = 4, e = 2$
 $q(x) = x^4 + 2x^3 + 3x^2 + 4x + 2$
- Combining the conditions $a + b + c + d + e = 0$ and $a + c + e = b + d$, we can write
 $2(b + d) = 0, b + d = 0, b = -d$
Also $a + c + e = 0$
Example $r(x) = 4x^4 + 5x^3 + 3x^2 - 5x - 7$.

- 3) In the second degree polynomial $p(x)$ $p(\frac{1}{2}) = 0, p(\frac{1}{3}) = 0$, constant term 4.

a) If $p(x) = ax^2 + bx + 4$ then find a, b

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b) Write the polynomial .What should be added to this polynomial to get another polynomial in which $x - 1$ a factor.

Answers

a) $p(\frac{1}{2}) = 0, a(\frac{1}{2})^2 + b(\frac{1}{2}) + 4 = 0$

$$\frac{a}{4} + \frac{b}{2} = -4, a + 2b = -16$$

$$a(\frac{1}{3})^2 + b(\frac{1}{3}) + 4 = 0, \frac{a}{9} + \frac{b}{3} = -4 \quad a + 3b = -36$$

Solving the equations $a + 2b = -16, a + 3b = -36$ we get $a = 24, b = -20$

b) $p(x) = 24x^2 - 20x + 4$

$$p(1) = 8, -8 \text{ should be added}$$

4) Consider the polynomial $x^2 + kx + 6$

a) If $x - 1$ is a factor what is k ?

b) Write other first degree factor.

c) Find the solution of $x^2 - 7x + 6 = 0$

Answers

a) If $x - 1$ is a factor sum of the coefficients will be 0 . $k = -7$

b) $x^2 - 7x + 6 = x^2 - x - 6x + 6 = x(x - 1) - 6(x - 1) = (x - 1)(x - 6)$. Other factor is $x - 6$

c) $x = 1, x = 6$

5) Consider the polynomial $p(x) = (x + 1)(x + 2)(x + 3) + k$

a) If $p(-1) = 10$ then what is k ?

b) Write the polynomial using the number k

c) Change the constant term only to make the $x - 1$ a factor of the polynomial

Answers

a) $p(-1) = 10 \rightarrow k = 10$

b) $p(x) = (x + 1)(x + 2)(x + 3) + 10 = x^3 + 6x^2 + 11x + 6$

c) 6 should be changed to -18