## Factors of polynomials – 2021 O Level Additional Math

1. Nov/2021/Paper\_12/No.6

### DO NOT USE A CALCULATOR IN THIS QUESTION.

The polynomial  $p(x) = 10x^3 + ax^2 - 10x + b$ , where a and b are integers, is divisible by 2x + 1. When p(x) is divided by x + 1, the remainder is -24.

(a) Find the value of a and of b.

[4]

(b) Find an expression for p(x) as the product of three linear factors.

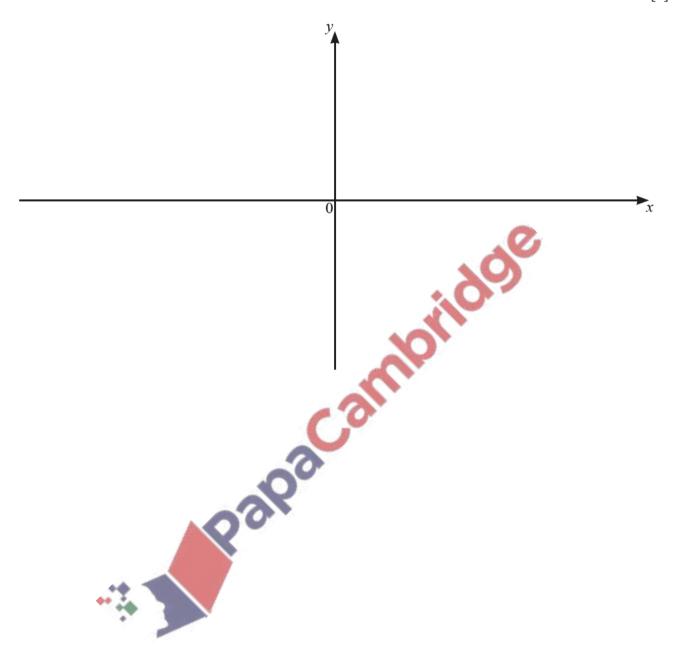
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[1]

## **2.** Nov/2021/Paper\_13/No.1

On the axes below, sketch the graph of  $y = -\frac{1}{4}(2x+1)(x-3)(x+4)$  stating the intercepts with the coordinate axes. [3]



### 3. June/2021/Paper\_11/No.3

The polynomial  $p(x) = ax^3 - 9x^2 + bx - 6$ , where a and b are constants, has a factor of x - 2. The polynomial has a remainder of 66 when divided by x - 3.

(a) Find the value of a and of b.

[4]

(b) Using your values of a and b, show that p(x) = (x-2)q(x), where q(x) is a quadratic factor to be found. [2]



(c) Hence show that the equation p(x) = 0 has only one real solution.

[2]

### **4.** June/2021/Paper\_14/No.8

The polynomial p(x) is  $ax^3 + bx^2 + 7x + 1$ , where a and b are integers. It is given that 2x + 1 is a factor of p(x) and that when p(x) is divided by x - 3 there is a remainder of 175.

(a) Find the value of a and of b.

[5]

(b) Using your values of a and b from part (a), find the remainder when p'(x) is divided by x-1. [3]

# **5.** June/2021/Paper\_22/No.4

The polynomial  $p(x) = mx^3 - 29x^2 + 39x + n$ , where m and n are constants, has a factor 3x - 1, and remainder 6 when divided by x - 1. Show that x - 2 is a factor of p(x). [6]

