

Quiz 1

This quiz is graded out of 10 marks. No books, calculators, notes or cell phones are allowed. You must show all your work, the correct answer is worth 1 mark the remaining marks are given for the work. If you need more space for your answer use the back of the page.

Question 1. (4 marks) Simplify, expressing the answers with positive exponents only:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{x^{11}(x^2)^4}{(x^3)^3(x^2)^{-6}} \\ &= \frac{x^{11} x^8}{x^9 x^{-12}} \\ &= \frac{x^{11} x^8 x^{12}}{x^9} \\ &= x^{11} x^{11} \\ &= x^{22} \end{aligned}$$

Question 2. (3 marks) Factor:

$$2x^2 + 5x - 3$$

$$2x^2(-3) = -6x^2 = ab$$

$$\text{s.t. } a+b = 5x$$

$$6x - x = 5x$$

So

$$2x^2 + 6x - x - 3$$

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

$$= (x+3)(2x-1)$$

Question 3. (3 marks) Solve for x:

$$3x^3 + 4x^2 = 9x$$

$$0 = 3x^3 + 4x^2 - 9x$$

$$0 = x(3x^2 + 4x - 9)$$

$$x=0$$

$$3x^2 + 4x - 9 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$= \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{4^2 - 4(3)(-9)}}{2(3)}$$

$$= \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{16 + 108}}{6}$$

$$\therefore x=0, x = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{31}}{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \rightarrow = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{124}}{6} \\ &= \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{2 \cdot 62}}{6} \\ &= \frac{-4 \pm 2\sqrt{31}}{6} \\ &= \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{31}}{3} \end{aligned}$$