

1. If the polynomials  $2x^3 + ax^2 + 3x - 5$  and  $x^3 + x^2 - 2x + a$  leaves the remainder when divided by  $(x - 2)$ , find the value of  $a$ .
2. Prove that:  
$$a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc = \frac{1}{2}(a + b + c)[(a - b)^2 + (b - c)^2 + (c - a)^2]$$
3. Factorise:  $(x^2 - 4x)(x^2 - 4x - 1) - 20$
4. Find the value of  $x^3 + y^3 - 12xy + 64$  if  $x + y = -4$ .
5. Show that  $(x + 1)$  and  $(2x - 3)$  are the factors of  $2x^3 - 9x^2 + x + 12$ .  
Also find the remaining factors.
6. Check whether the polynomial  $p(x) = 4x^3 + 4x^2 - x - 1$  is a multiple of  $(2x + 1)$ .
7. Find the value of  $8x^3 + 27y^3$ , if  $2x + 3y = 8$  and  $xy = 2$ .
8. Factorise:  $7(x - 2y)^2 - 25(x - 2y) + 12$
9. Without finding the cubes, find the value of  $\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3 - \left(\frac{7}{12}\right)^3$
10. Show that 1 and  $(-2)$  are the zeroes of the polynomial  $x^3 + 2x^2 - x - 2$ .  
Also find its third zero.