

1.

$$(x+a)^2 + b \equiv x^2 + 8x + 11$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 2ax + a^2 + b \equiv x^2 + 8x + 11$$

$$\text{Now } x^2 + 2ax + a^2 + b \equiv x^2 + 8x + 11$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a = 8 \Rightarrow a = 4$$

$$\text{and } a^2 + b = 11 \Rightarrow 4^2 + b = 11 \Rightarrow b = 11 - 16 = -5$$

2.

$$(x+p)^2 - q \equiv x^2 - 4x - 10$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 2px + p^2 - q \equiv x^2 - 4x - 10$$

$$\text{Now } x^2 + 2px + p^2 - q \equiv x^2 - 4x - 10$$

$$\Rightarrow 2p = -4 \Rightarrow p = -2$$

$$\text{and } p^2 - q = -10 \Rightarrow (-2)^2 - q = -10 \Rightarrow 4 + 10 = 14 = q$$

3.

$$p(x+8)^2 + k \equiv 3x^2 + qx + 200$$

$$\Rightarrow p(x^2 + 16x + 64) + k \equiv 3x^2 + qx + 200$$

$$\Rightarrow px^2 + 16px + 64p + k \equiv 3x^2 + qx + 200$$

$$\text{Thus } p = 3$$

$$q = 16p = 16 \times 3 = 48$$

$$64p + k = 200 \Rightarrow k = 200 - 64 \times 3 = 8$$

4.

$$q(x-p)^2 + r \equiv 5x^2 - 20x + 11$$

$$\Rightarrow q(x^2 - 2px + p^2) + r \equiv 5x^2 - 20x + 11$$

$$\Rightarrow qx^2 - 2pqx + qp^2 + r \equiv 5x^2 - 20x + 11$$

$$\text{Thus } q = 5$$

$$-2pq = -20 \Rightarrow pq = 10 \Rightarrow 5p = 10 \Rightarrow p = 2$$

$$qp^2 + r = 11 \Rightarrow r = 11 - 5 \times 2^2 = -9$$

5.

$$2x^2 + 7x + 10 \equiv p(x+q)^2 + r$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x^2 + 7x + 10 \equiv p(x^2 + 2qx + q^2) + r$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x^2 + 7x + 10 \equiv px^2 + 2pqx + pq^2 + r$$

$$\Rightarrow p = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2pq = 7 \Rightarrow 4q = 7 \Rightarrow q = \frac{7}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow pq^2 + r = 10 \Rightarrow 2\left(\frac{7}{4}\right)^2 + r = 10 \Rightarrow r = 10 - 2\left(\frac{7}{4}\right)^2 = \frac{31}{8}$$

6.

$$\begin{aligned}(x+a)^3 &\equiv x^3 + px^2 + 3qx + 1 \\ \Rightarrow x^3 + 3ax^2 + 3a^2x + a^3 &\equiv x^3 + px^2 + 3qx + 1 \\ \Rightarrow a^3 = 1 &\Rightarrow a = \sqrt[3]{1} = 1 \\ \Rightarrow 3q = 3a^2 &\Rightarrow q = a^2 = 1^2 = 1 \\ \Rightarrow p = 3a &= 3 \times 1 = 3\end{aligned}$$

7.

$$\frac{a}{n+1} + \frac{b}{n+2} \equiv \frac{(n+2)a + (n+1)b}{(n+1)(n+2)} \equiv \frac{8n+11}{(n+1)(n+2)}$$

$$\Rightarrow (n+2)a + (n+1)b \equiv 8n+11$$

$$\Rightarrow an + 2a + bn + b \equiv 8n + 11$$

$$\Rightarrow (a+b)n + 2a + b \equiv 8n + 11$$

A  $a + b = 8$

B  $2a + b = 11$

-2A  $-2a - 2b = -16$

Add  $-b = -5 \Rightarrow b = 5$

Substitute in A:  $a + (5) = 8 \Rightarrow a = 3$

8.

$$\frac{a}{n} + \frac{b}{n+2} \equiv \frac{(n+2)a + nb}{n(n+2)} \equiv \frac{6}{n(n+2)}$$

$$\Rightarrow (n+2)a + nb \equiv 6$$

$$\Rightarrow an + 2a + nb \equiv 6$$

$$\Rightarrow (a+b)n + 2a \equiv (0)n + 6$$

$$2a = 6 \Rightarrow a = 3$$

$$a + b = 0 \Rightarrow 3 + b = 0 \Rightarrow b = -3$$

9.

$$p(x+a)^2 + b \equiv 5x^2 - 30x$$

$$\Rightarrow p(x^2 + 2ax + a^2) + b \equiv 5x^2 - 30x$$

$$\Rightarrow px^2 + 2apx + pa^2 + b \equiv 5x^2 - 30x$$

Now  $px^2 + 2apx + pa^2 + b \equiv 5x^2 - 30x + 0$

$$\Rightarrow p = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow 2ap = -30 \Rightarrow ap = -15 \Rightarrow 5a = -15 \Rightarrow a = -3$$

and  $pa^2 + b = 0 \Rightarrow 5 \times (-3)^2 + b = 0 \Rightarrow b = -45$

10.

$$\begin{aligned}
 (x+a)^3 + bx^2 + cx &\equiv x^3 - 8 \\
 \Rightarrow x^3 + 3ax^2 + 3a^2x + a^3 + bx^2 + cx &\equiv x^3 - 8 \\
 \Rightarrow x^3 + 3ax^2 + 3a^2x + a^3 + bx^2 + cx &\equiv x^3 + (0)x^2 + (0)x - 8 \\
 \Rightarrow a^3 = -8 \Rightarrow a = \sqrt[3]{-8} &= -2 \\
 \Rightarrow 3a + b = 0 \Rightarrow 3(-2) + b = 0 &= b = 6 \\
 \Rightarrow 3a^2 + c = 0 \Rightarrow c = 0 - 3(-2)^2 &= 12
 \end{aligned}$$

11.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x + (a - p) \\
 \hline
 x^2 + px + q \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} x^3 + ax^2 + bx + c \\ x^3 + px^2 + qx \\ \hline (a-p)x^2 + (b-q)x + c \\ \hline (a-p)x^2 + p(a-p)x + q(a-p) \\ \hline 0 \end{array} \right.
 \end{array}$$

Remainder = 0

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow (b-q)x + c &\equiv p(a-p)x + q(a-p) \\
 \Rightarrow \text{(i) } b - q &= p(a-p) \\
 \text{(ii) } c &= q(a-p)
 \end{aligned}$$

12.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 3x + (a + 3) \\
 \hline
 x^2 - x - 2 \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} 3x^3 + ax^2 - 10x + b \\ x^3 - 3x^2 - 6x \\ \hline (a+3)x^2 - 4x + b \\ \hline (a+3)x^2 - (a+3)x - 2(a+3) \\ \hline 0 \end{array} \right.
 \end{array}$$

Remainder = 0

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow -4x + b &\equiv -(a+3)x - 2(a+3) \\
 \Rightarrow a + 3 &= 4 \Rightarrow a = 1 \\
 \Rightarrow b = -2(a+3) &= -2(1+3) = -8
 \end{aligned}$$

13.

$x^2 + px + q$  is a factor of  $x^3 + ax^2 + b$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x^2 + px + q \quad \overline{) \begin{array}{l} x^3 + ax^2 + 0x + b \\ \underline{x^3 + px^2 + qx} \\ \phantom{x^3} + (a-p)x^2 - qx + b \\ \phantom{x^3} \underline{(a-p)x^2 + p(a-p)x + (a-p)q} \\ \phantom{x^3} \phantom{(a-p)x^2} + p(a-p)x + (a-p)q - p(a-p)x - p(a-p)q \\ \phantom{x^3} \phantom{(a-p)x^2} \phantom{p(a-p)x} + (a-p)q - p(a-p)q \\ \phantom{x^3} \phantom{(a-p)x^2} \phantom{p(a-p)x} \phantom{(a-p)q} 0 \end{array} \\
 \end{array}$$

Remainder = 0  $\Rightarrow$

(i)  $b = q(a - p)$

(ii)  $-q = p(a - p) \Rightarrow q = p(p - a)$

(iii)  $qp + bp = qp(p - a) + q(a - p)p = q\cancel{p^2} - \cancel{qp}a + \cancel{qp}a - \cancel{qp^2} = 0$