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### Part 1: Building a Foundation

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**What is the degree of the polynomial  $(3x^4 + 2x^3 - x + 7)$ ?**

*Hint: Consider the highest power of  $x$  in the polynomial.*

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4

**Which of the following are terms in the polynomial  $(5x^2 - 3x + 4)$ ?**

*Hint: Identify the individual parts of the polynomial.*

- $(5x^2)$
- $(-3x)$
- 4
- $(x^3)$

**Define a polynomial and explain the significance of its degree.**

*Hint: Consider the definition and properties of polynomials.*

**List the components of a polynomial and provide a brief description of each.**

*Hint: Think about the parts that make up a polynomial.*

1. What is a coefficient?

2. What is a variable?

3. What is an exponent?

**Which of the following best describes a binomial?**

*Hint: Consider the number of terms in the polynomial.*

- A polynomial with one term
- A polynomial with two terms
- A polynomial with three terms
- A polynomial with four terms

## Part 2: Comprehension and Application

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**Identify the like terms in the expression  $(2x^2 + 3x - 4 + x^2 - 5x)$ .**

*Hint: Look for terms that have the same variable raised to the same power.*

- $(2x^2)$  and  $(x^2)$
- $(3x)$  and  $(-5x)$
- $(-4)$
- None of the above

**Explain how you would add the polynomials  $(4x^2 + 3x + 5)$  and  $(2x^2 - x - 3)$ .**

*Hint: Consider the steps involved in polynomial addition.*

What is the result of adding the polynomials  $(3x^2 + 2x + 1)$  and  $(x^2 - x + 4)$ ?

Hint: Combine the coefficients of like terms.

- $(4x^2 + x + 5)$
- $(4x^2 + x + 3)$
- $(2x^2 + 3x + 5)$
- $(2x^2 + x + 5)$

Which of the following expressions are equivalent to the sum of  $(2x^3 + 3x^2)$  and  $(x^3 - 2x^2 + 4)$ ?

Hint: Combine the like terms from both expressions.

- $(3x^3 + x^2 + 4)$
- $(3x^3 + x^2 - 4)$
- $(3x^3 + x^2 + 4)$
- $(x^3 + x^2 + 4)$

### Part 3: Analysis, Evaluation, and Creation

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When adding the polynomials  $(x^2 + 3x + 2)$  and  $(-x^2 + 4x - 5)$ , what happens to the  $(x^2)$  terms?

Hint: Consider how the terms interact when combined.

- They cancel each other out
- They add up to  $(2x^2)$
- They result in  $(x^2)$
- They subtract to  $(0)$

Analyze the expression  $(5x^2 + 3x - 2x^2 + 4)$ . Which statements are true?

Hint: Look for simplifications and properties of the expression.

- The expression simplifies to  $(3x^2 + 3x + 4)$

- The expression has a degree of 2
- The constant term is 4
- The coefficient of  $(x^2)$  is 5

**Break down the process of adding  $(3x^2 + 2x + 1)$  and  $(4x^2 - x + 5)$  and explain the significance of each step.**

*Hint: Consider the order of operations and combining like terms.*

**After adding the polynomials  $(2x^2 + 3x + 4)$  and  $(-x^2 + x - 2)$ , what is the most significant change in the expression?**

*Hint: Think about how the addition affects the overall structure of the polynomial.*

- The degree increases
- The constant term becomes zero
- The coefficient of  $(x^2)$  changes
- The expression becomes a monomial

**Evaluate the expression  $(x^2 + 2x + 1)$  after adding it to  $(2x^2 - 3x + 4)$ . Which of the following are true?**

*Hint: Combine the polynomials and analyze the resulting expression.*

- The resulting polynomial is a trinomial
- The degree of the polynomial is 2
- The constant term is 5
- The coefficient of  $(x)$  is  $(-1)$

**Create a polynomial expression that, when added to  $(3x^2 + 2x + 1)$ , results in a polynomial with a degree of 3. Explain your reasoning.**

*Hint: Consider what terms are needed to achieve the desired degree.*

