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Part 1: Building a Foundation

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

Hint: Recall the highest power of the variable in the polynomial.

- ◯ A) 1
- ◯ B) 2
- ◯ C) 3
- ◯ D) 4

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

Hint: Identify the individual components of the polynomial.

- ☐ A) \(5x^2\)
- ☐ B) \(-3x\)
- ☐ C) \(4\)
- ☐ D) \(x^3\)

Explain what a polynomial is and provide an example of a polynomial with three terms.

Hint: A polynomial is a mathematical expression involving a sum of powers in one or more variables multiplied by coefficients.

List the coefficients of the polynomial \(2x^3 - 4x^2 + 5x - 6\).

Hint: Coefficients are the numerical factors in front of the variable terms.

1. Coefficient of \(x^3\):

2. Coefficient of \(x^2\):

3. Coefficient of \(x\):

4. Constant term:

Part 2: Understanding and Interpretation

Which method is specifically used for multiplying two binomials?

Hint: Think about the acronym that helps remember the steps for this method.

- ◯ A) Distributative Property
- ◯ B) FOIL Method
- ◯ C) Box Method
- ◯ D) Vertical Multiplication

What are the steps involved in the FOIL method for multiplying binomials?

Hint: Recall the order of operations in the FOIL acronym.

- ☐ A) First
- ☐ B) Outer
- ☐ C) Inner
- ☐ D) Last

Describe how the distributative property is used to multiply a monomial by a polynomial. Provide an example.

Hint: Think about how you distribute the monomial across each term of the polynomial.

Part 3: Application and Analysis

What is the result of multiplying \(x + 3\) by \(x - 2\) using the FOIL method?

Hint: Apply the FOIL method to find the product.

- ◯ A) \(x^2 + x - 6\)
- ◯ B) \(x^2 - x - 6\)
- ◯ C) \(x^2 + x + 6\)
- ◯ D) \(x^2 - x + 6\)

Which of the following expressions represent the product of \((2x + 1)(x - 3)\)?

Hint: Multiply the two binomials and simplify.

- ☐ A) \(2x^2 - 6x + x - 3\)
- ☐ B) \(2x^2 - 5x - 3\)
- ☐ C) \(2x^2 - 5x + 3\)
- ☐ D) \(2x^2 - 7x - 3\)

Use the box method to multiply the polynomials \(3x + 2\) and \(x^2 - x + 4\). Show your work and provide the final expression.

Hint: Draw a box and fill in the products of the terms.

If the polynomial \(4x^2 + bx + 9\) is the result of multiplying \(2x + 3\) by another binomial, what is the value of \(b \)?

Hint: Consider the coefficients that result from the multiplication.

- ◯ A) 3
- ◯ B) 6
- ◯ C) 9
- ◯ D) 12

Part 4: Evaluation and Creation

Which polynomial is equivalent to the product of \((x - 1)(x^2 + x + 1)\)?

Hint: Multiply the binomials and simplify the expression.

- ◯ A) \(x^3 - 1\)
- ◯ B) \(x^3 - x^2 - x - 1\)
- ◯ C) \(x^3 - x^2 + x - 1\)
- ◯ D) \(x^3 - x^2 - x + 1\)

Which of the following statements are true about the polynomial \(x^2 - 4\)?

Hint: Consider the properties of the polynomial and its factors.

- ☐ A) It can be factored as \((x + 2)(x - 2)\).
- ☐ B) It is a difference of squares.
- ☐ C) It has a degree of 2.
- ☐ D) It is a perfect square trinomial.

Create a real-world problem that involves multiplying polynomials, and solve it. Explain your reasoning and the steps you took to arrive at the solution.

Hint: Think of a scenario where you can apply polynomial multiplication.