

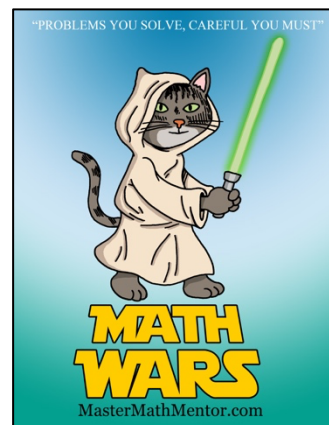
Math Wars – SAT/ACT

Topic 514 – Polynomial Factors



Maximum Time: 7 Minutes

Directions: To start, you need to download the Math Wars application on your cell phone: Use the QR code or the url: <https://mastermathmentor.com/mmm/mathwars.ashx?key=514>



When ready, start the timer and then solve the problems below, entering your choice, A, B, C, D and pressing for each problem when you are sure of your answer. When complete, stop the timer. You will see problems you got correct in green and incorrect in red. You will receive a score based on how many problems you got right and your time. A perfect score is all problems correct using half the maximum time or less. You can text or email your friends with your results.

1. (1 pt) If the quantity $(x - 3)^3$ is expanded, find the coefficient of the quadratic term?

- A. 27 B. -27 C. -9 D. -6

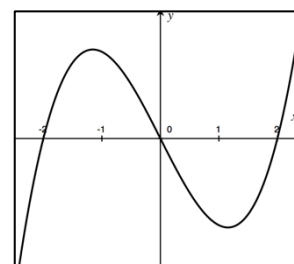
2. (3 pts) If $6x^2 + 7x - 20$ is factored into $(ax + b)(cx + d)$, what is the average of a, b, c and d ?

- A. $\frac{3}{2}$ B. $\frac{-1}{2}$ C. $\frac{15}{4}$ D. 4

3. (5 pts) Which of the following describes the roots of $x^3 - 2x^2 + 4x - 8$?

- A. 2 real, one imaginary B. 1 real, 2 imaginary C. 2 real, 2 imaginary D. 3 real

4. (7 pts) The graph of $f(x)$ is in the figure to the right (no scale is given on the y -axis). Which of the following could be the function?

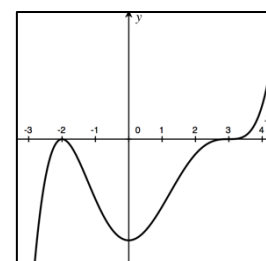


- I. $f(x) = x^3 - 4x$ II. $f(x) = \frac{x^3}{2} - 2x$ III. $f(x) = 4x - x^3$

- A. I only B. I and II only C. III only

D. I, II and III

5. (9 pts) Which of the following equations could create the graph to the right?



- A) $f(x) = (x - 3)^2(x + 2)^3$ B) $f(x) = (x + 3)^3(x - 2)^2$
 C) $f(x) = (x - 3)^3(x + 2)^2$ D) $f(x) = (x + 3)^2(x - 2)^3$