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College AlgebraPreliminary Assessment #3

**Directions:** Find the quotient for the following problems using synthetic division. Provide complete responses to each question. Make sure to show your work.

1.  $x^5 - 4x^3 + x$  divided by  $x + 3$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrr} 3 & 1 & 0 & -4 & 0 & 1 \\ & & 3 & 9 & -15 & 45 \\ \hline & 1 & 3 & 5 & -15 & 46 \end{array}$$

$$1 - 3 + 5 - 15 + 46$$

$$x^4 - 3x^3 + 5x^2 - 15x + 46$$

2.  $3x^4 - 6x^3 - 5x + 10$  divided by  $x - 2$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrr} 2 & 3 & -6 & 0 & -5 & 10 \\ & & 6 & 2 & 4 & 2 \\ \hline & 3 & 0 & 2 & -1 & 12 \end{array}$$

$$3 \quad 0 \quad 2 \quad -1 \quad 12$$

$$3x^3 + x^2 + 2x - 1 \quad R = \frac{12}{x-2}$$

3.  $2x^4 - x^3 + 2x - 1$  divided by  $x - \frac{1}{2}$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrr} \frac{1}{2} & 2 & -1 & 0 & 2 & -1 \\ & & 1 & 0 & 0 & +0 \\ \hline & 2 & 0 & 0 & 2 & +0 \end{array}$$

$x - \frac{1}{2}$  is a factor of  
the dividend.

4.  $3x^4 + x^3 - 3x + 1$  divided by  $x + \frac{1}{3}$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrr} -\frac{1}{3} & 3 & +1 & +0 & -3 & +1 \\ & \downarrow & & & & \\ \hline & 3 & 0 & 0 & -3 & 2 \end{array}$$

$$3x^3 + x^2 + x - 3 \quad R = \frac{2}{x + \frac{1}{3}}$$

5.  $-4x^3 + 5x^2 + 8$  divided by  $x + 3$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} -3 & -4 & +5 & +0 & +8 \\ & \downarrow & & & \\ \hline & -4 & 17 & -51 & 161 \end{array}$$

$$-4x^2 + 17x - 51 \quad R = \frac{161}{x + 3}$$

6.  $4x^4 - 15x^2 - 4$  divided by  $x - 2$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrr} 2 & 4 & +0 & -15 & +0 & -4 \\ & \downarrow & 6 & 12 & -6 & -12 \\ \hline & 4 & 6 & -3 & -6 & -16 \end{array}$$

$$4x^3 + 6x^2 - 3x - 6$$

$$R = \frac{-16}{x-2}$$

7.  $2x^6 - 18x^4 + x^2 - 9$  divided by  $x + 3$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrrrr} -3 & 2 & +0 & -18 & +0 & +1 & +0 & -9 \\ & \downarrow & -6 & +18 & 0 & 0 & -3 & +9 \\ \hline & 2 & -6 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$2x^5 - 6x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x - 3$$

$$R = 0$$

8.  $x^6 - 16x^4 + x^2 - 16$  divided by  $x + 4$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrrrr} -4 & 1 & +0 & -16 & +0 & +1 & +0 & -16 \\ & \downarrow & -4 & +16 & -0 & 0 & -4 & +16 \\ \hline & 1 & -4 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -4 & 0 \end{array}$$

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

$$R = 0$$