

Polynomials - Dividing a Polynomial by a Binomial

Below are seven division problems with the solution. However, part of the solution below is covered with a black square containing a letter. Match the letter with the part of the solution that belongs under the square at the bottom of the page to discover an Ancient Chinese Curse.

$$1. (4x^4 - 10x^2 - 25) \div (x + 2) = \blacksquare A \blacksquare - 8x^2 \blacksquare H \blacksquare - 12 - \frac{1}{x+2}$$

$$2. (2x^5 - 15x^3 - 19x + 22) \div (x + 3) = 2x^4 \blacksquare U \blacksquare + 3x^2 \blacksquare V \blacksquare + 8 + \frac{\blacksquare E \blacksquare}{x+3}$$

$$3. (3x^4 + 8x^3 - 4x^2 + 1) \div (x + 1) = \blacksquare O \blacksquare + 5x^2 \blacksquare B \blacksquare + 9 + \frac{\blacksquare Y \blacksquare}{x+1}$$

$$4. (3x^4 - 2x^3 - 15x^2) \div (x + 2) = 3x^3 \blacksquare I \blacksquare + x - 2 + \frac{\blacksquare G \blacksquare}{x+2}$$

$$5. (3x^5 + 5x^4 - 5x^2 + 3x) \div (x + 1) = 3x^4 \blacksquare R \blacksquare - 2x^2 \blacksquare M \blacksquare + 6 + \frac{\blacksquare T \blacksquare}{x+1}$$

$$6. (x^4 + 5x^3 + 5x^2 - 4x - 1) \div (x + 3) = \blacksquare W \blacksquare + 2x^2 \blacksquare D \blacksquare - 1 + \frac{2}{x+3}$$

$$7. (2x^4 + 12x^3 + 10x^2 - 29x - 20) \div (x + 4) = 2x^3 \blacksquare N \blacksquare - 6x \blacksquare S \blacksquare$$

$$-3x \quad 4x^3 \quad -8 \quad -8 \quad 3x^3 \quad -6x^3 \quad 2x^3 \quad -2 \quad -9x \quad -2 \quad 2x^3 \quad -8$$

$$x^3 \quad -8x^2 \quad -5 \quad 6x \quad -9x \quad -2 \quad 4 \quad 2x^3 \quad 4x^3 \quad 4x^2 \quad -6 \quad -2 \quad -x$$