

Higher Maths  
SQA 2015 Paper 1  
Question 3



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Show that  $(x + 3)$  is a factor of  $x^3 - 3x^2 - 10x + 24$  and hence factorise  $x^3 - 3x^2 - 10x + 24$  fully.

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Answer:

Substitute  $x = -3$ , use synthetic division or use algebraic division to obtain the full factorisation of  $(x + 3)(x - 4)(x - 2)$ .