

$$\begin{aligned}
 23) \quad & (2c - 3)^2 \\
 = & (2c - 3)(2c - 3) \\
 = & 4c^2 - 6c - 6c + 9 \\
 = & 4c^2 - 12c + 9
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 24) \quad & (x - 3)(2x + 1)(x - 5) \\
 = & (x - 3)(2x^2 - 10x + 5x - 5) \\
 = & (x - 3)(2x^2 - 5x - 5) \\
 = & 2x^3 - 9x^2 - 5x - 6x^2 + 27x + 15 \\
 = & 2x^3 - 15x^2 + 22x + 15
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 28) \quad & \frac{x^2 + x - 12}{x^2 - 3x} \\
 = & \frac{(x - 3)(x + 4)}{x(x - 3)} \\
 = & \frac{x + 4}{x}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 29) \quad & 27a^5 - 12a^3 \\
 = & 3a^3(9a^2 - 4) \\
 = & 3a^3(3a - 2)(3a + 2)
 \end{aligned}$$

Set  $\alpha_1 = 18, \alpha_2 = 24, \alpha_3 = 0$

$$\textcircled{18} \quad \frac{3x^{-2} \times 5x^4}{x^{-1}}$$

$$= \frac{15x^2}{x^{-1}}$$

$$= 15x^3$$

$$\textcircled{20} \quad 2b^{1/2}(4b^{-1/2} - b^{1/2})$$

$$= 8b^0 - 2b$$

$$= 8 \times 1 - 2b$$

$$= 8 - 2b$$

$$\textcircled{25} \quad 2p^2 + 9p - 5$$

$$= (2p - 1) \times (2p + 5)$$

$$\textcircled{28} \quad \frac{4c^2 - 9}{8c + 12}$$

$$= \frac{(2c - 3)(2c + 3)}{4(2c + 3)}$$

$$= \frac{2c - 3}{4}$$