

**5** A student is looking for factors of the polynomial  $f(x)$   
They suggest that  $(x - 2)$  is a factor of  $f(x)$   
The method they use to check this suggestion is to calculate  $f(-2)$   
They correctly calculate that  $f(-2) = 0$   
They conclude that their suggestion is correct.

**5 (a)** Make **one** comment about the student's **method**. **[1 mark]**

**5 (b)** Make **two** comments about the student's **conclusion**. **[2 marks]**