1. The real number 4.5783783... (with 783 repeating in its decimal expansion) is a rational number. Express it as a quotient of two positive integers.

2. Complete the square for the quadratic polynomial  $x^2 + 3x - 1$ . What is the smallest value the polynomial can have? For what value (or values) of x does the polynomial take its smallest value?

**3.** Factor completely the cubic polynomial  $x^3 - 19x + 30$  and the quartic polynomial  $x^4 + 4$ . (The last polynomial can only have quadratic factors. To find them consider  $(x^2 + 2)^2 - 4x^2$ .)