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**Problem 1** (6 points). Circle all the subsets that are ideals of the given ring.

- a) The subset of  $\mathbb{Z}$  of all even numbers.                      d) All linear combinations of 6 and 9 in  $\mathbb{Z}$ .  
b) The subset of  $\mathbb{Z}$  of all odd numbers.                      e)  $\{0\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}[x]$ .  
c) Matrices in  $M_2(\mathbb{Z})$  with even entries.                      f) The subset of  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$  all  $p \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  with  $p(0) = 1$ .

**Problem 2** (4 points). Consider the polynomials  $p(x) = x^2 + 7x + 6$  and  $q(x) = x^2 - 5x - 6$  in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ . Use the Euclidean algorithm to find their greatest common divisor.

**Problem 3** (Bonus). Let  $R$  be a commutative ring. An element  $f \in R$  is called *nilpotent* if  $f^n = 0$  for some  $n \geq 1$ . Show that the set of all nilpotent elements in  $R$  forms an ideal. Fun fact: this is called the nilradical of  $R$ .