The GCF of the three terms is 6x, so  $6x^3 + 6x^2 - 72x = 6x(x^2 + x - 12)$ .

Factor by grouping:

$$6x(x^2+x-12) = 6x(x^2+4x-3x-12) = 6x(x+4)(x-3)$$