

U1 - Rational Expressions: Practice

Use this problem set to help yourself prepare for the Test.

Questions? I'm available via Edsby, and in class.

Tuesday after school - extra help session!

Solutions will be posted on Tuesday.

Factor each completely.

1) $a^3 + 14a^2 + 40a$

Common factor when you can

$$= a(a^2 + 14a + 40)$$

$$= a(a+10)(a+4)$$

2) $b^2 - 2b - 63$

$$= (b-9)(b+7)$$

3) $n^2 - 10n + 24$

$$= (n-6)(n-4)$$

4) $x^2 + 9x + 8$

$$= (x+8)(x+1)$$

difference of squares.

6) $4p^2 - 49$

$$= (2p - 7)(2p + 7)$$

5) $4x^2 + 15x + 9$

x	+
(4)(9)	15
36	

$$= 4x^2 + 12x + 3x + 9$$

12, 3.

$$= 4x(x + 3) + 3(x + 3)$$

$$= (x + 3)(4x + 3)$$

7) $6k^2 - 17k - 14$

x	+
(6)(-14)	-17
-84	

$$= 6k^2 - 21k + 4k - 14$$

-21, +4

$$= 3k(2k - 7) + 2(2k - 7)$$

$$= (2k - 7)(3k + 2)$$

8) $6m^2 + 2m$

$$= 2m(3m + 1)$$

Multiply the rational expressions. Be certain to state your restrictions

$$9) \frac{18n+81}{6n+27} \cdot \frac{3}{n-2} \quad \text{rest: } n \neq -\frac{9}{2}, 2$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{9}(2n+9)}{\cancel{3}(2n+9)} \cdot \frac{3}{n-2}$$

$$= \frac{9}{n-2}$$

$$10) \frac{6a+42}{a+2} \cdot \frac{1}{a+7} \quad \text{rest: } a \neq -2, -7$$

$$= \frac{6(\cancel{a+7})}{a+2} \cdot \frac{1}{\cancel{a+7}}$$

$$= \frac{6}{a+2}$$

$$11) \frac{20x+36}{x-4} \cdot \frac{3x-4}{15x^2+7x-36} \quad \text{rest: } x \neq 4, \frac{4}{3}, -\frac{9}{5}$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{4}(5x+9)}{x-4} \cdot \frac{\cancel{3x-4}}{(\cancel{3x-4})(5x+9)}$$

$$= \frac{4}{x-4}$$

$$12) \frac{8}{16p+48} \cdot \frac{2p^2+24p+54}{3} \quad \text{rest: } p \neq -3$$

$\hookrightarrow 2(p^2+12p+27) \xrightarrow{9,3}$

$$= \frac{\cancel{8}}{\cancel{16}(p+3)} \cdot \frac{\cancel{2}(p+9)(\cancel{p+3})}{3}$$

$$= \frac{p+9}{3}$$

Divide the Rational Expressions. Be sure to state (ALL) of your restrictions.

$$13) \frac{n-5}{n^2-7n-18} \div \frac{1}{n+2} \quad \text{rest: } n \neq 9, -2$$

$$= \frac{n-5}{(n-9)\cancel{(n+2)}} \times \frac{\cancel{n+2}}{1}$$

$$= \frac{n-5}{n-9}$$

$$14) \frac{a+7}{a+8} \div \frac{4a-36}{a-9} \quad \text{rest: } a \neq -8, 9$$

$$= \frac{a+7}{a+8} \div \frac{4(a-9)}{a-9}$$

$$= \frac{a+7}{a+8} \times \frac{\cancel{a-9}}{4\cancel{(a-9)}}$$

$$= \frac{a+7}{4(a+8)}$$

$$15) \frac{3m^2-11m-4}{24m+8} \div \frac{2m^2-7m+3}{2m-1} \quad \text{rest: } m \neq -\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{2}, 3$$

$$= \frac{(3m+1)(m-4)}{8(3m+1)} \div \frac{(2m-1)(m-3)}{2m-1}$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{(3m+1)}(m-4)}{8\cancel{(3m+1)}} \times \frac{\cancel{2m-1}}{(\cancel{2m-1})(m-3)}$$

$$= \frac{m-4}{8(m-3)}$$

$$16) \frac{5b+10}{2b^2+26b+80} \div \frac{5b^2+20b+20}{14b+70} \quad \text{rest: } b \neq -8, -5, -2$$

$$= \frac{5(b+2)}{2(b+8)(b+5)} \div \frac{5(b+2)^2}{14(b+5)}$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{5}(b+2)}{\cancel{2}(b+8)\cancel{(b+5)}} \times \frac{\cancel{5}\cancel{(b+2)}(b+5)}{\cancel{14}(b+5)^2}$$

$$= \frac{7}{(b+8)(b+2)}$$

Add the Rational Expressions. State your restrictions!

$$\begin{aligned}
 17) \quad & \frac{4x}{3x-5} + \frac{3}{5x+5} \quad \text{rest } x \neq \frac{5}{3}, -1 \\
 & \text{CD: } 5(3x-5)(x+1) \\
 & = \frac{4x}{3x-5} + \frac{3}{5(x+1)} \\
 & = \frac{4x(5)(x+1)}{(3x-5)(5)(x+1)} + \frac{3(3x-5)}{5(x+1)(3x-5)} \\
 & = \frac{20x(x+1) + 3(3x-5)}{5(3x-5)(x+1)} \\
 & = \frac{20x^2 + 20x + 9x - 15}{5(3x-5)(x+1)} \\
 & = \frac{20x^2 + 29x - 15}{5(3x-5)(x+1)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 18) \quad & \frac{5v}{3v+5} + \frac{5v}{v+6} \quad \text{rest } v \neq -\frac{5}{3}, -6 \\
 & \text{CD: } (3v+5)(v+6) \\
 & = \frac{5v(v+6)}{(3v+5)(v+6)} + \frac{5v(3v+5)}{(v+6)(3v+5)} \\
 & = \frac{5v^2 + 30v + 15v^2 + 25v}{(3v+5)(v+6)} \\
 & = \frac{20v^2 + 55v}{(3v+5)(v+6)} \\
 & = \frac{5v(4v+11)}{(3v+5)(v+6)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 19) \quad & \frac{5k}{4k^2} + \frac{6}{3k^2+k-4} \quad \text{rest: } k \neq 0, -\frac{4}{3}, 1 \\
 & \text{CD: } 4k(3k+4)(k-1) \\
 & = \frac{5k}{4k^2} + \frac{6}{(3k+4)(k-1)} \\
 & = \frac{5(3k+4)(k-1) + 6(4k)}{4k(3k+4)(k-1)} \\
 & = \frac{15k^2 + 5k - 20 + 24k}{4k(3k+4)(k-1)} \\
 & = \frac{15k^2 + 29k - 20}{4k(3k+4)(k-1)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 20) \quad & \frac{4}{2x^2+8x+6} + \frac{6}{2x^3} \quad \text{rest: } x \neq -3, -1, 0 \\
 & \text{CD: } x^3(x+3)(x+1) \\
 & = \frac{2x}{x^2(x^2+4x+3)} + \frac{3}{x^3} \\
 & = \frac{2}{(x+3)(x+1)} + \frac{3}{x^3} \\
 & = \frac{2(x^3) + 3(x+3)(x+1)}{x^3(x+3)(x+1)} \\
 & = \frac{2x^3 + 3(x^2+4x+3)}{x^3(x+3)(x+1)} \\
 & = \frac{2x^3 + 3x^2 + 12x + 9}{x^3(x+3)(x+1)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Subtract. Does it really need to be said? :)

21) $\frac{4}{2x^3 + 12x^2} - \frac{2x}{x-2}$ rest: $x \neq 0, -6, 2$

$= \frac{\cancel{2x}^2}{\cancel{2}x^2(x+6)} - \frac{2x}{x-2}$ CD: $x^2(x+6)(x-2)$

$= \frac{2(x-2) - 2x(x^2(x+6))}{x^2(x+6)(x-2)}$

$= \frac{2x-4 - 2x(x^3+6x^2)}{x^2(x+6)(x-2)}$

$= \frac{2x-4 - 2x^4 - 12x^3}{x^2(x+6)(x-2)}$

$= \frac{-2x^4 - 12x^3 + 2x - 4}{x^2(x+6)(x-2)}$

Simplify.

23) $\frac{p+1}{p^2+2p-35} + \frac{p+4}{p^2-2p-24} \cdot \frac{p^2-4p-12}{p^2+12p+35}$ rest: $p \neq -7, 2, 6, -4, -5$

$= \frac{p+1}{(p+7)(p-5)} + \frac{\cancel{p+4}}{\cancel{p-6}(p+4)} \cdot \frac{\cancel{(p-6)}(p+2)}{(p+5)(p+7)}$ CD: $(p+7)(p-5)(p+5)$

$= \frac{(p+1)(p+5) + (p+2)(p-5)}{(p+7)(p-5)(p+5)}$

$= \frac{p^2+6p+5 + p^2-3p-10}{(p+7)(p-5)(p+5)}$

22) $\frac{3}{4k^2-28k+24} - \frac{\frac{2}{3}}{\frac{6}{3}}$ rest: $k \neq 6, 1$

$= \frac{3}{4(k^2-7k+6)} - \frac{2}{1}$ CD: $4(k-6)(k-1)$

$= \frac{3}{4(k-6)(k-1)} - \frac{2}{1}$

$= \frac{3 - 2(4(k-6)(k-1))}{4(k-6)(k-1)}$

$= \frac{3 - 8(k^2 - 7k + 6)}{4(k-6)(k-1)}$

$= \frac{-8k^2 + 56k - 45}{4(k-6)(k-1)}$