

## Rationals &amp; Radicals Study Guide

1. Solve.  $\frac{x-3}{x-1} = \frac{x-6}{x+2}$

2. Solve.  $\frac{4}{x^2-6x+5} = \frac{1}{x^2-25}$

Simplify the rational expression. Include excluded values.

3.  $\frac{x^2+4x+3}{x^2-9}$

a.  $\frac{4x+1}{-3}$

b.  $\frac{x+1}{x-3}$

c.  $\frac{x+3}{x-3}$

d.  $\frac{x+4}{x-9}$

e.  $x \neq -3$

f.  $x \neq -1$

g.  $x \neq 3$

h. 9

4.  $\frac{x^2-5x}{x+4} \cdot \frac{x+4}{x^2-7x}$

a.  $\frac{5}{7}$

b.  $\frac{x^2-5}{x^2-7}$

c.  $\frac{x-5}{x-7}$

d.  $\frac{x+5}{x+7}$

e.  $x \neq -4$

f.  $x \neq 7$

g.  $x \neq 0$

h.  $x \neq 5$

5.  $\frac{(x-2)(x-5)}{x-4} \div \frac{(x-2)}{(x-1)(x-4)}$

a.  $\frac{x-5}{x-1}$

b.  $\frac{(x-1)}{(x-5)}$

c.  $\frac{(x-2)^2(x-5)}{(x-4)^2(x-1)}$

d.  $(x-1)(x-5)$

e.  $x \neq 5$

f.  $x \neq 1$

g.  $x \neq 4$

h.  $x \neq 2$

6.  $\frac{x^2+5x+20}{x-4} - \frac{-3x+5}{x-4}$

a.  $\frac{x^2+8x+15}{x-4}$

b.  $\frac{x^2+4x+14}{x-4}$

c.  $\frac{x+5}{x-4}$

d.  $x+5$

7. Solve the equation  $\frac{x^2-9}{2x} = \frac{3x+3}{6}$ .

a.  $x = 3, -3$

b.  $x = 4$

c.  $x = -9$

d.  $x = 0$

8. Solve the equation  $\frac{2}{x-5} = \frac{7}{x}$ .

a.  $x = 7$

b.  $x = -7$

c.  $x = 5$

d.  $x = \frac{7}{5}$

9.  $x - \frac{6}{x} = 1$

10. Which is the solution of the equation

$$2^3\sqrt{x-4} + 10 = 0?$$

- a.  $x = -129$
  - b.  $x = -121$
  - c.  $x = -11$
  - d. The equation has no solutions.
11. The relationship between the length of a pendulum  $L$  (in feet) and its period  $T$  (in seconds) is modeled by the equation  $T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{L}{32}}$ . To the nearest foot, which is the length of a pendulum with period 5 seconds?
- a. 17 feet
  - b. 20 feet
  - c. 23 feet
  - d. 31 feet

12. Consider the radical equation  $x + \sqrt{x} = 30$ .

- a. Solve the equation.
- b. Check for extraneous roots.
- c. Identify all solutions of the given equation.

13. Which equation(s) have no solution? Select all.

- a.  $-3\sqrt{3x-7} = -6$
- b.  $\sqrt{x} - 2 = 0$
- c.  $(2x-1)^{\frac{1}{2}} + 8 = 16$
- d.  $\sqrt{x+2} + 4 = 1$

14. Which of the following are equivalent? Select all.

- a.  $\left(\sqrt[4]{x}\right)^3$
- b.  $x^{\frac{3}{4}}$
- c.  $x^{\frac{4}{3}}$
- d.  $\sqrt[4]{x^3}$

15. Simplify.  $\sqrt[3]{16x^4y^7}$

16. Write  $\sqrt[3]{27a^6b^7}$  with fraction exponents.

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**Answer Section**

1. 2
2.  $x = -7$
3. B, E, G
4. C, E, F, G
5. D, F, G, H
6. A
7. C
8. A
9. -2, 3
10. B
11. B
12. a.

$$x + \sqrt{x} = 30$$

$$\sqrt{x} = -x + 30$$

$$(\sqrt{x})^2 = (-x + 30)^2$$

$$x = x^2 - 60x + 900$$

$$0 = x^2 - 61x + 900$$

$$0 = (x - 25)(x - 36)$$

$$x - 25 = 0 \text{ or } x - 36 = 0$$

$$x = 25 \text{ or } x = 36$$

b.

$$x = 25:$$

$$25 + \sqrt{(25)} \stackrel{?}{=} 30$$

$$25 + 5 \stackrel{?}{=} 30$$

$$30 = 30$$

$$x = 36:$$

$$36 + \sqrt{(36)} \stackrel{?}{=} 30$$

$$36 + 6 \stackrel{?}{=} 30$$

$$42 \neq 30$$

c. The equation has one solution,  $x = 25$ .

13. D
14. A, B, D
15.  $2xy^2 \sqrt[3]{2xy}$
16.  $3a^2 b^{\frac{7}{3}}$