

Algebraic fractions worksheet

Q1. 

(a) Simplify fully $\frac{9x-3}{18x+3}$

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(b) Simplify fully $\frac{x^2+11x+30}{x^2+7x+6}$

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(c) Simplify fully $\frac{3x^2-4x-15}{5x^2-9x-18}$

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(d) Simplify fully $\frac{x^2+xy-2y^2}{x^2+3xy+2y^2}$

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Q2. 

(a) Simplify fully $\frac{10a^3}{7} \times \frac{14}{5b^2}$

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(b) Simplify fully $\frac{x-5}{2} \times \frac{5}{2x-10}$

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(c) Simplify fully $\frac{3}{x} \times \frac{x^2}{5} \times \frac{x}{6y}$

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Q3. 

(a) Simplify fully $\frac{y+2}{3} \div \frac{2y(y+2)}{15}$

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(b) Simplify fully $\frac{50zyx}{150z} \div \frac{30y^2}{50x^2}$

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(c) Simplify fully $\frac{ab^3}{20c} \div \frac{abc}{280}$

.....[3]

Q4. 

(a) Simplify fully $\frac{x+3}{4} + \frac{x-5}{3}$

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(b) Simplify fully $\frac{3}{x+1} - \frac{2}{x+2}$

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(c) Simplify fully $\frac{3}{x^2+6x+5} - \frac{2}{x+1}$

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Q5. 

An expression of the form $\frac{ax^2+bx+c}{dx^2-16}$ simplifies to $\frac{x+2}{3x+4}$. What was the original expression?

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Q6. 

Show that $\frac{2}{x+1} + \frac{5}{x+2} = 3$ simplifies to $3x^2 + 2x - 3 = 0$

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Answers

Q1.

$$\frac{3x - 1}{6x + 1}$$

$$\frac{x + 5}{x + 1}$$

$$\frac{3x + 5}{5x + 6}$$

$$\frac{x - y}{x + y}$$

Q2.

$$\frac{4a^3}{b^2}$$

$$\frac{5}{4}$$

$$\frac{x^2}{10y}$$

$$\frac{4a^3}{b^2}$$

Q3.

$$\frac{5}{2y}$$

$$\frac{5x^3}{9y}$$

$$\frac{14b^2}{c^2}$$

Q4.

$$\frac{7x - 11}{12}$$

$$\frac{x + 4}{(x + 2)(x + 2)}$$

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

Q5.

$$\frac{3x^2 + 2x - 8}{9x^2 - 16}$$

Q6.

Show by simplifying fractions

$$\frac{2(x + 2) + 5(x + 1)}{(x + 1)(x + 2)} = 3$$

$$2(x + 2) + 5(x + 1) = 3(x + 1)(x + 2)$$

$$7x + 9 = 3x^2 + 9x + 6$$

$$0 = 3x^2 + 2x - 3$$