## MA90 Exercises for section 7.2 Multiplication & Division of Rational Expressions

### **Multiple Choice**

*Identify the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.* 

1. Perform the indicated operation. Reduce your answer to lowest terms.

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

- a.  $\frac{1}{2x-4}$
- b. x 2
- c.  $2x^3$
- d.  $x^3$
- e. 2x 4

2. Perform the indicated operation. Reduce your answer to lowest terms.

$$\frac{2x^6}{2x-6} \cdot \frac{x-3}{x^3}$$

- a. x-3
- b.  $2x^3$
- c.  $x^3$
- $d. \quad \frac{1}{2x-6}$
- e. 2x 6

3. Perform the indicated operation. Reduce your answer to lowest terms.

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

- a.  $\frac{x+3}{2(x-2)}$
- b.  $\frac{x+2}{x}$
- $c. \quad \frac{2(x+2)}{x-3}$
- $d. \quad \frac{2(x+3)}{x-2}$
- e.  $\frac{2(x-3)}{3}$

4. Perform the indicated operation. Reduce your answer to lowest terms.

$$\frac{x+2}{x^2-1} \div \frac{4x+8}{x+1}$$

- a. 4
- b.  $\frac{4}{x-1}$
- c.  $\frac{1}{4(x-1)}$
- $d. \quad \frac{1}{4(x-2)}$
- e.  $\frac{1}{4x+1}$

5. Perform the indicated operation. Reduce your answer to lowest terms.

$$\frac{y^2 - 4y + 3}{2y + 6} \div \frac{2y - 2}{y + 3}$$

- a.  $\frac{y-1}{3}$
- b.  $\frac{2}{y+3}$
- c. y-3
- d.  $\frac{4}{y-3}$
- e.  $\frac{y-3}{4}$

### **Short Answer**

1. The following problem involves some factoring by grouping. Remember, before you can divide out factors common to the numerator and denominator of a product, you must factor completely.

$$\frac{x^2 - 9}{x^2 - 3x} \cdot \frac{5x + 20}{xy + 4x + 3y + 12}$$

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2. The following problem involves some factoring by grouping. Remember, before you can divide out factors common to the numerator and denominator of a product, you must factor completely.

$$\frac{x^3 - 4x^2 + x - 4}{x^4 - 1} \cdot \frac{5x^2 + 3x - 2}{5x^2 - 22x + 8}$$

- 3. Simplify the expression. Work inside parentheses first, and then divide out common factors.
  - $\left(1 \frac{1}{2}\right)\left(1 \frac{1}{3}\right)\left(1 \frac{1}{4}\right)\cdots\left(1 \frac{1}{98}\right)\left(1 \frac{1}{99}\right)$

# MA90 Exercises for section 7.2 Multiplication & Division of Rational Expressions Answer Section

### **MULTIPLE CHOICE**

1. ANS: D PTS: 1

2. ANS: C PTS: 1

3. ANS: D PTS: 1

4. ANS: C PTS: 1

5. ANS: E PTS: 1

### **SHORT ANSWER**

1. ANS:

$$\frac{5(x+4)}{x(y+4)}$$

**PTS**: 1

2. ANS:

$$\frac{1}{x-1}$$

**PTS**: 1

3. ANS:

 $\frac{1}{99}$ 

**PTS**: 1