Equations Involving Rational Expressions MA90 Exercises for section 7.4

Numeric Response

1. Solve the following equation. Be sure to check each answer in the original equation if you multiply both sides by an expression that contains the variable.

$$\frac{x}{7} + \frac{3}{7} = -\frac{3}{7}$$

2. Solve the following equation. Be sure to check each answer in the original equation if you multiply both sides by an expression that contains the variable.

$$\frac{7}{a} = \frac{1}{7}$$

3. Solve the following equation. Be sure to check each answer in the original equation if you multiply both sides by an expression that contains the variable.

$$\frac{5}{x} + 1 = \frac{2}{7}$$

$$\frac{1}{y} - \frac{1}{4} = -\frac{1}{8}$$

$$y =$$

5. Solve the following equation. Be sure to check each answer in the original equation if you multiply both sides by an expression that contains the variable.

$$\frac{x-9}{2} + \frac{2x}{3} = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\frac{8}{x+6} = \frac{8}{9}$$

x = _____

7. Solve the following equation. Be sure to check each answer in the original equation if you multiply both sides by an expression that contains the variable.

$$\frac{a}{6} + \frac{3}{a-3} = \frac{a}{a-3}$$

a = _____

8. Solve the following equation. Be sure to check each answer in the original equation if you multiply both sides by an expression that contains the variable.

$$\frac{42}{y^2 - 36} = \frac{36}{y^2 + 6y}$$

y = _____

$$\frac{2x}{x+2} = \frac{x}{x+5} - \frac{15}{x^2 + 7x + 10}$$

x =

Short Answer

1. Solve the following equation. Be sure to check each answer in the original equation if you multiply both sides by an expression that contains the variable.

$$1 - \frac{7}{x} = \frac{-12}{x^2}$$

x = _____

$$\frac{x}{2} - \frac{2}{x} = -\frac{3}{2}$$

3. Solve the following equation. Be sure to check each answer in the original equation if you multiply both sides by an expression that contains the variable.

$$\frac{x}{x-6} + \frac{3}{8} = \frac{6}{x-6}$$

$$\frac{5}{x+2} + \frac{2}{x+6} = \frac{-8}{x^2 + 8x + 12}$$

5. Solve the following equation. Be sure to check each answer in the original equation if you multiply both sides by an expression that contains the variable.

$$\frac{5x}{x-3} - \frac{4x}{x+1} = \frac{-72}{x^2 - 2x - 3}$$

MA90 Exercises for section 7.4 Equations Involving Rational Expressions Answer Section

NUMERIC RESPONSE

- 1. ANS: -6
 - PTS: 1
- 2. ANS: 49
 - **PTS**: 1
- 3. ANS: -7
 - **PTS**: 1
- 4. ANS: 8
 - PTS: 1
- 5. ANS: 4
 - **PTS**: 1
- 6. ANS: 3
 - PTS: 1
- 7. ANS: 6
 - **PTS**: 1
- 8. ANS: -36
 - **PTS**: 1
- 9. ANS: -3
 - PTS: 1

SHORT ANSWER

- 1. ANS:
 - 3, 4
 - PTS: 1
- 2. ANS:
 - -4, 1
 - PTS: 1

- 3. ANS: no solution
 - **PTS**: 1
- 4. ANS: no solution
 - **PTS**: 1
- 5. ANS: -8, -9
 - **PTS**: 1