

- Unless otherwise stated, all variables belong to the real number set
- All restrictions must be stated
- Calculators are permitted

## Part A - Multiple Choice (1 mark each)

ANSWER:

A

1. For what values of  $x$  is the following expression undefined?  $\frac{x+5}{x^2-x}$ 

- A) 0, 1    B) 1    C) -1    D) -5    E) 0    F) -5, 1, 0

ANSWER:

C

2. How many of the following rational expressions do not have any restrictions on the variable?

$\frac{x^2-1}{x}$

$\frac{x^2+1}{x^2}$

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

$\frac{x^2-25}{x-5}$

$\frac{x^2+1}{x^3+1}$

$\frac{x^2-4}{x^4+64}$

- A) 0    B) 1    C) 2    D) 3    E) 4    F) 5    G) 6

ANSWER:

C

3. Simplify completely  $\frac{3x-4}{4-3x}$ 

- A)  $1, x \neq \frac{3}{4}$     B)  $-1, x \neq \frac{3}{4}$     C)  $-1, x \neq \frac{4}{3}$     D)  $1, x \neq \frac{4}{3}$     E)  $0, x \neq \frac{4}{3}$

ANSWER:

A

4. Which of the following is equivalent to  $\frac{20xy-8y^2+4y}{4y}$ ?

- A)  $5x - 2y + 1$     B)  $5xy - 2y + 1$     C)  $5xy - 2y$     D)  $10xy - 4y^2$     E)  $5xy + 1$     F)  $5xy - 2y^2$

ANSWER:

B

5. When simplified,  $\frac{3x^2-5x-12}{x-3} = Ax + B$ . What is the value of  $A + B$ ?

- A) -7    B) 7    C) -1    D) -6    E) 6    F) None of the above

ANSWER:

E

6. Simplify completely  $\frac{15a^6}{7b^4} \cdot \frac{28b^6}{3a^8}$ 

- A)  $20a^2b^2$     B)  $\frac{20}{a^2b^2}$     C)  $\frac{a^2}{20b^2}$     D)  $\frac{45a^{14}}{196b^{10}}$     E)  $\frac{20b^2}{a^2}$     F)  $\frac{20a^2}{b^2}$

ANSWER:

D

7. For what values of  $x$  is the following expression equal to zero?

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

- A) 2    B) 3, 2, -1    C) -1    D) 3, -1    E) 3    F) None of the above

ANSWER:

A

8. What is the domain for the following rational function?  $f(x) = \frac{x^2+4x+3}{x^2+6x+9}$ 

- A)  $\{x \in \mathbb{R} | x \neq -3\}$     B)  $\{x \in \mathbb{R} | x \neq 3\}$     C)  $\{x \in \mathbb{R} | x \neq -1, -3\}$   
D)  $\{x \in \mathbb{R} | x \neq 1, 3\}$     E)  $\{x \in \mathbb{R} | x \neq 6, -9\}$     F)  $\{x \in \mathbb{R}\}$

8 marks

## Part B - Full Solutions

1. Simplify and state all restrictions:

$$a) \frac{-4(x-7)(2x+1)(x+3)}{20(2x+1)(x-7)}$$

$$= \frac{-(x+3)}{5}, x \neq -\frac{1}{2}, 7$$

$$b) \frac{(x+2)(5-x)}{(x^2+4)(x-5)}$$

$$= -\frac{x+2}{x^2+4}, x \neq 5$$

$$c) \frac{x^4 - x^2 - 12}{2x^2 + x - 10}$$

$$= \frac{(x^2 - 4)(x^2 + 3)}{(2x + 5)(x - 2)}; x \neq -\frac{5}{2}, 2$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{(x-2)}(x+2)(x^2+3)}{(2x+5)\cancel{(x-2)}}$$

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$$= \frac{(x+2)(x^2+3)}{2x+5}, x \neq -\frac{5}{2}, 2$$

$$d) \frac{2x^3 + 12x^2 + 16x}{6x + 24} \cdot \frac{x-1}{8x^3 + 16x^2}$$

$$= \frac{2x(x^2 + 6x + 8)}{6(x+4)} \cdot \frac{x-1}{8x^2(x+2)}$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{2}x\cancel{(x+2)}\cancel{(x+4)}}{\cancel{6}(x+4)} \cdot \frac{x-1}{8x^2\cancel{(x+2)}}, x \neq -4, 0, -2$$

$$= \frac{x-1}{24x}, x \neq -4, -2, 0$$

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$$e) \frac{100x^2 - 9}{3x^2 - 30x + 75} \cdot \frac{x^2 - 15x + 50}{-30x + 9}$$

$$= \frac{(10x-3)(10x+3)}{3(x^2 - 10x + 25)} \cdot \frac{(x-5)(x-10)}{-3(10x-3)}$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{(10x-3)}(10x+3)}{3(x-5)^2} \cdot \frac{\cancel{(x-5)}(x-10)}{-3\cancel{(10x-3)}}, x \neq 5, \frac{3}{10}$$

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$$= -\frac{(10x+3)(x-10)}{9(x-5)}, x \neq \frac{3}{10}, 5$$

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