

$$\frac{(4b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac})}{2a}$$
$$t = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{9 - 4 \times 2 \times (-2)}}{4}$$
$$b = -3, c = -2$$
$$t = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{9 + 16}}{4}$$
$$t = \frac{3 \pm 5}{4}$$
$$t = \frac{3+5}{4} \text{ or } \frac{3-5}{4}$$
$$t = 2 \text{ or } -\frac{1}{2}$$
$$\boxed{t = x^{1/4}}$$
$$x^{1/4} = 2 \text{ or } x^{1/4} = -\frac{1}{2}$$
$$(x^{1/4})^4 = 2^4 \text{ or } (x^{1/4})^4 = \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^4$$
$$x = 16 \text{ or } x = \frac{1}{16}$$

Ans: $x = 16, \frac{1}{16}$ //

$$2) x^{-1} + x^{-1/2} = 3/t$$
$$\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x^{1/2}} = 3/t$$
$$\frac{1}{(x^{1/2})^2} + \frac{1}{x^{1/2}} = 3/t$$
$$\boxed{x^{1/2} = t}$$
$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{t^2} + \frac{1}{t} = \frac{3}{t}$$
$$\frac{1+t}{t^2} = \frac{3}{t}$$

$$\frac{-(-1) \pm \sqrt{1^2 - 4 \times (-4)}}{2 \times (-4)}$$
$$a = 3, b = -4, c = -4$$
$$t = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16 + 48}}{6} = \frac{4 \pm 8}{6}$$
$$t = \frac{12}{6} \text{ or } \frac{-4}{6}$$
$$\boxed{t = 2 \text{ or } -\frac{2}{3}}$$
$$x^{1/2} = 2 \text{ or } x^{1/2} = -\frac{2}{3}$$
$$x = 4 \text{ or } x = \frac{4}{9}$$

Ans: $x = 4, 4/9$ //

$$3) \frac{5}{x^2 + 6x + 8} = \frac{1}{x^2 + 6x + 8} + \frac{4}{x^2 + 6x + 8}$$
$$x^2 + 6x + 8 = t \Rightarrow \frac{5}{t+8} = \frac{1}{t+8} + \frac{4}{t+9}$$
$$\frac{5}{(t+8)} = \frac{1}{t+8} + \frac{4}{(t+8)(t+9)}$$
$$\frac{5}{t+8} = \frac{1}{t+8} + \frac{4}{(t+8)(t+9)}$$
$$\times (t+8) \Rightarrow \frac{5(t+8)}{(t+8)} = \frac{(t+8)}{(t+8)} + \frac{(t+8) \times 4}{(t+8)(t+9)}$$
$$5(t+8) = 1 + \frac{4(t+8)}{(t+9)}$$
$$5(t+8) = \frac{t+1+4(t+8)}{(t+9)}$$
$$\frac{5(t+8)(t+9)}{(t+8)(t+9)} = \frac{t+1+4(t+8)}{(t+8)(t+9)}$$
$$5(t^2 + 13t + 72) = (5t^2 + 67t + 33)$$
$$t = 232 - 5 \times 45 = 7$$
$$x^2 + 6x + 7 = 7$$
$$x^2 + 6x - 7 = 0 \Rightarrow a = 1$$
$$x = \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{36 - 4 \times 1 \times (-7)}}{2} = \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{36 + 28}}{2}$$
$$x = \frac{-6 \pm 8}{2} \text{ or } x = \frac{-6 - 8}{2}$$
$$x = 1 \text{ or } x = -7$$

Ans: $x = 1, -7$ //

$$4) 2 \left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} \right) - 9 \left(x + \frac{1}{x} \right) + 14 = 0$$
$$\left(x + \frac{1}{x} \right)^2 = x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} + 2$$
$$x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} = \left(x + \frac{1}{x} \right)^2 - 2$$
$$\left(x + \frac{1}{x} \right)^2 = t$$
$$\boxed{x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} + 2 = t^2}$$
$$x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} = t^2 - 2$$
$$2 \left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} \right) - 9 \left(x + \frac{1}{x} \right) + 14 = 0$$
$$2(t^2 - 2) - 9t + 14 = 0$$
$$2t^2 - 9t + 10 = 0, a = 2$$
$$t = \frac{9 \pm \sqrt{81 - 80}}{4} = \frac{9 \pm 1}{4}$$
$$t = \frac{9+1}{4} \text{ or } t = \frac{9-1}{4}$$
$$t = \frac{5}{2} \text{ or } t = 2$$
$$x + \frac{1}{x} = \frac{5}{2} \text{ or } x + \frac{1}{x} = 2$$
$$x + \frac{1}{x} = 2 + \frac{1}{2} \text{ or } x + \frac{1}{x} = 1 + \frac{1}{1}$$
$$x = 2 \text{ or } \frac{1}{2} \text{ or } x = 1 \text{ or } \frac{1}{1}$$
$$x + \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{1/2} = \frac{1}{2} + 2$$
$$\boxed{x = \frac{1}{2}, 2, 1}$$
$$x + \frac{1}{x} = y + \frac{1}{y}$$