

Activity 1.3.4: Rational Algebraic Expressions

Total points = 71

A. Solutions

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$2x + 1 = 0$  ✓  
 $2x + 1 - 1 = 0 - 1$  ✓  
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 $x = -\frac{1}{2}$  ✓
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 $m = 3$  ✓
4.

$25a^2 - 1 = 0$  ✓  
 $(5a - 1)(5a + 1) = 0$  ✓  
 $5a - 1 = 0$  ✓  
 $5a - 1 + 1 = 0 + 1$  ✓  
 $\frac{5a}{5} = \frac{1}{5}$  ✓  
 $a = \frac{1}{5}$  ✓  
 $5a + 1 = 0$  ✓  
 $5a + 1 - 1 = 0 - 1$  ✓  
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 $a = -\frac{1}{5}$  ✓
5.

$4n^2 - 4n + 1 = 0$  ✓  
 $(2n - 1)^2 = 0$  ✓  
 $\sqrt{(2n - 1)^2} = \sqrt{0}$  ✓  
 $2n - 1 = 0$  ✓  
 $2n - 1 + 1 = 0 + 1$  ✓  
 $\frac{2n}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$  ✓  
 $n = \frac{1}{2}$  ✓

B. Solutions

1.

$x^2 \neq 0$  ✓  
 $\sqrt{x^2} \neq \sqrt{0}$  ✓  
 $x \neq 0$  ✓  
 $\therefore D = \{x | x \neq 0\}$  ✓
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$2x - 1 \neq 0$  ✓  
 $2x - 1 + 1 \neq 0 + 1$  ✓  
 $\frac{2x}{2} \neq \frac{1}{2}$  ✓  
 $x \neq \frac{1}{2}$  ✓  
 $\therefore D = \left\{x | x \neq \frac{1}{2}\right\}$  ✓
3.

$m^2 - 25 \neq 0$  ✓  
 $(m - 5)(m + 5) \neq 0$  ✓  
 $m - 5 \neq 0$  ✓  
 $m - 5 + 5 \neq 0 + 5$  ✓  
 $m \neq 5$  ✓  
 $m + 5 \neq 0$  ✓  
 $m + 5 - 5 \neq 0 - 5$  ✓  
 $m \neq -5$  ✓  
 $\therefore D = \{m | m \neq 5, -5\}$  ✓
4.

$x^2 - 4 \neq 0$  ✓  
 $(x - 2)(x + 2) \neq 0$  ✓  
 $x - 2 \neq 0$  ✓  
 $x - 2 + 2 \neq 0 + 2$  ✓  
 $x \neq 2$  ✓  
 $x + 2 \neq 0$  ✓  
 $x + 2 - 2 \neq 0 - 2$  ✓  
 $x \neq -2$  ✓  
 $\therefore D = \{x | x \neq 2, -2\}$  ✓
5.

$4x^2 + 4x + 1 \neq 0$  ✓  
 $(2x + 1)^2 \neq 0$  ✓  
 $\sqrt{(2x + 1)^2} \neq \sqrt{0}$  ✓  
 $2x + 1 \neq 0$  ✓  
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