

## Operations with rational expressions answers and expressions

### Answers

1. A    2. D    3. B    4. C    5. D    6. B    7. A    8. D    9. C    10. B

### Answer Key

1. A. In this problem, we are given the expression  $\frac{3k}{4k+12} + \frac{k+5}{k^2+3k}$  and asked to find an equivalent expression to the sum.

$$\frac{3k}{4k+12} + \frac{k+5}{k^2+3k} \rightarrow \frac{3k}{4(k+3)} + \frac{k+5}{k(k+3)} \rightarrow \frac{3k^2}{4k(k+3)} + \frac{4k+20}{4k(k+3)} \rightarrow \frac{3k^2+4k+20}{4k(k+3)}$$

2. D. In this problem, we are given the expression  $\frac{36x^4y^2-18x^6y^4}{6x^5y^2}$  and asked to find an equivalent expression.

$$\frac{36x^4y^2-18x^6y^4}{6x^5y^2} \rightarrow \frac{\cancel{6}(6)x^4y^2-\cancel{6}(3)x^6y^4}{\cancel{6}x^5y^2} \rightarrow \frac{6\cancel{x^4}y^2-3\cancel{x^4}(x^2)y^4}{\cancel{x^4}(x)y^2} \rightarrow \frac{6\cancel{y^2}-3x^2\cancel{y^2}}{x\cancel{y^2}} \rightarrow \frac{6-3xy^2}{x}$$

3. B. In this problem, we are given the expression  $\frac{9k^2-30k+25}{3k^2+16k-35} \times \frac{2k^2+5k-63}{2k^2-9k}$  and asked to find the equivalent expression for the product above.

$$\frac{9k^2-30k+25}{3k^2+16k-35} \times \frac{2k^2+5k-63}{2k^2-9k} \rightarrow \frac{(3k-5)^2}{(3k-5)(k+7)} \times \frac{(2k-9)(k+7)}{k(2k-9)} \rightarrow \frac{3k-5}{k}$$

4. C. In this problem, we are given the expression  $\frac{7m^2+6m}{4m-7} - \frac{3m}{4m-7}$  and asked to find an equivalent expression to the difference.

$$\frac{7m^2+6m}{4m-7} - \frac{3m}{4m-7} \rightarrow \frac{7m^2+(6m-3m)}{4m-7} \rightarrow \frac{7m^2+3m}{4m-7}$$

5. D. In this problem, we are given the expression  $\frac{8}{5y} \times \frac{2x}{16y}$  and asked to find an equivalent expression to the product.

$$\frac{8}{5y} \times \frac{2x}{16y} \rightarrow \frac{\cancel{8}}{5y} \times \frac{2x}{\cancel{2}(\cancel{8})y} \rightarrow \frac{x}{5y^2}$$

6. B. In this problem, we are given the expression  $\frac{2x}{5b} - \frac{7x}{10b}$  and asked to find an equivalent expression to the difference.

$$\frac{2x}{5b} - \frac{7x}{10b} \rightarrow \frac{4x}{10b} - \frac{7x}{10b} \rightarrow -\frac{3x}{10b}$$

7. A. In this problem, we are given the expression  $\frac{ab}{\frac{x^7y^3z^3}{a^3b^2}}$  and asked to find an equivalent expression to the quotient.

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$$\frac{\frac{x^7 y^4 z^3}{ab}}{\frac{x^7 y^3 z^2}{a^3 b^2}} \rightarrow \left( \frac{\cancel{x^7} y^3 (\cancel{y}) \cancel{z^2} (z)}{\cancel{a} \cancel{b}} \right) \times \left( \frac{a^2 (\cancel{a}) b (\cancel{b})}{\cancel{x^7} \cancel{y^3} \cancel{z^2}} \right) \rightarrow \frac{yz}{1} \times \frac{a^2 b}{1} \rightarrow yza^2 b$$

8. **D.** In this problem, we are given the expression  $\frac{16c^2 - 4c^3}{4c^2 - 64}$  and asked to find an equivalent expression for all values  $c > 4$ .

$$\frac{16c^2 - 4c^3}{4c^2 - 64} \rightarrow \frac{4c^2(4 - c)}{4(c^2 - 16)} \rightarrow \frac{4c^2(-1)(\cancel{c-4})}{4(\cancel{c-4})(c+4)} \rightarrow -\frac{4c^2}{4(c+4)} \rightarrow -\frac{c^2}{c+4}$$

9. **C.** In this problem, we are given the expression  $\frac{x^2 + 7x + 12}{x^2 + 9x + 20}$  and asked to find an equivalent expression for all  $x > 0$ .

$$\frac{x^2 + 7x + 12}{x^2 + 9x + 20} \rightarrow \frac{(x+3)(\cancel{x+4})}{(\cancel{x+4})(x+5)} \rightarrow \frac{x+3}{x+5}$$

10. **B.** In this problem, we are given the expression  $\frac{x^3 + 7x^2}{x^3}$  and asked to find equivalent expression for all  $x > 1$ .

$$\frac{x^3 + 7x^2}{x^3} \rightarrow \frac{\cancel{x^2}(x+7)}{\cancel{x^3}} \rightarrow \frac{x+7}{x}$$