

EXERCISE 2: Answers for this exercise start on page 321.

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$$\sqrt{x-1} - 2 = 11$$

What value of x is the solution to the given equation?

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If $\frac{5x}{6} - 4 = 12 - \frac{7x}{6}$, what is the value of $4x$?

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$$B + 8A = 5(4C + B)$$

The given equation can be rewritten as $B = mA - nC$, where m and n are constants. What is the value of $m + n$?

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$$(2x + 7)^2 = 25$$

What is the sum of the solutions to the given equation?

-7

-6 - 1 = -7

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$$\frac{2}{3}t + m = 40$$

A tennis player uses the given equation to estimate the tension t , in pounds, in his racquet strings after m tennis matches. Which of the following equations correctly expresses t in terms of m ?

A) $t = -\frac{3}{2}(40 - m)$

B) $t = -\frac{3}{2}(40) - m$

☒ C) $t = \frac{3}{2}(40 - m)$

D) $t = \frac{3}{2}(40) - m$

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$$\frac{3}{5}(x + 11) - \frac{2}{3}(x + 11) = -8$$

What value of x is the solution to the given equation?

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If $\frac{4}{k+2} = \frac{x}{3}$, where $k \neq -2$, which equation correctly expresses k in terms of x ?

☒ A) $k = \frac{12 - 2x}{x}$

B) $k = \frac{12 + 2x}{x}$

C) $k = \frac{x}{12 + 2x}$

D) $k = 12x - 2$

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$$\sqrt{x^2 + p^2} = q$$

In the given equation, p and q are positive constants. Which of the following is one of the solutions to the given equation?

- A) $-\sqrt{q^2 - p^2}$
 B) $\sqrt{p^2 + q^2}$
 C) $\sqrt{q - p^2}$
 D) $-p^2 - q^2$

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$$\sqrt{(x+6)(x-6)} = 8$$

What is the positive solution to the given equation?

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$$2u = \frac{18}{v} - 6$$

The given equation relates the numbers u and v , where $u > 0$ and $v > 0$. Which equation correctly expresses v in terms of u ?

- A) $v = \frac{9}{u+3}$
 B) $v = \frac{u}{9} - 3$
 C) $v = \frac{u}{9} + 3$
 D) $v = \frac{u+3}{9}$

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$$\frac{k}{3x+3y} = k+1$$

The given equation relates the distinct positive numbers x , y , and k . Which equation correctly expresses $x+y$ in terms of k ?

- A) $x+y = \frac{k}{3k+1}$
 B) $x+y = \frac{k}{3k+3}$
 C) $x+y = \frac{3k}{k+1}$
 D) $x+y = \frac{3k+3}{k}$

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$$\left(\frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{x}\right)t = 1$$

The given equation represents the number of days t it will take Jim and Andy to paint a 300-foot fence working together given that it would take Jim x days to paint the fence working alone. If it takes 6 days for Jim and Andy to paint the fence working together, how many days would it have taken Jim to paint the fence working alone?

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$$\frac{a}{b} = \frac{a+1}{2c}$$

The given equation relates the distinct positive numbers a , b , and c . Which equation correctly expresses a in terms of b and c ?

- A) $a = \frac{b}{b-2c}$
- B) $a = \frac{b}{2c-b}$
- C) $a = \frac{b+c}{2c}$
- D) $a = \frac{c-b}{2c}$

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$$\frac{3r}{t} = 6\sqrt{2s}$$

The given equation relates the positive numbers r , s , and t . Which equation correctly expresses s in terms of r and t ?

- A) $s = \frac{r^2}{2t^2}$
- B) $s = \frac{r^2}{4t^2}$
- C) $s = \frac{r^2}{8t^2}$
- D) $s = \frac{3r^2}{4t^2}$

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$$ax + 7a + x + 7 = b$$

In the given equation, a and b are positive constants. Which equation correctly expresses $x + 7$ in terms of a and b ?

- A) $x + 7 = \frac{b}{a} - 7$
- B) $x + 7 = \frac{b}{2a}$
- C) $x + 7 = \frac{b}{a+1}$
- D) $x + 7 = \frac{b-1}{a}$

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If $(x+1)(x-2) = 7x-18$, what is the value of $7x-18$?

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$$xy - 1 = z - xz$$

The given equation relates the positive numbers x , y , and z . Which equation correctly expresses x in terms of y and z ?

- A) $\frac{z}{y} + 1$
- B) $\frac{z}{y+z} + 1$
- C) $\frac{z+1}{yz}$
- D) $\frac{z+1}{y+z}$

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If $\frac{2\sqrt{x+4}}{3} = 6$ and $x > 0$, what is the value of x ?

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If $\frac{2x+y}{x-2y} = 3$, what is the value of $\frac{x+y}{x-y}$?

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$$\frac{x-n}{3} = x(x-n)$$

Which of the following are solutions to the given equation, where n is a positive constant greater than 1?

- I. $\frac{1}{3}$
 - II. $\frac{n}{3}$
 - III. n
- A) I and II only
B) I and III only
C) II and III only
D) I, II, and III

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If $x + y = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + 16}$, what is the value of xy ?

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

What is the solution to the given equation?

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$$\sqrt{2(x-k)} = x-k$$

In the given equation, k is a constant. Which of the following is the sum of the solutions to the given equation?

- A) $2k$
B) $k+1$
C) $2k-2$
D) $2k+2$

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$$\frac{x}{\sqrt{x+b}} = 7 - \frac{b}{\sqrt{x+b}}$$

In the given equation, b is a positive constant. Which of the following is the solution to the given equation?

- A) $7-b$
B) $49-b$
C) $b-49$
D) b^2+49

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If $\sqrt{x+2} = 2 - \sqrt{x}$, what is the value of $2 - \sqrt{x}$?

- A) $\frac{1}{2}$
B) $\frac{3}{2}$
C) $\sqrt{\frac{5}{2}}$
D) 2