

Factoring, Simplifying, LCD with Variables (Prerequisite Skills for Rational Equations) 2

SHORT ANSWER. Write the word or phrase that best completes each statement or answers the question.

1) $2a^3 + 2a^2 - 24a$

1) _____

2) $7x^2 + 18x + 8$

2) _____

3) $7x^2 + 20x - 32$

3) _____

4) $x^3 + 2x^2 - 99x$

4) _____

5) $3x^2 - 24x + 45$

5) _____

Simplify.

6) $\frac{-6x - 24}{7x + 28}$

6) _____

7) $\frac{y^2 + 2y - 15}{y^2 + 6y - 27}$

7) _____

8) $\frac{a^2 - 5a}{(a + 3)(a - 5)}$

8) _____

9) $15x^2 + 32x + 16$

9) _____

Find the least common denominator.

10) $\frac{2}{x^2 + 8x + 12}, \frac{4}{-2x - 4}$

10) _____

11) $\frac{7}{20xy}, \frac{5}{8x^2}$

11) _____

12) $\frac{-2}{r^2 + 2r}, \frac{12}{9r + 18}, \frac{8}{r^2 + 4r + 4}$

12) _____

13) $\frac{3}{t}, \frac{2}{t - 6}$

13) _____

14) $\frac{6}{m^2 + 4m}, \frac{6}{m^2 + 5m + 4}$

14) _____

Answer Key

Testname: RATPREREQ

1) $2a(a + 4)(a - 3)$

2) $(7x + 4)(x + 2)$

3) $(x + 4)(7x - 8)$

4) $x(x + 11)(x - 9)$

5) $3(x - 3)(x - 5)$

6) $-\frac{6}{7}$

7) $\frac{y + 5}{y + 9}$

8) $\frac{a}{a + 3}$

9) $(3x + 4)(5x + 4)$

10) $-2(x + 6)(x + 2)$

11) $40x^2y$

12) $9r(r + 2)^2$

13) $t(t - 6)$

14) $m(m + 4)(m + 1)$