

Name Key

## Rational Expression Worksheet #9: Solving Equations

Solve each equation for  $x$ .

1.)  $\frac{-4x}{x-8} - \frac{11}{x-8} = \frac{25}{x-8} \quad x \neq 8$

$$-4x - 11 = 25$$

$$-4x = 36$$

$$\boxed{x = -9}$$

2.)  $\frac{3}{4} - \frac{2x}{4x-24} = \frac{8}{x-6} \quad x \neq 6$

$$\frac{3(x-6)}{4(x-6)} - \frac{2x}{4(x-6)} = \frac{8(4)}{4(x-6)}$$

$$3x - 18 - 2x = 32$$

$$\boxed{x = 50}$$

3.)  $\frac{3}{6x} - \frac{9}{12} = \frac{11}{4x} \quad x \neq 0$

$$\frac{6}{12x} - \frac{9x}{12x} = \frac{33}{12x}$$

$$6 - 9x = 33$$

$$9x = -27$$

$$\boxed{x = -3}$$

4.)  $\frac{18}{5x+10} + \frac{4}{5} = \frac{-6}{x+2} \quad x \neq -2$

$$\frac{18}{5(x+2)} + \frac{4(x+2)}{5(x+2)} = \frac{-6(5)}{5(x+2)}$$

$$18 + 4x + 8 = -30$$

$$4x = -56$$

$$\boxed{x = -14}$$

5.)  $\frac{12}{x^2+5x+6} + \frac{7}{x+3} = \frac{2}{x+2} \quad x \neq -2, -3$

$$\frac{12}{(x+2)(x+3)} + \frac{7(x+2)}{(x+2)(x+3)} = \frac{2(x+3)}{(x+2)(x+3)}$$

$$12 + 7x + 14 = 2x + 6$$

$$5x = -20$$

$$\boxed{x = -4}$$

6.)  $\frac{1}{10} + \frac{4x}{5x} = \frac{-9}{2x} \quad x \neq 0$

$$\frac{x}{10x} + \frac{8x}{10x} = \frac{-45}{10x}$$

$$9x = -45$$

$$\boxed{x = -5}$$

7.)  $\frac{14}{2x-5} + \frac{7x}{2x-5} = \frac{63}{2x-5} \quad x \neq \frac{5}{2}$

$$14 + 7x = 63$$

$$7x = 49$$

$$\boxed{x = 7}$$

8.)  $\frac{2}{x-6} + \frac{7}{x+2} = \frac{4x+2}{x^2-4x-12} \quad x \neq -2, 6$

$$2(x+2) + 7(x-6) = 4x+2$$

$$2x+4 + 7x-42 = 4x+2$$

$$5x = 40$$

$$\boxed{x = 8}$$