

## Rationals Review Supplement

1. The Student Government Association is planning a dance. The Association spends \$450 for supplies and will charge \$7 per ticket. The expression for profit (total sales minus total costs) is  $7x - 450$ , where  $x$  is the number of tickets that are sold. Which of these expressions represents the profit per ticket?

- A.  $7x^2 - 450$                       B.  $x(7x - 450)$   
 C.  $\frac{x}{7x - 450}, x \neq \frac{450}{7}$         D.  $\frac{7x - 450}{x}, x \neq 0$

2. Solve:  $\frac{7}{5x - 5} = \frac{3}{(x + 1)(x - 1)}$

- Step 1      $\frac{7}{5x - 5} = \frac{3}{(x + 1)(x - 1)}$   
 Step 2      $7(x + 1)(x - 1) = 3(5x - 5)$   
 Step 3      $7x^2 - 7 = 15x - 15$   
 Step 4      $7x^2 - 15x + 8 = 0$   
 Step 5      $(7x - 8) = 0$   
 Step 6      $x = \frac{8}{7}$  or  $x = 1$   
 Step 7      $x = \frac{8}{7}$

What justifies going from step 6 to step 7 in the solution?

- A. The original equation is defined at  $x = \frac{8}{7}$  and  $x = 1$   
 B. The original equation is not defined at  $x = \frac{8}{7}$   
 C. The original equation is defined at  $x = 1$   
 D. The original equation is not defined at  $x = 1$

3. Subtract and simplify:  $\frac{x + 4}{x^2 + 3x - 10} - \frac{x - 4}{x^2 - 6x + 8}$

- A.  $-\frac{1}{x^2 + 3x - 10}$                       B.  $-\frac{1}{x^2 - 3x - 8}$   
 C.  $-\frac{2x}{2x^2 - 3x - 2}$                       D.  $-\frac{x^2 - 16}{x + 5}x - 2$

4. Let  $f(x) = \frac{(x - b)}{(x + a)(x + b)}$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are positive constants and  $a \neq b \neq 0$ . Identify all important features of the graph, such as intercepts, asymptotes, holes, etc. *You do not need to sketch a graph of  $f(x)$ .*

5. Consider this expression:

$$\frac{a - c}{a + b} - \frac{b + c}{a + b} - \frac{a - b}{a + b}$$

By changing *one* minus sign to plus, you can make the expression simplify to zero, assuming that  $a + b \neq 0$ . Left to right, which “-” would you change?

6. An office has 3 copying machines, 2 of which can make a copy in 4 seconds and one of which can make a copy in 6 seconds. How long will it take to make 500 copies if all 3 machines work together?

- A. 750 seconds                      B. 1200 seconds  
 C.  $2\frac{2}{5}$  minutes                      D.  $1\frac{1}{2}$  minutes

7. Jim can build a boat in 18 days. If Harry helps, they can do it in 12 days. How long would it take Harry alone to build the boat?

- A. 20 days                      B. 15 days                      C. 36 days  
 D. 25 days

8. A boat can go 24 miles upstream and 24 miles back in 5 hours. If its rate upstream is 4 miles per hour less than its rate downstream, then it travels downstream at a rate (mph) of

- A. 8                      B. 9.6                      C. 11.6                      D. 12

9. An athlete covers three consecutive miles by swimming the first, running the second and cycling the third. He runs twice as fast as he swims and cycles one and a half times as fast as he runs. He takes ten minutes longer than he would do if he cycled the whole three miles. How many minutes does he take?

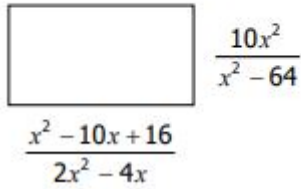
- A. 16                      B. 22                      C. 30                      D. 46

10. If  $\frac{a}{x^2 - 4} + \frac{b}{x + 2} = \frac{5x + 3}{x^2 - 4}$  is an identity in  $x$ , then  $a + b$  is equal to:

- A.  $5x + 3$                       B. 8                      C. 18  
 D. 4

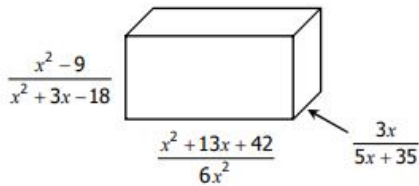
11. Use an appropriate formula to create a rational expression problem and simplify:

Find the **area** of the rectangle below.



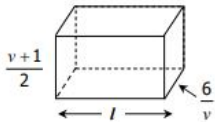
12. Use an appropriate formula to create a rational expression problem and simplify:

Find the **volume** of the rectangular prism below.



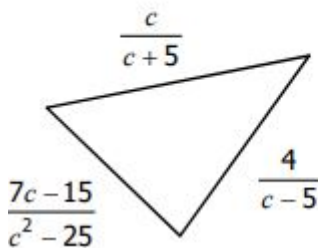
13. Solve the following:

If the rectangular prism below has a **volume** of  $\frac{2v^2 - 3v - 5}{8v - 20}$ , find its **length**.



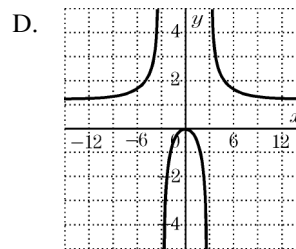
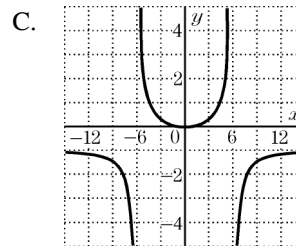
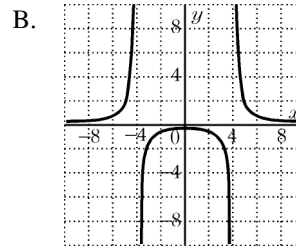
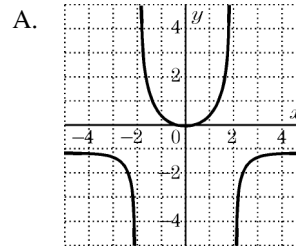
14. Use an appropriate formula to create a rational expression problem and simplify:

Find the **perimeter** of the triangle below.



15. Which of the following represents the graph of

$$y = -\frac{x^2}{x^2 - 4}?$$



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1.  
Answer:            D
2.  
Answer:            D
3.  
Answer:            A  
Objective:        A.APR.7
4.  
Answer:            zero:  $x = b$ , vertical asymptotes:  $x = -b$   
                          and  $x = -a$ , horizontal asymptote:  $y = 0$ ,  
                          y-intercept:  $-\frac{1}{a}$   
Objective:        F.IF.7D
5.  
Answer:            the 1st
6.  
Answer:            A
7.  
Answer:            C
8.  
Answer:            D
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Answer:            B
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Answer:            C
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14.  
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15.  
Answer:            A  
Objective:        F.IF.7D