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Part 1: Simplify completely. Identify any values that are undefined.

1.  $\frac{16x^{11}}{8x^2}$

$$\boxed{2x^9}$$

$x \neq 0$

2.  $\frac{x^2 + x - 2}{x^2 + 2x - 3}$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(x+2)(x-1)}{(x+3)(x-1)} \\ & \frac{x+2}{x+3} \quad x \neq -3, 1 \end{aligned}$$

3.  $\frac{-x^2 + 4x}{4x - x^2}$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{-x(x-4)}{(x-4)(x+2)} \\ & \frac{-x}{x+2} \quad x \neq 4, -2 \end{aligned}$$

4.  $\frac{6x^2 + 7x + 2}{6x^2 - 5x - 6}$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(3x+2)(2x+1)}{(2x-3)(3x+2)} \\ & \frac{2x+1}{2x-3} \quad x \neq \frac{3}{2}, -\frac{2}{3} \end{aligned}$$

Part 2: Multiply the rational expression

5.  $\frac{x^2 - 16}{x+5} \cdot \frac{2x+10}{x-4}$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(x-4)(x+4)}{x+5} \cdot \frac{2(x+5)}{x-4} \\ & x \neq -5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{2(x+4)}$$

6.  $\frac{x^2 + 9x + 18}{4-x^2} \cdot \frac{2-x}{x^2 + 6x}$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(x+6)(x+3)}{(2-x)(2+x)} \cdot \frac{2-x}{x(x+6)} \\ & \frac{x+3}{x(x+2)} \end{aligned}$$

7.  $\frac{x^3 - x}{2x^2 + 12x} \cdot \frac{x-3}{x^2 - 4x + 3}$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{x(x-1)(x+1)}{2x(x+6)} \cdot \frac{x-3}{(x-3)(x+1)} \\ & \frac{x+1}{2(x+6)} \end{aligned}$$

Part 3: Divide the rational expression

8.  $\frac{4x^3}{9x^2y} \div \frac{16}{9y^5}$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{4x^3}{9x^2y} \cdot \frac{9y^5}{16} = \frac{xy^4}{4} \\ & x \neq 0, y \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

9.  $\frac{8m^2}{4m+16} \div \frac{2m^2 + 6m}{m+3}$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{8m^2}{4(m+4)} \cdot \frac{m+3}{2m(m+3)} \\ & \frac{m}{m+4} \end{aligned}$$

10.  $\frac{x^2 - 4}{x^2 - x - 6} \div \frac{2x - 4}{9 - 3x}$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(x-2)(x+2)}{(x-3)(x+4)} \cdot \frac{-3(x-3)}{2(x-2)} \\ & \frac{-3}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Part 4: Add the rational expression. Identify any values that are undefined.

11.  $\frac{x-3}{x+4} + \frac{x-2}{x+4}$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{2x-5}{x+4} \\ & x \neq -4 \end{aligned}$$

12.  $\frac{(x+2)^2}{x-2} + \frac{2x}{x^2 - 4}$

$$\text{LCD: } (x-2)(x+2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{4x+8 + 2x}{(x-2)(x+2)} \\ & \frac{6x+8}{(x-2)(x+2)} \end{aligned}$$

$x \neq 2, -2$

13.  $\frac{x+4}{x^2 - x - 12} + \frac{2x}{x-4}$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{x+4}{(x-4)(x+3)} + \frac{2x}{x-4} \\ & x \neq 4, -3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{x+4 + 2x^2 + 6x}{(x-4)(x+3)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & = \frac{2x^2 + 7x + 4}{(x-4)(x+3)} \\ & = \frac{2x^2 + 7x + 4}{(x-4)(x+3)} \end{aligned}$$

Part 5: Subtract the rational expression. Identify any values that are undefined.

14.  $\frac{x^2 - 4}{x-4} + \frac{5x+10}{x-4}$

$$\frac{x^2 - 5x - 14}{x-4} \text{ or } \frac{(x-7)(x+2)}{x-4}$$

$$x \neq 4$$

15.  $\frac{x^2 - 4}{x+4} - \frac{3x+4}{x-1}$

$$\text{LCD: } (x+4)(x-1)$$

$$\frac{4x-4 - 3x-12}{(x+4)(x-1)}$$

$$\frac{x-16}{(x+4)(x-1)} \quad x \neq -4, 1$$

16.  $\frac{x+6}{x^2 - 7x - 18} - \frac{2x}{x-9}$

$$(x-9)(x+2)$$

$$\frac{x+6 - 2x^2 - 4x}{(x-9)(x+2)}$$

$$= -\frac{2x^2 - 3x + 6}{(x-9)(x+2)} \quad x \neq 9, -2$$

Part 6: Complex Fractions

17.  $\frac{\frac{20}{x-1}}{\frac{6}{3x-3}}$

$$\frac{10}{x-1} \cdot \frac{3(x-1)}{3x-3}$$

$$\frac{10}{x-1}$$

$$\boxed{10}$$

18.  $\frac{\frac{x+3}{6}}{1+\frac{x}{3}}$

$$\frac{3+x}{3}$$

$$\frac{x+3}{6} \cdot \frac{3}{3+x} = \boxed{\frac{1}{2}}$$

19.  $\frac{\frac{x}{2}-4}{9+\frac{2}{x}} \rightarrow \frac{x-8}{2}$

$$\frac{x-8}{2} \cdot \frac{x}{9x+2}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{x(x-8)}{2(9x+2)}}$$

Part 7: Solving. Look for extraneous solutions.

20.  $\frac{2 \cdot 4}{x} + 3 = \frac{x+4}{2} \quad \text{LCD: } 2x$

$$8+6x = x^2+4x$$

$$x^2 - 2x - 8 = 0$$

$$(x-4)(x+2) = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} x=4 \\ x=-2 \end{cases}$$

$$x \neq 0$$

22.  $\frac{\frac{x}{x+1}}{\frac{x-1}{x+1}} = \frac{2x+10}{x+11} \quad \text{LCD: } (x-1)(x+11)$

$$x^2 + 11x = 2x^2 + 8x - 10$$

$$-x^2 - 11x$$

$$x \neq 1, -1$$

$$x^2 - 3x - 10 = 0$$

$$(x-5)(x+2) = 0$$

$$\boxed{x=5, x=-2}$$

21.  $\frac{\frac{x+1}{2}}{x-6} = \frac{-5(x-6)}{x+1} \quad \text{LCD: } (x-6)(x+1)$

$$2x+2 = -5x+30$$

$$7x = 28$$

$$\boxed{x=4}$$

$$x \neq 6, -1$$

23.  $\frac{\frac{5x}{x-2}}{\frac{7}{x-2} + \frac{10}{x-2}} \quad \text{LCD: } x-2$

$$5x = 7x - 14 + 10$$

$$5x = 7x - 4$$

$$-2x = -4$$

$$x=2$$

$$x \neq 2$$

No Solution