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Instructions. Only calculators are allowed on this examination. Each problem is worth 10 points. Always use the appropriate wording and units of measure in your answers (when applicable).
SHOW YOUR WORK NEATLY, PLEASE (no work, no credit).

1. Perform the indicated operation on the rational expressions and reduce your answer to lowest terms.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{PRODUCT} = 2 \quad \text{Sum} = 4 \\
 & \text{PRODUCT} = 3 \quad \text{Sum} = 4 \\
 & \text{Non-factorable} \\
 & \frac{75(3x+1)(x+2)}{64(x^2+4x+2)} \cdot \frac{36(2x-4)(x+1)}{25(3x^2+4x+1)} \\
 & = \frac{3 \cdot 25 \cdot 4 \cdot 9}{8 \cdot 16 \cdot 4 \cdot 25} \frac{(3x+1)(x+2)}{(x^2+4x+2)} \frac{2(x-2)(x+1)}{(3x+1)(x+1)} \\
 & = \frac{27(x+2)(x-2)}{8(x^2+4x+2)}
 \end{aligned}$$

2. Perform the indicated operation on the rational expressions and reduce your answer to lowest terms.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Non-factorable by rationality} \\
 & \frac{z^2-4z-5}{z^2-5} \div \frac{z^2+2z+1}{z^2-2z+1} \rightarrow (z+1)^2 \\
 & \frac{(z-5)(z+1)}{z^2-5} \cdot \frac{(z-1)^2}{(z+1)^2} = \frac{(z-5)(z-1)^2}{(z^2-5)(z+1)} \rightarrow (z-1)^2
 \end{aligned}$$

3. Perform the indicated operation on the two rational expressions and reduce your answer to lowest terms.

$$\frac{3x^2}{x^2-5x+6} - \frac{6}{x+3} = \frac{3x^2}{(x-2)(x-3)} - \frac{6}{x+3}$$

$$\text{LCD} = (x-2)(x-3)(x+3)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{3x^2(x+3) - 6(x^2-5x+6)}{(x-2)(x-3)(x+3)} = \frac{3x^3 + 9x^2 - 6x^2 + 30x - 36}{(x-2)(x-3)(x+3)} \\
 & = \frac{3x^3 + 3x^2 + 30x - 36}{(x-2)(x-3)(x+3)} = \frac{3(x^3 + x^2 + 10x - 12)}{(x-2)(x-3)(x+3)} \quad \text{NOT-FACORABLE}
 \end{aligned}$$

4. Solve the following equation and simplify your answer. You must list and consider any restriction(s) on the variable, but you do not need to check the solutions. If the equation has no solution, write "No Solution." If a restriction is not needed, write "No Restriction."

$$\frac{2x}{(x+3)(x+1)} + \frac{x}{x+3} = \frac{2}{x+1}$$

RESTRICTED VALUES: $x+3=0 \rightarrow x=-3$; $x+1=0 \rightarrow x=-1$; $\boxed{x \neq -3, -1}$
 $LCD = (x+3)(x+1)$

MULTIPLYING BY LCD: $2x + x(x+1) = 2(x+3) \rightarrow$

$$\rightarrow 2x + x^2 + x = +2x + 6 \quad | -2x \quad \rightarrow x^2 + x - 6 = 0$$

PRODUCT = -6, SUM = 1

$$\rightarrow (x+3)(x-2) = 0 \quad \left\langle \begin{array}{l} x+3=0 \rightarrow x=-3 \rightarrow \text{RESTRICTED} \\ x-2=0 \rightarrow x=2 \end{array} \right.$$

SOLUTION: $x = 2$

5. The volume of a spherical ball varies directly as the cube of its radius. If the volume of the ball is 7238.23 cubic inches when the radius is 12 inches, what will be its volume if the radius decreases to 9 inches? (Round off your answer to the nearest hundredth.)

$$V = kR^3 \quad \rightarrow 7238.23 = k \cdot 12^3 \rightarrow$$

PLUG DATA: $V = 7238.23, R = 12$

$$\rightarrow V = \frac{7238.23}{12^3} \approx 4.1888 \rightarrow V = 4.1888(9)^3 \approx 3053.63$$

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PLUG $R = 9$ CUBIC INCHES

6. Maria and Clair, working together, can count 1500 \$1 bills in 12 minutes. Working alone, Maria counts the same amount of bills in 10 minutes more than Clair does. How long does it take Clair to count 1500 \$1 bills alone?

| | TIME = T | WORK RATE / T |
|-------|----------|------------------|
| MARIA | X + 10 | $\frac{1}{X+10}$ |
| CLAIR | X | $\frac{1}{X}$ |
| TEAM | 12 | $\frac{1}{12}$ |

$$\frac{1}{X+10} + \frac{1}{X} = \frac{1}{12}$$

RESTRICTED VALUES: $X = -10, 0$
DON'T APPLY TO CONTEXT.

$$LCD = 12X(X+10)$$

MULTIPLY BY LCD:

$$12X + 12(X+10) = X(X+10)$$

$$12X + 12X + 120 = X^2 + 10X$$

$$-24X - 120 = -24X - 120$$

$$X^2 - 14X - 120 = 0$$

$$(X-20)(X+6) = 0$$

$X = -6$ OUT OF CONTEXT.

$$X = 20.$$

IT WILL TAKE CLAIR 20 MINUTES
TO COUNT 1500 \$1 BILLS.

7. Simplify the expression by combining the radical terms using the indicated operation(s).

$\sqrt[3]{}$ CUBIC ROOT.

$$y^2 \sqrt[3]{250x^7y} + 2x \sqrt[3]{128x^4y^7} - x^2y \sqrt[3]{686xy^4} \quad 5$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= y^2 \sqrt[3]{5^3 \cdot 2} \sqrt[3]{x^6 x} \sqrt[3]{y} + 2x \sqrt[3]{4^3 \cdot 2} \sqrt[3]{x^3 x} \sqrt[3]{y^6 y} - x^2y \sqrt[3]{7^3 \cdot 2} \sqrt[3]{x} \sqrt[3]{y^3 y} \\ &= y^2 \cdot 5 \sqrt[3]{2} \cdot x^2 \sqrt[3]{x} \sqrt[3]{y} + 2x \cdot 4 \sqrt[3]{2} \cdot x \cdot \sqrt[3]{x} \cdot y^2 \sqrt[3]{y} - x^2y \cdot 7 \sqrt[3]{2} \cdot \sqrt[3]{x} \cdot y \sqrt[3]{y} \\ &= 5x^2y^2 \sqrt[3]{2xy} + 8x^2y^2 \sqrt[3]{2xy} - 7x^2y^2 \sqrt[3]{2xy} \\ &= 6x^2y^2 \sqrt[3]{2xy} \end{aligned}$$

8. Simplify the following radical number.

$$\frac{75 - 3\sqrt{125}}{60}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{3(25 - \sqrt{5^2 \cdot 5^1})}{60} = \frac{25 - 5\sqrt{5}}{20} = \frac{5(5 - \sqrt{5})}{20} \\ &= \frac{5 - \sqrt{5}}{4} \end{aligned}$$

9. Find the distance between the points $(-1, 6)$ and $(2, 5)$. (Use a simplified radical number.)

$$d((x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2)) = \sqrt{(x_1 - x_2)^2 + (y_1 - y_2)^2}$$
$$= \sqrt{(-1 - 2)^2 + (6 - 5)^2} = \sqrt{(-3)^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{10}$$

10. Using the square-root property, solve the quadratic equation

$$3(x - 4)^2 = 39$$

$$(x - 4)^2 = \frac{39}{3} \rightarrow \sqrt{(x - 4)^2} = \pm \sqrt{13} \rightarrow$$

$$\rightarrow x - 4 = \pm \sqrt{13} \rightarrow x = 4 \pm \sqrt{13}$$

$$x = 4 - \sqrt{13}, \quad x = 4 + \sqrt{13}$$