

# SOLVING FRACTIONAL EQUATIONS

Answer all of these questions. Remember to show your working out in all questions.

## MAIN QUESTIONS

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| 1. $x/2 = 3$  | 2. $2x/3 = 4$                             |
| 3. $5/x = 1$  | 4. $3/(x + 1) = 1$                        |
| 5. $(2x - 1)/3 = 5$                                   | 6. $4/(x - 2) = 2$                        |
| 7. $(3x + 4)/2 = 8$                                   | 8. $5/(2x) = 1/4$                         |
| 9. $(x + 3)/4 = (x - 1)/2$                            | 10. $2/(x + 1) = 3/(x + 2)$               |
| 11. $(5x - 2)/3 = (2x + 1)/4$                         | 12. $3/(2x - 1) = 4/(3x + 2)$             |
| 13. $(x + 2)/5 + (x - 1)/3 = 2$                       | 14. $2/x + 3/(x + 1) = 5$                 |
| 15. $1/(x - 1) + 2/(x + 1) = 3/x$                     | 16. $(3x - 1)/(x + 2) = (2x + 1)/(x - 1)$ |
| 17. $4/(x - 3) - 2/(x + 3) = 1$                       | 18. $5/(2x - 1) - 3/(x + 2) = 0$          |
| 19. $(x + 1)/(x - 2) - (x - 1)/(x + 2) = 8/(x^2 - 4)$ | 20. $2/(x^2 - 1) + 3/(x + 1) = 4/(x - 1)$ |

## MASTER QUESTIONS

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- M1.** A fraction becomes  $\frac{1}{2}$  when 1 is subtracted from the numerator and 2 is added to the denominator. It becomes  $\frac{1}{3}$  when 7 is subtracted from the numerator and 2 is subtracted from the denominator. Find the original fraction.
- M2.** The sum of a number and its reciprocal is  $\frac{10}{3}$ . Find the number.
- M3.** A car travels a certain distance at a speed of 60 km/h and returns at a speed of 40 km/h. The average speed for the whole journey is 48 km/h. Find the distance travelled one way.
- M4.** Two pipes can fill a tank in 6 hours and 8 hours respectively. A third pipe can empty the tank in 12 hours. How long will it take to fill the tank if all three pipes are opened together?
- M5.** A man spends one-third of his salary on rent, one-quarter on food, and one-fifth on other expenses. If he saves £2600, what is his total salary?