

Mat 1033c Liai  
Chapter 7  
Practice for the test  
Solutions

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**LINCADE**

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} \quad & \frac{-2x^3 + 7x^2 + 15x}{x^2 - 8x + 15} \\ &= \frac{-x(2x^2 - 7x - 15)}{x^2 - 8x + 15} \\ &= \frac{-x(2x+3)(x-5)}{(x-5)(x-3)} \\ &= \frac{-x(2x+3)}{(x-3)} \end{aligned}$$

which is NOT equivalent  
to  $\frac{-x(2x+3)}{x+3}$  **NO A**

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \frac{x-4}{4-x} = \frac{x-4}{-x+4} = \frac{x-4}{-1(x-4)} = -1$$

which is NOT equivalent  
to  $\frac{+1}{x-4}$  **NO A**

$$\textcircled{3} \quad f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 64}{x^2 - 2x - 48} = \frac{(x-8)(x+6)}{(x-8)(x+6)} \quad \text{B}$$

$x \neq 8, -6$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad f(x) = \frac{x-6}{2} \quad \text{D}$$

There are no restrictions since there is no variable in the denominator.

$$\textcircled{5} \quad f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 49}{x^2 + 2x - 15} = \frac{(x+5)(x-3)}{(x+5)(x-3)} \quad \text{D}$$

$x+5 \neq 0$   
 $x \neq -5$   
 $x-3 \neq 0$   
 $x \neq +3$

$$\textcircled{6} \quad g(a) = \frac{2a + 22}{a^2 - 9} = \frac{(a+3)(a-3)}{(a+3)(a-3)} \quad \text{C}$$

$a \neq -3, 3$   
Domain:  $\{a \mid a \neq -3, 3\}$

$$\textcircled{7} \quad h(x) = \frac{5}{x^2 + 12x + 35} = \frac{5}{(x+5)(x+7)} \quad \text{D}$$

Domain:  $\{x \mid x \neq -7, -5\}$

$$\textcircled{8} \quad \frac{6p-6}{p} \cdot \frac{5p^2}{8p-8}$$

$$\frac{6(p-1)}{p} \cdot \frac{5p^2}{8(p-1)}$$

$$\frac{3 \cdot 5 \cdot p}{4} = \frac{15p}{4} \quad \text{4}$$

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**C**

$$\textcircled{9} \frac{k^2 + 10k + 16}{k^2 + 13k + 40} \cdot \frac{k^2 + 5k}{k^2 - 2k - 8}$$

$$= \frac{(k+8)(k+2)}{(k+5)(k+8)} \cdot \frac{k(k+5)}{(k-4)(k+2)}$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{(k+8)}\cancel{(k+2)}}{\cancel{(k+5)}\cancel{(k+8)}} \cdot \frac{k\cancel{(k+5)}}{(k-4)\cancel{(k+2)}}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{k}{k-4}} \quad \textcircled{D}$$

$$\textcircled{10} \frac{7p-7}{p} \div \frac{8p-8}{2p^2}$$

$$\frac{7(p-1)}{p} \cdot \frac{2p^2}{8(p-1)}$$

$$\frac{\textcircled{7}\cancel{(p-1)}}{p} \cdot \frac{\textcircled{2}p^2}{\textcircled{8}\cancel{(p-1)}}$$

$$= \frac{7 \cdot 1 \cdot p^2}{4 \cdot p} = \boxed{\frac{7p}{4}} \quad \textcircled{D}$$

$$\textcircled{11} \frac{(2x-7)(x+2)}{(x+8)(x-3)} \div \frac{(x+2)(3x+7)}{(x+8)(x-3)}$$

$$= \frac{(2x-7)(x+2)}{(x+8)(x-3)} \cdot \frac{(x+8)(x-3)}{(x+2)(3x+7)}$$

$$= \frac{(2x-7)\cancel{(x+2)}}{\cancel{(x+8)}\cancel{(x-3)}} \cdot \frac{\cancel{(x+8)}\cancel{(x-3)}}{\cancel{(x+2)}(3x+7)}$$

$$\textcircled{B} = \boxed{\frac{2x-7}{3x+7}}$$

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$$\frac{5x^2 - 14xy - 3y^2}{y^2 + 4xy - 5x^2} \cdot \frac{y^2 + 3xy - 4x^2}{15x^2 + 8xy + y^2} \div \frac{4x^2 - 11xy - 3y^2}{15x^2 + 2xy - y^2}$$

$$= \frac{5x^2 - 14xy - 3y^2}{y^2 + 4xy - 5x^2} \cdot \frac{y^2 + 3xy - 4x^2}{15x^2 + 8xy + y^2} \cdot \frac{15x^2 + 2xy - y^2}{4x^2 - 11xy - 3y^2}$$

$$= \frac{(5x + y)(x - 3y)}{(y + 5x)(y - x)} \cdot \frac{(y + 4x)(y - x)}{(5x + y)(3x + y)} \cdot \frac{(5x - y)(3x + y)}{(4x + y)(x - 3y)}$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{(5x + y)}\cancel{(x - 3y)}}{\cancel{(y + 5x)}\cancel{(y - x)}} \cdot \frac{\cancel{(y + 4x)}\cancel{(y - x)}}{\cancel{(5x + y)}\cancel{(3x + y)}} \cdot \frac{\cancel{(5x - y)}\cancel{(3x + y)}}{\cancel{(4x + y)}\cancel{(x - 3y)}}$$

$$= \frac{5x - y}{y + 5x} = \boxed{\frac{5x - y}{5x + y}} \quad \text{(B)}$$

$$\text{(13)} \quad \frac{m^2 - 7m}{m - 2} + \frac{10}{m - 2}$$

\* With addition & subtraction, you must keep the lcd. Sometimes it will cancel out in the last step.

$$= \frac{m^2 - 7m + 10}{m - 2}$$

$$= \frac{(m - 5)(m - 2)}{(m - 2)} = \frac{\cancel{(m - 5)}\cancel{(m - 2)}}{\cancel{(m - 2)}} = \boxed{m - 5} \quad \text{(C)}$$

$$\text{(14)} \quad \frac{7}{4x^2} + \frac{3}{4x^2} = \frac{7 + 3}{4x^2} = \frac{10}{4x^2} = \boxed{\frac{5}{2x^2}} \quad \text{(A)}$$

15  $7a + 21 \mid a^2 + 3a$   
 $7(a + 3) \mid a(a + 3)$   
 lcd =  $\boxed{7a(a + 3)}$  (D)  
 =  $\boxed{7a^2 + 21a}$

16  $m^2 + 5m \mid m^2 + 2m - 15$   
 $m(m + 5) \mid (m + 5)(m - 3)$   
 lcd =  $\boxed{m(m + 5)(m - 3)}$  (C)

17  $7y + 42 \mid y^2 - 36 \mid y$   
 $7(y + 6) \mid (y + 6)(y - 6) \mid y$   
 lcd =  $7(y + 6)(y - 6) \cdot y$  (D)  
 =  $\boxed{7y(y + 6)(y - 6)}$

18  $\frac{x}{x^2 - 16} - \frac{4}{x^2 + 5x + 4}$   
 $\frac{x}{(x + 4)(x - 4)} - \frac{4}{(x + 4)(x + 1)}$   
 so  $\boxed{x \neq -4, 4 \text{ or } 1}$

often, I don't write this step.

=  $\frac{x}{(x + 4)(x - 4)} \cdot \frac{(x + 1)}{(x + 1)} - \frac{4}{(x + 4)(x + 1)} \cdot \frac{(x - 4)}{(x - 4)}$   
 =  $\frac{x(x + 1) - 4(x - 4)}{\text{lcd}}$   
 =  $\frac{x^2 + x - 4x + 16}{\text{lcd}}$  (A)  
 =  $\frac{x^2 - 3x + 16}{\text{lcd}} = \boxed{\frac{x^2 - 3x + 16}{(x + 4)(x - 4)(x + 1)}}$

$$\textcircled{19} \quad \frac{3}{10x} + \frac{9}{14x^2}$$

$$10 = 2 \cdot 5 \\ 14 = 2 \cdot 7$$

$$\text{lcd} = 2 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot x^2 \\ = 70x^2$$

$$= \frac{3(7x) + 9(5)}{\text{lcd}} = \boxed{\frac{21x + 45}{70x^2}} \quad \textcircled{D}$$

$$\textcircled{20} \quad \frac{1}{6x^5y^2} - \frac{11}{2xy} = \frac{1(1) - 11(3x^4y)}{\text{lcd}}$$

$$\text{lcd} = 6x^5y^2 = \boxed{\frac{1 - 33x^4y}{6x^5y^2}} \quad \textcircled{C}$$

$$\textcircled{21} \quad \frac{2ab}{a^2 - b^2} - \frac{b}{a - b} + \frac{4}{1} \quad \text{lcd} = (a + b)(a - b)$$

$$= \frac{2ab - b(a + b) + 4(a + b)(a - b)}{\text{lcd}} \quad \textcircled{C}$$

$$= \frac{2ab - ab - b^2 + 4(a^2 - b^2)}{\text{lcd}} = \frac{2ab - ab - b^2 + 4a^2 - 4b^2}{\text{lcd}}$$

$$= \frac{4a^2 + ab - 5b^2}{(a + b)(a - b)} = \frac{(4a + 5b)(\cancel{a - b})}{(a + b)(\cancel{a - b})} = \boxed{\frac{4a + 5b}{a + b}}$$

$$\textcircled{22} \quad \frac{1}{x - 3} - \frac{5}{3 - x} = \frac{1}{x - 3} + \frac{5}{x - 3} = \boxed{\frac{6}{x - 3}}$$

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

then move the negative sign

$\textcircled{A}$

(23)  $\left( \frac{7.1x}{50-x} + \frac{7.6x}{59-x} \right) \frac{1}{2}$

lcd = (50-x)(59-x)

=  $\frac{7.1x(59-x) + 7.6x(50-x)}{2(50-x)(59-x)}$

=  $\frac{418.9x - 7.1x^2 + 380x - 7.6x^2}{2(50-x)(59-x)}$

(c)

=  $\frac{-14.7x^2 + 798.9x}{2(50-x)(59-x)} = \frac{-7.35x^2 + 399.45x}{(50-x)(59-x)}$

divide -14.7 & 798.9 by 2

(24)  $\frac{5}{r} + \frac{8}{r-5} = \frac{5(r-5) + 8(r)}{\text{lcd}} = \frac{5r-25+8r}{\text{lcd}}$

lcd = r(r-5)

(B)

=  $\frac{13r-25}{r(r-5)}$

(25)  $\frac{\frac{y}{8}}{\frac{9}{y-3}} = \frac{y}{8} \cdot \frac{y-3}{9} = \frac{y(y-3)}{72}$

(c)

(27)  $\frac{9s^2 - 25t^2}{st} = \frac{9s^2 - 25t^2}{3(s) - 5(t)} = \frac{9s^2 - 25t^2}{3s - 5t}$

lcd st multiply by it

$\frac{3}{t} - \frac{5}{s}$

=  $\frac{(3s+5t)(3s-5t)}{(3s-5t)}$

(A)

(26) on next page

=  $3s + 5t$

(26)  $\frac{4}{1} + \frac{2}{x} = \frac{x}{3} + \frac{1}{6}$

lcm  $6x$

$$\frac{4(6x) + 2(6)}{x(2x) + 1(x)} = \frac{24x + 12}{2x^2 + x}$$

$$= \frac{12(2x + 1)}{x(2x + 1)} = \frac{12}{x} \quad (D)$$

(28)  $\frac{x^{-2}}{x^{-2} - y^{-2}} = \frac{\frac{1}{x^2}}{\frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{y^2}} = \frac{y^2}{y^2 - x^2} = \frac{y^2}{(y+x)(y-x)}$

lcm  $x^2 y^2$

(B)

(29)  $\frac{20}{x+12} - \frac{5}{x+10} = 0$

lcm  $(x+12)(x+10)$   
 $x \neq -12, -10$

$$20(x+10) - 5(x+12) = 0(x+10)(x+12)$$

$$20x + 20 - 5x - 60 = 0$$

$$15x - 40 = 0$$

$$15x = 40$$

$$x = \frac{40}{15} = \frac{8}{3}$$

answer to the question!

(D)

(30)  $\frac{13}{5x} + \frac{11}{13x} = \frac{x}{4}$

lcm  $= 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 13 \cdot x = 103,857x$  so  $x \neq 0$

(B)

(31)  $1 + \frac{1}{x} = \frac{90}{x^2} \Rightarrow x^2 + x = 90$

lcm  $= x^2$

$$x^2 + x - 90 = 0$$

$$(x+10)(x-9) = 0$$

$x = -10$     $x = 9$

(C)

$$(32) \frac{7}{x-4} = 1 + \frac{9}{x+4}$$

$$\text{lcd} = (x+4)(x-4)$$

$$x \neq -4, 4$$

$$7(x+4) = 1(x+4)(x-4) + 9(x-4)$$

$$7x + 28 = x^2 - 16 + 9x - 36$$

$$7x + 28 = x^2 + 9x - 52$$

$$0 = x^2 + 2x - 80$$

$$0 = (x+10)(x-8)$$

$$x = -10 \quad x = 8$$

(D)

$$(34) \frac{4x-5}{2x+1} = \frac{2x-1}{x+2}$$

$$\text{lcd} = (2x+1)(x+2)$$

$$2x+1 \neq 0 \quad x+2 \neq 0$$

$$2x \neq -1 \quad x \neq -2$$

$$x \neq -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$(4x-5)(x+2) = (2x+1)(2x-1)$$

$$4x^2 + 8x - 5x - 10 = 4x^2 - 1$$

$$3x - 10 = -1$$

$$3x = 9$$

$$x = 3$$

(A)

$$(33) \frac{2}{x-2} + \frac{10}{x} = \frac{-20}{x^2-2x}$$

$$\text{lcd} = x(x-2)$$

$$x \neq 0, 2$$

$$2(x) + 10(x-2) = -20$$

$$2x + 10x - 20 = -20$$

$$12x = 0$$

$$x \neq 0$$

so

no soln

(A)

$$(35) \frac{1}{w+6} + \frac{1}{3w-8} = \frac{-26}{3w^2+10w-48}$$

$$(w+6)(3w-8)$$

$$\text{lcd} (w+6)(3w-8)$$

$$w \neq -6, \frac{8}{3}$$

$$1(3w-8) + 1(w+6) = -26$$

$$3w - 8 + w + 6 = -26$$

$$4w - 2 = -26$$

$$4w = -24$$

$$w \neq -6$$

no soln

(B)



36  $\frac{1}{a} = \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}$  Find c

lcd abc

$abc \cdot \frac{1}{a} = \frac{1}{b} \cdot abc + \frac{1}{c} \cdot abc$

$bc = ac + ab$

$bc - ac = ab$

$c(b-a) = ab$

$\frac{c(b-a)}{(b-a)} = \frac{ab}{(b-a)} = c$

now a=13  
b=14

A

$\frac{(13)(14)}{(14-13)} = c$

$\frac{182}{1} = 182 = c$

37  $\frac{PV}{T} = \frac{pv}{t}$  find p  
lcd TE

$PVt = pvT$

so  $p = \frac{PVt}{vT} = \frac{(30)(9)(330)}{(6)(250)} =$

$\frac{PVt}{vT} = \frac{pvT}{vT}$

$p = 59.4$

B

$\frac{PVt}{vT} = p$

39  $p = \frac{A}{1+rt}$  for r

38  $\frac{PV}{T} = \frac{pv}{t}$  for p

$PVt = pvT$

A

$P(1+rt) = A$

$P + Prt = A$

B

$Prt = A - P$

$\frac{PVt}{vT} = \frac{pvT}{vT} = p$

$\frac{Prt}{Pt} = \frac{A-P}{Pt} = r$

40)  $\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} = \frac{1}{c}$  for c

lcd  
abc

$\frac{1}{a} \cdot abc + \frac{1}{b} \cdot abc = \frac{1}{c} \cdot abc$

$\frac{c(b+a)}{(b+a)(b+a)} = \frac{ab}{(b+a)}$

$bc + ac = ab$   
 $c(b+a) = ab$

$c = \frac{ab}{b+a}$

(C)

note: Do not cancel!

41) Basic proportion problem

(D)

$\frac{40}{4} = \frac{44}{x}$

$40x = 176$

$x = \frac{176}{40} = 4.4$   
hrs

42)  $\frac{8172 \text{ boxes}}{0.9 \text{ hrs}}$

(D)

$= 9080 \text{ boxes/hr}$

43)

maid 1	x
maid 2	3x
together	3

lcd 3x

$\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{3x} = \frac{1}{3}$

faster one  
maid 1 = 4 hrs  
maid 2 = 12 hrs

$3 + 1 = x$   
 $4 = x$

(B)

44)

new acct	2x
* other acct	x
together	12

lcd = 12x

$\frac{1}{2x} + \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{12}$

experienced acct

$6 + 12 = x$   
 $18 = x$

= 18 hrs

45)

Martha	5
Brother	6

lcd = 30x

$\frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{x}$

$x = \frac{30}{11}$  hrs  
together

$5x + 6x = 30$   
 $11x = 30$

(A) together x

46 Find value of x

key =  $\frac{\text{smaller}}{\text{larger}}$        $\frac{20}{2x-7} = \frac{40}{2x+4}$

D

$$20(2x+4) = 40(2x-7)$$

$$40x + 80 = 80x - 280$$

$$80 + 280 = 80x - 40x$$

$$360 = 40x$$

$$9 = x$$

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key =  $\frac{\text{smaller}}{\text{larger}}$

$$\frac{5}{2x+4} = \frac{7.5}{4x-5}$$

side

$$EF = 4x - 5$$

$$= 4(11) - 5$$

$$= 44 - 5$$

$$= 39$$

$$5(4x-5) = 7.5(2x+4)$$

$$20x - 25 = 15x + 30$$

$$20x - 15x = 30 + 25$$

$$5x = 55$$

$$x = 11$$

C

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$R \cdot T = D$       *same*      miles

Chuck     $x+6$      $\frac{164}{x+6}$     164

Dana       $x$          $\frac{140}{x}$         140

$$R \cdot T = D$$

$$\text{so } T = \frac{D}{R}$$

Dana's time = Chuck's time

$$140(x+6) = x(164)$$

$$140x + 840 = 164x$$

$$840 = 24x$$

$$35 = x = \text{Dana's Speed}$$

$$\frac{140}{x} = \frac{164}{x+6}$$

chuck's speed =  $x+6$   
 =  $35+6 = 41 \text{ mph}$