

## Intermediate Algebra Skill

### Performing Combined Operations on Rational Expressions

Simplify.

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

$$2) \frac{2}{x^2-5x+6} - \frac{4}{x^2-2x-3} + \frac{2}{x^2+4x+3}$$

$$3) \frac{x+4}{6x^2-20x} \cdot \left( \frac{x}{x^2-x-20} + \frac{2}{x+4} \right)$$

$$4) \frac{x^2-7x+12}{x^2-x-\frac{29}{3}} \cdot \left( \frac{3x+2}{x^2+5x-24} + \frac{7}{x^2+4x-32} \right)$$

$$5) \frac{8t^5}{2t^2-10t+12} \div \left( \frac{2t}{t^2-8t+15} - \frac{3t}{t^2-7t+10} \right)$$

$$6) \frac{9t^3}{3t^3-12t^2+9t} \div \left( \frac{t+4}{t^2-9} - \frac{3t-1}{t^2+2t-3} \right)$$

$$7) \left( 5 + \frac{1}{a} \right) \div \left( \frac{1}{a} - 2 \right)$$

$$8) \left( \frac{3}{x} + \frac{4}{y} \right) \div \left( \frac{4}{x} - \frac{3}{y} \right)$$

$$9) \left( \frac{x^2-y^2}{xy} \right) \div \left( (x-y) \cdot \frac{1}{y} \right)$$

$$10) \left( \frac{a^2-4}{a^2+3a+2} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{a^2-6a-7}{a^2-5a-6} \right)$$

$$11) \left( \frac{2}{y-3} + \frac{1}{y+1} \right) \div \left( \frac{3}{y+1} + \frac{4}{y-3} \right)$$

$$12) \left( \frac{4}{x^2-1} - \frac{3}{x+1} \right) \div \left( \frac{5}{x^2-1} - \frac{2}{x-1} \right)$$

$$13) \left( \frac{y^2}{y^2-9} - \frac{y}{y+3} \right) \cdot \frac{9-y^2}{3}$$

$$14) \left( \frac{a}{a+3} + \frac{4}{5a} \right) \cdot \frac{2a^2+6a}{a^2+6a+18}$$

$$15) \left( \frac{1}{x^2-3x+2} + \frac{1}{x^2-4} \right) \div \left( \frac{1}{x^2+4x+4} + \frac{1}{x^2-4} \right)$$

## Answers to Performing Combined Operations on Rational Expressions

$$1) \frac{-(3x^2 + 3x + 4)}{x^2 - 1}$$

$$2) \frac{-6x + 42}{(x+3)(x-2)(x+1)(x+3)}$$

$$3) \frac{1}{2x(x-5)}$$

$$4) \frac{3}{x+8}$$

$$5) -4t^4$$

$$6) \frac{-3t^2}{2t^2 - 13t + 7}$$

$$7) \frac{5a+1}{1-2a}$$

$$8) \frac{3y+4x}{4y-3x}$$

$$9) \frac{x+y}{x}$$

$$10) \frac{(a-2)(a-7)}{(a+1)(a-6)}$$

$$11) \frac{3y-1}{7y-5}$$

$$12) \frac{7-3x}{3-2x}$$

$$13) -y$$

$$14) \frac{2(5a^2 + 4a + 12)}{5(a^2 + 6a + 18)}$$

$$15) \frac{(2x+1)(x+2)}{2x(x-1)}$$