

Multiplying and Dividing Rational Expressions Exit Quiz

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2. $\frac{20x^2}{6w} \div \frac{5x^3}{14w^2}$

3. $\frac{3x^2 - 12}{14x - 28} \times \frac{7x}{11x + 22}$

4. $\frac{4x^2 - 1}{18xy} \div \frac{6x - 3}{16x^2 + 8x}$

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Solution:

$$\frac{18w^3}{28y^3} \times \frac{8y^2}{15w} = \frac{3\cancel{w}(6w^2)}{7y(4\cancel{y}^2)} \times \frac{2(4\cancel{y}^2)}{3\cancel{w}(5)} = \frac{12w^2}{35y}$$

2. $\frac{20x^2}{6w} \div \frac{5x^3}{14w^2}$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{20x^2}{6w} \div \frac{5x^3}{14w^2} &= \frac{20x^2}{6w} \times \frac{14w^2}{5x^3} \\ &= \frac{4(5)\cancel{x}^2}{3(2)\cancel{w}} \times \frac{7(2)w^2}{5\cancel{x}^3} = \frac{28w}{3x} \end{aligned}$$

3. $\frac{3x^2 - 12}{14x - 28} \times \frac{7x}{11x + 22}$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{3x^2 - 12}{14x - 28} \times \frac{7x}{11x + 22} \\ = \frac{3(x+2)(x-2)}{14(x-2)} \times \frac{7x}{11(x+2)} = \frac{3x}{22} \end{aligned}$$

4. $\frac{4x^2 - 1}{18xy} \div \frac{6x - 3}{16x^2 + 8x}$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{4x^2 - 1}{18xy} \div \frac{6x - 3}{16x^2 + 8x} \\ = \frac{4x^2 - 1}{18xy} \times \frac{16x^2 + 8x}{6x - 3} \\ = \frac{(2x-1)(2x+1)}{18xy} \times \frac{8x(2x+1)}{3(2x-1)} = \frac{4(2x+1)^2}{27y} \end{aligned}$$

5. $\frac{4a^2 - ab - 5b^2}{ax + by + ay + bx} \div (8a - 10b)$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{4a^2 - ab - 5b^2}{ax + by + ay + bx} \div (8a - 10b) \\ = \frac{4a^2 - ab - 5b^2}{ax + by + ay + bx} \times \frac{1}{(8a - 10b)} \\ = \frac{(4a-5b)(a+b)}{(a+b)(x+y)} \times \frac{1}{2(4a-5b)} \\ = \frac{1}{2(x+y)} \end{aligned}$$