

YOUR NAME: _____

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Read each problem **very carefully** before starting to solve it. Each problem is worth 10 points. It is necessary to show **all** your work. Correct answers without explanations are worth 0 points. GOOD LUCK!!

1. Perform the operations and write your answer in lowest terms:

(a) $\frac{2x^2 - 5x - 12}{4x + 6} \div \frac{x^2 - 16}{2} =$

(b) $\frac{x + 1}{x^2 + 3x} - \frac{1}{x - 3} + \frac{1}{x^2 - 9} =$

2. (a) Simplify the complex fraction

$$\frac{\frac{x-1}{x+2} - \frac{x-2}{x+3}}{\frac{x-3}{x+3} + \frac{x+1}{x+2}} =$$

- (b) Perform the division and then write your answer in the appropriate form: $(3x^3 - 5x^2 + 19x) \div (3x + 1)$.

3. Solve the equation

$$\frac{5}{x} - \frac{4}{x+2} = \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{5x}.$$

4. This morning, Abby ran 5 miles and then walked for 1 mile. She runs 6 mph faster than she walks. If her total time was 45 mins ($= 3/4$ hours), how fast did she run?

5. Perform the operations and simplify (leave no negative exponents):

(a) $\sqrt[3]{54a^7b^5} =$

(b) $(-8)^{-4/3} =$

(c) $\left(\frac{a^{-1/2}}{b^{-1/4}}\right)^{-4} =$

(d) $2\sqrt{45} - 3\sqrt{20} =$