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Algebra II

**Complex Fractions**

1. The expression  $\frac{1 - \frac{x}{x-y}}{\frac{1}{x-y}}$  is equivalent to

- (1)  $1-x$
- (2)  $x-y$
- (3)  $y$
- (4)  $-y$

$\frac{x-y}{x-y} \left( 1 - \frac{x}{x-y} \right) \cdot \frac{x-y}{x-y}$

F:  $x-y$   
LCD:  $x-y$

$\frac{x-y-x}{1} = -y$

2. Which expression is equivalent to the complex fraction  $\frac{\frac{1-a}{a} - a}{\frac{1}{a} + a}$ ?

- (1)  $+1$
- (2)  $-1$
- (3)  $1-a$
- (4)  $-(1-a)$

$\frac{\frac{1-a}{a} - a}{\frac{1}{a} + a}$

F:  $a$   
LCD:  $a$

$\frac{1-a^2}{1+a} \cdot \frac{(1+a)(1-a)}{(1+a)(1-a)} = 1-a$

3. The expression  $\frac{\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{x}}{\frac{3}{x} - 1}$  is equivalent to

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

$\frac{3x \left( \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{x} \right)}{3x \left( \frac{3}{x} - 1 \right)}$

F:  $3$   
F:  $x$   
LCD:  $3x$

$\frac{x-3}{9-3x} = \frac{x-3}{3(3-x)} = -\frac{1}{3}$

4. The expression  $\frac{\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3x}}{\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{3}}$  is equivalent to

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

$\frac{3x \left( \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3x} \right)}{3x \left( \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{3} \right)}$

F:  $3$   
F:  $x$   
LCD:  $3x$

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

5. Written in simplest form, the expression  $\frac{\frac{x}{4} - \frac{1}{x}}{\frac{1}{2x} + \frac{1}{4}}$  is equivalent to

(1)  $x-1$

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

(2)  $x-2$

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

$\frac{\frac{x}{4} - \frac{1}{x}}{\frac{1}{2x} + \frac{1}{4}}$

FI: 4  
FD: X  
LCD: 4x

$\frac{x^2-4}{2+x}$

$\frac{(x+2)(x-2)}{2+x} = x-2$

6. Simplify:  $\frac{\frac{x}{3} - \frac{3}{x}}{\frac{x-3}{x}}$

FI: 3  
FD: X  
LCD: 3x

$\frac{x^2-9}{3(x-3)}$

$\frac{(x+3)(x-3)}{3(x-3)} = \frac{x+3}{3}$

7. Express in simplest form:  $\frac{\frac{x}{x} - \frac{4}{x}}{\frac{2+x}{x}}$

FI: X  
FD: X  
LCD: X

$\frac{x^2-4}{2+x}$

$\frac{(x+2)(x-2)}{2+x} = x-2$

8. Express in simplest form:  $\frac{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{4}{d}}{\frac{1}{d} + \frac{3}{2d}}$

FI: 2  
FD: d  
LCD: 2d

$\frac{d-8}{2+3}$

$\frac{d-8}{5}$