Solving Rational Equations ... Set 1

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Solve each equation. Remember to check for extraneous solutions.

$$1) \frac{a+1}{5a} - \frac{1}{a} = 1$$

$$2) \frac{6v-6}{v^2} + \frac{2}{v^2} = \frac{1}{v^2}$$

$$3) \frac{1}{n^2} + \frac{4}{n} = \frac{3}{n^2}$$

$$4) \frac{4}{x} + \frac{1}{x^2} = \frac{1}{5x^2}$$

$$5) \frac{1}{k^2} = \frac{1}{3k^2} + \frac{k+5}{3k^2}$$

$$6) \frac{x-5}{x^2} + \frac{1}{x} = \frac{6}{x}$$

$$7) \frac{6}{k} - \frac{1}{k^2+6k} = \frac{1}{k}$$

$$8) \frac{4}{n+1} + \frac{1}{n^2-5n-6} = \frac{1}{n-6}$$

$$9) \frac{1}{x+5} - \frac{1}{x^2+5x} = \frac{4}{x^2+5x}$$

$$10) \frac{5}{p+6} - \frac{1}{p^2+6p} = \frac{2}{p^2+6p}$$

$$11) \frac{1}{2v} = \frac{5v+15}{v^2-6v} - \frac{v+6}{2v^2-12v}$$

$$12) \frac{5}{x+1} = \frac{6}{x^2-2x-3} + \frac{1}{x-3}$$

$$13) \frac{n^2+7n+6}{n^2} = \frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{6n^2}$$

$$14) \frac{k+1}{k} = 1 - \frac{k^2-3k-4}{4k}$$

$$15) 1 = \frac{2}{r^2} - \frac{1}{r}$$

$$16) \frac{2n^2-8n-10}{5n} - 1 = \frac{n+6}{5n}$$

$$17) \frac{x^2-3x-4}{x^3-x^2} - \frac{1}{x^2} = \frac{x-2}{x^2}$$

$$18) 1 = \frac{n-2}{n-1} + \frac{3}{n^2+3n-4}$$

$$19) \frac{v-6}{2v^2+2v-4} + \frac{v}{2v-2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$20) \frac{x-3}{2x+10} + 2x - 12 = \frac{x^2+3x-18}{2x+10}$$

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Answers

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- $1) \ \{-1\}$ 2) $\left\{\frac{5}{6}\right\}$ 3) $\left\{\frac{1}{2}\right\}$ 4) $\left\{-\frac{1}{5}\right\}$ 8) {8} 5) {-3} 7) $\left\{-\frac{29}{5}\right\}$ $6) \left\{-\frac{5}{4}\right\}$ 9) {5} 10) $\left\{\frac{3}{5}\right\}$ 11) $\left\{-\frac{15}{4}\right\}$ 12) $\left\{\frac{11}{2}\right\}$ 13) $\left\{-1, -\frac{37}{5}\right\}$ 14) {3} 15) {-2, 1} 16) {-1, 8}
- 17) {-5} 18) {-1} 19) {2} 20) {7}