

**04-02 Sample Quiz - Solving Radical Equations & Inequalities****Multiple Choice**

Identify the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Solve the equation for  $x$ .

$$\sqrt{3x+2} = 3\sqrt{2x-2}$$

a.  $x = \frac{4}{15}$

c.  $x = \frac{8}{15}$

b.  $x = \frac{4}{3}$

d.  $x = \frac{8}{3}$

- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Solve the equation for  $x$ .

$$\sqrt{x-4} - 3 = -5$$

a.  $x = 0$

c.  $x = 8$

b.  $x = 2$

d. No Solution

- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Completely solve the following equation for  $x$ .

$$x+3 = \sqrt{12x+1}$$

a.  $x = -4$

c.  $x = -2$  or  $x = -4$

b.  $x = 2$

d.  $x = 4$  or  $x = 2$

- \_\_\_\_ 4. Evan is attempting to solve the following radical equation:

$$\sqrt{3x-1} = 4$$

Here is Evan's work:

Step #1:  $(\sqrt{3x-1})^2 = (4)^2$

Step #2: 
$$\frac{3x - 1}{+1} = \frac{8}{+1}$$

Step #3: 
$$\frac{3x}{3} = \frac{9}{3}$$

Step #4:  $x = 3$  

Is his work correct or did he make an error.

- Evan's work is correct.
  - Evan forgot to put a  $\pm$  symbol on Step #2.
  - Evan didn't square 4 correctly on Step #2.
  - Evan should have subtracted 3 from both sides on Step #3.
- \_\_\_\_ 5. Solve the radical inequality.

$$\sqrt{x-2} + 5 \leq 9$$

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| a. $2 \leq x \leq 18$ | c. $x \geq 6$  |
| b. $0 \leq x \leq 6$  | d. No Solution |

6. Below are the steps Hope uses to solve a radical equation. Does Hope do the problem correctly or in which step did she make an error?

**Equation:**  $x + 3 = \sqrt{2x + 21}$

**Step #1:**  $(x + 3)^2 = (\sqrt{2x + 21})^2$

**Step #2:**  $x^2 + 6x + 9 = 2x + 21$

**Step #3:**  $x^2 + 6x + 9 = 2x + 21$   
 $\quad \quad \quad -2x \quad -21 \quad -2x \quad -21$   
 $\hline x^2 + 4x - 12 = 0$

**Step #4:**  $(x + 6)(x - 2) = 0$

**Step #5:**  $x + 6 = 0$  or  $x - 2 = 0$   
 $\quad \quad \quad -6 \quad -6 \quad \quad \quad +2 \quad +2$   
 $\hline x = -6$  or  $x = 2$

- a. In **Step 1**, Hope should have taken the square root of both sides  
 b. In **Step 4**, Hope didn't factor correctly.  
 c. Hope didn't verify her answers in **Step #5**. One solution is extraneous.  
 d. Hope did the problem correctly. The answer is  $x = -6$  or  $x = 2$ .
7. Which graph below represents all of the possible values for  $x$  that make the following statement true?

$$\sqrt{x-4} < 3$$

