







Complex Fractions

A complex fraction is a fraction whose numerator and/or denominator is/are also fractions or combinations of fractions.

A complex fraction may be simplified by reducing the entire numerator and/or entire denominator into single fractions and applying the rule on division of fractions.

Example:
$$\frac{\frac{2}{5} + \frac{1}{3}}{\frac{4}{7} - \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{\frac{6}{15} + \frac{5}{15}}{\frac{8}{14} - \frac{7}{14}} = \frac{\frac{11}{15}}{\frac{1}{14}} = \frac{11}{15} \bullet \frac{14}{1} = \frac{154}{15}$$

Recall the PEMDAS (Parenthesis, Exponent, Multiplication, Division, Addition, Subtraction) Rule in the order of operations.

Do you have your answers to the assignment?

TIME TO FIND OUT

1.
$$\frac{3}{4} - (3\frac{1}{2} + \frac{11}{8}) + 6\frac{5}{9}$$

Solution: $\frac{3}{4} - (3\frac{1}{2} + \frac{11}{8}) + 6\frac{5}{9} = \frac{3}{4} - (\frac{7}{2} + \frac{11}{8}) + \frac{59}{9}$
 $= \frac{3}{4} - \frac{7}{2} - \frac{11}{8} + \frac{59}{9} = \frac{54 - 252 - 99 + 472}{72} = \frac{175}{72}$

Note that $4 = 2^2$, $8 = 2^3$, and $9 = 3^3$. Thus, LCD = $2^3 \cdot 3^2 = 72$.

2.
$$6\frac{1}{4} \div (\frac{2}{5} - 8\frac{6}{10})$$

Solution:
$$6\frac{1}{4} \div (\frac{2}{5} - 8\frac{6}{10}) = \frac{25}{4} \div (\frac{2}{5} - \frac{43}{5}) = \frac{25}{4} \div (-\frac{41}{5}) = \frac{25}{4} \cdot (-\frac{5}{41}) = -\frac{125}{164}$$

Note that $8 = 2^3$, $225 = 3^2 \cdot 5^2$, and $36 = 2^2 \cdot 3^2$. Thus, LCD = $2^3 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^2 = 1800$.

3.
$$\frac{\frac{1}{5} - 7\frac{9}{8} + 10}{3\frac{4}{5} - 2\frac{3}{7}}$$

Solution: entire numerator = $\frac{1}{5}$ - $(8 + \frac{1}{8})$ + $10 = 2 + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{8} = \frac{83}{40}$

entire denominator = $3 + \frac{4}{5} = (2 + \frac{3}{7}) = 1 + \frac{4}{5} - \frac{3}{7} = 1 + \frac{13}{35} = \frac{48}{35}$

Therefore, $\frac{\frac{1}{5} - 7\frac{9}{8} + 10}{3\frac{4}{5} - 2\frac{3}{7}} = \frac{83}{40} \div \frac{48}{35} = \frac{83}{40} \bullet \frac{35}{48} = \frac{581}{384} \text{ or } 1\frac{197}{384}$

1. Find the value of x that satisfies the equation 156 + $\frac{3}{x+5}$ = 30.

Solution: Multiplying both sides of the equation 156 + $\frac{3}{x+5}$ = 30 by (x + 5), we get 156(x + 5) + 3 = 30(x + 5).

$$\Rightarrow$$
 156x + 780 + 3 = 30x + 150

$$\Rightarrow$$
 156x - 30x = 150 - 780 - 3

$$\Rightarrow 126x = -633$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
 x = $-\frac{633}{126}$ or $-\frac{211}{42}$

Let's relate it to real-life situations...

SOLVE THE FOLLOWING PROBLEMS

1.

A small pack of gulaman powder requires 1 3/4 cups of water for cooking. How many cups of water are needed to cook 7 1/2 packs of gulaman?

2.

A complete set of a grade school uniform requires 1 3/4 meters of white cloth for the blouse and 2 1/3 meters of blue cloth for the pants. How much clothing material of each color is required for 35 sets of uniform?

3.

If a class of 120 students took the Business Math exam and 3/5 passed the test, how many students failed the test? 4

Len bought a lot measuring 450 square meters. If 25 sq.m. is allotted for a storage room, what fraction of the entire lot is the storage room?

