Math 9 Review – Part 4 Solving Equations with Rational Coefficients

When an algebraic equation contains fractions (rational expressions), we will remove the denominator(s) by multiplying each term by the **lowest common denominator**.

The lowest common denominator (LCD) is the lowest common multiple that a set of fractions share.

Example 1: Solve the following equations. (Eliminate any denominators first.)

a)
$$14 = \frac{c}{3}$$
 b) $2 - \frac{x}{5} = 3$

c)
$$\frac{1}{3}a + 5 = \frac{1}{6}a - 6$$

d) $\frac{x}{5} + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{10}$

e)
$$\frac{x+1}{3} - \frac{x-2}{7} = 1$$

f) $\frac{1}{2}(p+1) + \frac{1}{3}(2p+1) = 9$

g)
$$\frac{48}{a} = 6$$
 h) $2 = \frac{12}{x+4}$

Solving Equations – Worksheet #4

1. Solve the following equations. Show all of your work.

a)
$$\frac{2m}{3} = 8$$

b) $\frac{r}{3} - \frac{r}{6} = 2$

c)
$$\frac{2x}{3} - 3 = \frac{x}{4}$$
 d) $\frac{12}{x} = -5 + 7$

e)
$$\frac{x}{2} + \frac{x}{3} - \frac{x}{4} = 9$$

f) $\frac{2x}{3} - 3x + 21 = 0$

g)
$$\frac{2x}{5} + \frac{3}{4} = \frac{4x}{5} - \frac{1}{2}$$

h)
$$\frac{10}{x} = -2$$

i)
$$\frac{-21}{e} = 7$$
 j) $-6 = \frac{30}{n}$

k) $\frac{9}{-r} = 12$

1)
$$\frac{56}{x} = 64$$