

Quiz 11

Solutions given without showing work may earn a zero. This quiz is closed-book, but you may use a calculator.

Problem 1. [3 points] Simplify by first rationalizing the denominator.

$$\frac{9}{\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{2}}$$

Problem 2. [3 points] Solve for x .

Don't forget to check for extraneous solutions.

$$(8 - 3x)^{1/3} = -1$$

Problem 3. [4 points] Solve for x .

Don't forget to FOIL and check for extraneous solutions.

$$\sqrt{x + 14} = x + 2$$

①
$$\frac{9}{\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{2}} = \frac{9(\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{2})}{5 - 2} = \frac{9(\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{2})}{3}$$

$$= \boxed{3\sqrt{5} + 3\sqrt{2}}$$

②
$$8 - 3x = (-1)^3$$

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$$-3x = -9 \quad \boxed{x = 3}$$

ck: $(8 - 9)^{1/3} = (-1)^{1/3} = -1 \checkmark$

③
$$x + 14 = (x + 2)^2$$

$$x + 14 = x^2 + 4x + 4$$

$$0 = x^2 + 3x - 10$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -10 \\ 5 \times -2 \\ \hline 3 \end{array}$$

$$0 = (x + 5)(x - 2)$$

$$x = -5, 2$$

ck: $x = -5$:

$$\sqrt{-5 + 14} = 3$$

$$-5 + 2 = -3 \checkmark$$

$$x = 2: \sqrt{2 + 14} = 4$$

$$2 + 2 = 4 \checkmark$$

$$\boxed{x = 2}$$