

$$\textcircled{a} \quad 4|x-1| - 7 = 13$$

$$4|x-1| = 20$$

$$|x-1| = 5$$

$$x-1 = 5 \quad \text{or} \quad x-1 = -5$$

$$\boxed{x=6 \quad \text{or} \quad x=-4}$$

$$\textcircled{b} \quad \left| \frac{x-2}{3} \right| = 4$$

$$\frac{x-2}{3} = 4 \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{x-2}{3} = -4$$

$$x-2 = 12 \quad \text{or} \quad x-2 = -12$$

$$\boxed{x=14 \quad \text{or} \quad x=-10}$$

$$\textcircled{c} \quad 4x^2 + 8x = -3$$

$$4x^2 + 8x + 3 = 0$$

$$(2x+1)(2x+3) = 0$$

$$2x+1 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad 2x+3 = 0$$

$$2x = -1 \quad \text{or} \quad 2x = -3$$

$$\boxed{x = -\frac{1}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad x = -\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$\textcircled{d} \quad 2x^2 = 5x + 12$$

$$2x^2 - 5x - 12 = 0$$

$$(2x+3)(x-4) = 0$$

$$2x+3 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad x-4 = 0$$

$$2x = -3 \quad \text{or} \quad x = 4$$

$$\boxed{x = -\frac{3}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad x = 4}$$

$$\textcircled{e} \quad \sqrt{33-2x} = x+1 \quad \checkmark \text{ check ans!}$$

$$33-2x = x^2 + 2x + 1$$

$$x^2 + 4x - 32 = 0$$

$$(x+8)(x-4) = 0$$

$$x+8 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad x-4 = 0$$

$$x = -8 \quad \text{or} \quad \boxed{x=4}$$

$$\textcircled{f} \quad 7 = \sqrt{39+3x} - x$$

$$x+7 = \sqrt{39+3x} \quad \checkmark \text{ check ans!}$$

$$x^2 + 14x + 49 = 39 + 3x$$

$$x^2 + 11x + 10 = 0$$

$$(x+1)(x+10) = 0$$

$$x+1 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad x+10 = 0$$

$$\boxed{x = -1 \quad \text{or} \quad x = -10}$$

$$\textcircled{g} \quad 3^x + 2 \cdot 3^x = 1$$

$$3 \cdot 3^x = 1$$

$$3^x = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\log_3 3^x = \log_3 \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\boxed{x = -1}$$

$$\textcircled{h} \quad \sqrt{x-5} + \sqrt{x} = 5$$

$$\sqrt{x-5} = 5 - \sqrt{x} \quad \checkmark \text{ check ans!}$$

$$x-5 = 25 - 10\sqrt{x} + x$$

$$-30 = -10\sqrt{x}$$

$$3 = \sqrt{x}$$

$$\boxed{x=9} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\textcircled{i} \quad \sqrt{x+\sqrt{x-3}} = 3 \quad \checkmark \text{ check ans!}$$

$$x + \sqrt{x-3} = 9$$

$$\sqrt{x-3} = 9-x$$

$$x-3 = 81 - 18x + x^2$$

$$x^2 - 19x + 84 = 0$$

$$(x-7)(x-12) = 0$$

$$x-7 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad x-12 = 0$$

$$\boxed{x=7} \quad \text{or} \quad \boxed{x=12}$$

$$\textcircled{j} \quad x^2 + 6x^2 = 2x + 12$$

$$x^2 + 6x^2 - 2x - 12 = 0$$

$$x^2(x+6) - 2(x+6) = 0$$

$$(x^2-2)(x+6) = 0$$

$$x^2-2=0 \quad \text{or} \quad x+6=0$$

$$x^2=2 \quad \text{or} \quad x=-6$$

$$\boxed{x = \pm \sqrt{2}}$$

$$\textcircled{k} \quad 2x - 5\sqrt{x} + 2 = 0$$

$$2x+2 = 5\sqrt{x}$$

$$4x^2 + 8x + 4 = 25x$$

$$4x^2 - 17x + 4 = 0$$

$$(x-4)(4x-1) = 0$$

$$x-4=0 \quad \text{or} \quad 4x-1=0$$

$$\boxed{x=4 \quad \text{or} \quad \boxed{x=\frac{1}{4}}}$$

$$\textcircled{l} \quad 3x^{\frac{2}{3}} - 5x^{\frac{1}{3}} - 2 = 0$$

$$3(x^{\frac{1}{3}})^2 - 5(x^{\frac{1}{3}}) - 2 = 0$$

$$3u^2 - 5u - 2 = 0 \quad \text{Let } u = x^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$(3u+1)(u-2) = 0$$

$$\textcircled{m} \quad 2x^{-2} - 11x^{-1} + 5 = 0$$

$$2(x^{-1})^2 - 11(x^{-1}) + 5 = 0 \quad \checkmark \text{ let } u = x^{-1}$$

$$2u^2 - 11u + 5 = 0$$

$$(2u-1)(u-5) = 0$$

$$2u-1=0 \quad \text{or} \quad u-5=0$$

$$2u=1 \quad \text{or} \quad u=5$$

$$u=\frac{1}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad u=5$$

$$x^{-1}=\frac{1}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad x^{-1}=5$$

$$\boxed{x=2 \quad \text{or} \quad x=\frac{1}{5}}$$

$$x^{\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{-1}{3} \quad \text{or} \quad x^{\frac{1}{3}} = 2$$

$$\boxed{x = -\frac{1}{27} \quad \text{or} \quad x = 8}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} \quad & \log_2 x^2 = \log_2^2 x \\ & 2(\log_2 x) = (\log_2 x)^2 \\ & (\log_2 x)^2 - 2(\log_2 x) = 0 \\ & u^2 - 2u = 0 \quad \leftarrow \text{Let } u = \log_2 x \\ & u(u-2) = 0 \\ & \boxed{u=0 \text{ or } u-2=0} \quad \leftarrow \boxed{u=2} \\ & \boxed{x=1 \text{ OR } x=4} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{2} \quad & \log_3(x+6) = 3 - \log_3 x \\ & \log_3(x+6) + \log_3 x = 3 \\ & \log_3 x(x+6) = 3 \\ & x(x+6) = 3^3 \\ & x(x+6) = 27 \\ & x^2 + 6x = 27 \\ & x^2 + 6x - 27 = 0 \\ & (x+9)(x-3) = 0 \\ & x+9 = 0 \text{ or } x-3 = 0 \\ & \cancel{x=-9} \quad \text{or} \quad \boxed{x=3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{3} \quad & \log_4(x+12) - \log_4(x-3) = 2 \\ & \log_4\left(\frac{x+12}{x-3}\right) = 2 \\ & \frac{x+12}{x-3} = 4^2 \rightarrow \frac{x+12}{x-3} = 16 \\ & x+12 = 16(x-3) \quad \text{with } x \neq 3 \\ & x+12 = 16x - 48 \\ & 15x - 60 = 0 \\ & 15x = 60 \\ & \boxed{x=4} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{4} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \log_4(2x+1) = \log_4 3 \\ & \log_4(2x+1)^{1/2} = \log_4 3 \\ & \sqrt{2x+1} = 3 \\ & 2x+1 = 9 \\ & 2x = 8 \\ & x = 4 \end{aligned}$$

Check answers
in case
of domain
issues!

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{5} \quad & \log_2(x+5) - \log_2 x = \log_2 4 \\ & \log_2 \frac{x+5}{x} = \log_2 4 \\ & 2^{\log_2 \frac{x+5}{x}} = 2^{\log_2 4} \\ & \frac{x+5}{x} = 4 \\ & x+5 = 4x \\ & 3x = 5 \\ & \boxed{x = \frac{5}{3}} \end{aligned}$$

Check for
it's ok

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{6} \quad & \log_4(x+3) + \log_4(x-3) = 2 \\ & \log_4(x+3)(x-3) = 2 \quad \text{Check for
domain issues!} \\ & \log_4(x^2-9) = 2 \\ & 4^{\log_4(x^2-9)} = 4^2 \\ & x^2-9 = 16 \\ & x^2 = 25 \\ & x = \pm 5 \\ & \text{But } -5 \text{ causes inputs
to the logs in orig. eqn.
to be domain issues, so...} \\ & \boxed{x=5} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{7} \quad & \frac{2}{x-5} - \frac{1}{x+3} = \frac{8}{x^2-2x-15} \quad \text{Be aware
of domain
issues!} \\ & \frac{2}{x-5} - \frac{1}{x+3} = \frac{8}{(x+3)(x-5)} \quad \text{(no zeros in
denom.)} \\ & \frac{2}{(x-5)(x+3)} - \frac{1}{(x+3)(x-5)} = \frac{8}{(x+3)(x-5)} \\ & 2(x+3) - (x-5) = 8 \\ & 2x+6 - x+5 = 8 \\ & x+11 = 8 \\ & x = -3 \quad \leftarrow \text{but this causes
one of the
denom. in
original eqn.
to be zero, so...} \\ & \boxed{\text{no solution}} \end{aligned}$$