

**Gateway Exam #1 Practice Problems**  
**Solving Equations**

1. All values of  $x$  that solve the equation  $2x + 3 = 9$  are:
  - (a)  $x = 3$  only
  - (b)  $x = 3$  and  $x = -3$  only
  - (c) all numbers greater than  $-3$  but less than  $3$
  - (d)  $x = 6$  only
  - (e) There are no values of  $x$  that solve the given equation.
  
2. All values of  $x$  that solve the equation  $3x - 4 = 8$  are:
  - (a)  $x = 4$  and  $x = 12$  only
  - (b)  $x = 4$  only
  - (c)  $x = 12$  only
  - (d)  $x = 6$  and  $x = 12$  only
  - (e) all numbers between  $x = 4$  and  $x = 12$
  
3. All values of  $w$  that solve the equation  $5w + 10 = 25$  are:
  - (a)  $w = 5$  only
  - (b)  $w = 3$  and  $w = 5$  only
  - (c)  $w = 3$  only
  - (d)  $w = 10$  and  $w = 15$  only
  - (e)  $w = 15$  only
  
4. All values of  $x$  that solve the equation  $x^2 + 2x + 1 = 0$  are:
  - (a)  $x = 1$  only
  - (b)  $x = 1$  and  $x = -1$  only
  - (c) all numbers between  $1$  and  $-1$
  - (d)  $x = -1$  only
  - (e) all numbers greater than  $1$
  
5. All values of  $u$  that solve the equation  $u^2 + 1 = 0$  are:
  - (a)  $u = -1$  only
  - (b)  $u = -1$  and  $u = 1$  only
  - (c) all numbers between  $-1$  and  $1$
  - (d)  $u = 1$  only
  - (e) There are no values of  $u$  that solve the given equation.

6. All values of  $w$  that solve the equation  $w^2 + 3w + 2 = 0$  are:

- (a)  $w = 1$  and  $w = 2$  only
- (b)  $w = 1$  only
- (c)  $w = 2$  only
- (d)  $x = -1$  only
- (e)  $w = -1$  and  $w = -2$  only

7. All values of  $x$  that solve the equation  $x^3 = 8$  are:

- (a)  $x = 2$  and  $x = -2$  only
- (b)  $x = -2$  only
- (c)  $x = 2$  only
- (d)  $x = 0.5$  only
- (e) There are no values of  $x$  that solve the given equation.

8. All values of  $u$  that solve the equation  $u^4 = 81$  are:

- (a)  $u = -3$  and  $u = 3$  only
- (b)  $u = 3$  only
- (c)  $u = 9$  and  $u = -9$  only
- (d)  $u = 9$  only
- (e)  $u = -9$  only

9. All values of  $p$  that solve the equation  $p^{1/2} = 4$  are:

- (a)  $p = 2$  only
- (b)  $p = 2$  and  $p = -2$  only
- (c)  $p = 16$  and  $p = -16$  only
- (d)  $p = 16$  only
- (e)  $p = -2$  only

10. All values of  $q$  that solve the equation  $q^3 - 2 = 25$  are:

- (a)  $q = 5$  and  $q = -5$  only
- (b)  $q = 3$  only
- (c)  $q = 3$  and  $q = -3$  only
- (d)  $q = 5$  only
- (e)  $q = -5$  only

11. All values of  $x$  that solve the equation  $\frac{1}{x-3} = 1$  are:

- (a)  $x = 2$  and  $x = 4$  only
- (b)  $x = 4$  only

- (c)  $x = 2$  only  
 (d)  $x = 3$  only  
 (e) There are no values of  $x$  that solve the given equation.
12. All values of  $x$  that solve the equation  $\frac{1}{x^2 + 2} = -3$  are:  
 (a)  $x = 1$  only  
 (b)  $x = -1$  only  
 (c)  $x = 1$  and  $x = -1$  only  
 (d)  $x = -\sqrt{\frac{4}{3}}$  only  
 (e) There are no values of  $x$  that solve the given equation.
13. All values of  $x$  that solve the equation  $\frac{x}{x + 1} = 2$  are:  
 (a)  $x = 1$  and  $x = 2$  only  
 (b)  $x = 2$  only  
 (c)  $x = 2$  and  $x = -2$  only  
 (d)  $x = -2$  only  
 (e) There are no values of  $x$  that solve the given equation.
14. All values of  $x$  that solve the equation  $-\frac{1}{x + 2} = x$  are:  
 (a)  $x = -1$  only  
 (b)  $x = 1$  and  $x = -1$  only  
 (c)  $x = 0$  and  $x = 2$  only  
 (d)  $x = -2$  only  
 (e) There are no values of  $x$  that solve the given equation.
15. All values of  $x$  that solve the equation  $\frac{1}{x + 1} = 1$  are:  
 (a)  $x = -1$  and  $x = 0$  only  
 (b)  $x = -1$  only  
 (c)  $x = 0$  only  
 (d)  $x = 1$  and  $x = -1$  only  
 (e) There are no values of  $x$  that solve the given equation.

**Answers:**

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| 1. a  | 2. b  | 3. c  | 4. d  | 5. e  |
| 6. e  | 7. c  | 8. a  | 9. d  | 10. b |
| 11. b | 12. e | 13. d | 14. a | 15. c |