

## Single Pure - Quadratic Inequalities

Solve the following inequalities. Remember that if the answer lies in one region of the number line it is stated in the form “smallest  $< x <$  largest”. If it is two regions it is “ $x <$  smallest **OR**  $x >$  biggest”.

You must use the word ‘**OR**’! Not the word ‘and’.

Also remember that the type of the inequality sign is preserved.

Therefore questions involving  $<$  or  $>$  have  $<$  and/or  $>$  in the answer.

And questions involving  $\leq$  or  $\geq$  have  $\leq$  and/or  $\geq$  in the answer.

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| 1. $(x - 3)(x + 5) > 0$ . Do not multiply out!    | $x < -5$ or $x > 3$  |
| 2. $(x - 6)(x - 7) \leq 0$ . Do not multiply out! | $6 \leq x \leq 7$  |
| 3. $x(x + 3) > 0$ . Do not multiply out!          | $x < -3$ or $x > 0$  |
| 4. $(x + 7)(x - 1) > x^2$ .                       | $x > \frac{7}{6}$  |
| 5. $x^2 < x + 6$ .                                | $-2 < x < 3$   |
| 6. $x^2 - 2x - 35 \geq 0$ .                       | $x \leq -5$ or $x \geq 7$  |
| 7. $-x^2 \leq 12x + 32$ .                         | $x \leq -8$ or $x \geq -4$                                       |
| 8. $x^2 > x$ .                                    | $x < 0$ or $x > 1$   |
| 9. $0 \leq -x^2 - 15x - 50$ .                     | $-10 \leq x \leq -5$   |
| 10. $-x^2 + 7x > 12$ .                            | $3 < x < 4$  |
| 11. $x^2 \geq 49$ .                               | $x \leq -7$ or $x \geq 7$  |
| 12. $-x^2 \geq 5x$ .                              | $-5 \leq x \leq 0$   |
| 13. $x^2 + 45 < -14x$ .                           | $-9 < x < -5$  |
| 14. $5x^2 - 12 > 11x$ .                           | $x < -\frac{4}{5}$ or $x > 3$                                    |
| 15. $7x^2 \leq 4x$ .                              | $0 \leq x \leq \frac{4}{7}$                                      |
| 16. $6x^2 > x + 1$ .                              | $x < -\frac{1}{3}$ or $x > \frac{1}{2}$                          |
| 17. $-10x^2 + 17x + 6 \geq 0$ .                   | $-\frac{3}{10} \leq x \leq 2$                                    |
| 18. $45x^2 < 450x$ .                              | $0 < x < 10$   |
| 19. $10x^2 + 35 > 75x$ .                          | $x < \frac{1}{2}$ or $x > 7$                                     |
| 20. $\pi x^2 + 3\pi x > 10\pi$ .                  | $x < -5$ or $x > 2$  |
| 21. $20\pi x^2 > 10\pi x + 60\pi$ .               | $x < -2$ or $x > \frac{3}{2}$                                    |
| 22. $5x^2 \leq 6$ .                               | $-\frac{\sqrt{30}}{5} \leq x \leq \frac{\sqrt{30}}{5}$           |
| 23. $x^2 - 2x - 5 > 0$ .                          | $x > 1 + \sqrt{6}$ or $x < 1 - \sqrt{6}$                         |
| 24. $x^2 > 3 - x$ .                               | $x < \frac{-1 - \sqrt{13}}{2}$ or $x > \frac{-1 + \sqrt{13}}{2}$ |

25.  $3x^2 + 15x < 6$ .

$$\frac{-5-\sqrt{33}}{2} < x < \frac{-5+\sqrt{33}}{2}$$

Now try these rather harder questions (a sketch, like above, is vital).

26.  $(x + 1)(x + 3)(x + 5) > 0$ .

$$-5 < x < -3 \text{ or } x > -1$$

27.  $(2x + 1)(x - 4)(x - 1) < 0$ .

$$x < -\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1 < x < 4$$

28.  $-(x + 3)(4 - x)(5 - x) \geq 0$ .

$$x \leq -3 \text{ or } 4 \leq x \leq 5$$

29.  $0 > x(x - 2)(2x + 1)$ .

$$x < -\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 0 < x < 2$$

30.  $x(2x + 3)(5x - 2) \geq 0$ .

$$-\frac{3}{2} \leq x \leq 0 \text{ or } x \geq \frac{2}{5}$$

31.  $(x - 1)(x - 2)(x - 3)(x - 4) < 0$ .

$$1 < x < 2 \text{ or } 3 < x < 4$$

32.  $x(x - 2)^2(x - 9) \geq 0$ .

$$x \leq 0 \text{ or } x = 2 \text{ or } x \geq 9$$

33.  $(x - 2)^2(x + 3)^2 \leq 0$ .

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

34.  $\cos x < 0$  for  $-360^\circ < x < 360^\circ$ .

$$-270^\circ < x < -90^\circ \text{ or } 90^\circ < x < 270^\circ$$

35.  $\sin x \geq \frac{1}{2}$  for  $0^\circ \leq x \leq 720^\circ$ .

$$30^\circ \leq x \leq 150^\circ \text{ or } 390^\circ \leq x \leq 510^\circ$$

36.  $\tan x \geq \sqrt{3}$  for  $0^\circ \leq x \leq 260^\circ$ .

$$60^\circ \leq x < 90^\circ \text{ or } 240^\circ \leq x < 260^\circ$$