

## Harder Algebraic Equations

Patrons are asked to solve the following equations. Be careful to check that your solutions work in the original equation since there is a danger that in squaring both sides of the equation you have introduced *fictitious solutions*.

1.  $\sqrt{x+2} + \sqrt{x-1} = 3.$   $x = 2$

2.  $\sqrt{x+1} - \sqrt{x-2} = 1.$   $x = 3$

3.  $\sqrt{x+25} - \sqrt{x-23} = 1.$   $x = 144$

4.  $2\sqrt{x+2} + \sqrt{x+2} = 9.$   $x = 7$

5.  $\sqrt{x+9} - \sqrt{32-x} = -1.$   $x = 7$

6.  $\sqrt{2x+1} - \sqrt{x-3} = 2.$   $x = 4$  or  $x = 12$

7.  $\sqrt{x-1} + \sqrt{3x+1} = 6.$   $x = 5$

8.  $\sqrt{3x-2} - \sqrt{x+3} = 1.$   $x = 6$

9.  $\sqrt{x+2} + \sqrt{2x+2} = 7.$   $x = 7$

10.  $\sqrt{x-1} + \sqrt{x+7} + 4 = 0.$  No solutions

11.  $\sqrt{2x+15} + \sqrt{4x+29} = 12.$   $x = 5$

12.  $\sqrt{2x+2} + \sqrt{x-1} = 10.$   $x = 17$

13.  $\sqrt{8x+1} + \sqrt{12x+1} = 20.$   $x = 10$

14.  $\sqrt{x+8} + \sqrt{2x} = -8.$  No solutions

15.  $\sqrt{2x+2} + \sqrt{x-3} = 6.$   $x = 7$