

EXERCISE 9.2

Solve each of the following equations and also check your results in each case:

1. $(2x+5)/3 = 3x - 10$

Solution:

$$(2x+5)/3 = 3x - 10$$

Let us simplify,

$$(2x+5)/3 - 3x = -10$$

By taking LCM

$$(2x + 5 - 9x)/3 = -10$$

$$(-7x + 5)/3 = -10$$

By using cross-multiplication we get,

$$-7x + 5 = -30$$

$$-7x = -30 - 5$$

$$-7x = -35$$

$$x = -35/-7$$

$$= 5$$

Let us verify the given equation now,

$$(2x+5)/3 = 3x - 10$$

By substituting the value of 'x' we get,

$$(2 \times 5 + 5)/3 = 3(5) - 10$$

$$(10+5)/3 = 15-10$$

$$15/3 = 5$$

$$5 = 5$$

Hence, the given equation is verified

2. $(a-8)/3 = (a-3)/2$

Solution:

$$(a-8)/3 = (a-3)/2$$

By using cross-multiplication we get,

$$(a-8)2 = (a-3)3$$

$$2a - 16 = 3a - 9$$

$$2a - 3a = -9 + 16$$

$$-a = 7$$

$$a = -7$$

Let us verify the given equation now,

$$(a-8)/3 = (a-3)/2$$

By substituting the value of 'a' we get,

$$(-7 - 8)/3 = (-7 - 3)/2$$

$$-15/3 = -10/2$$

$$-5 = -5$$

Hence, the given equation is verified

$$3. (7y + 2)/5 = (6y - 5)/11$$

Solution:

$$(7y + 2)/5 = (6y - 5)/11$$

By using cross-multiplication we get,

$$(7y + 2)11 = (6y - 5)5$$

$$77y + 22 = 30y - 25$$

$$77y - 30y = -25 - 22$$

$$47y = -47$$

$$y = -47/47$$

$$y = -1$$

Let us verify the given equation now,

$$(7y + 2)/5 = (6y - 5)/11$$

By substituting the value of 'y' we get,

$$(7(-1) + 2)/5 = (6(-1) - 5)/11$$

$$(-7 + 2)/5 = (-6 - 5)/11$$

$$-5/5 = -11/11$$

$$-1 = -1$$

Hence, the given equation is verified

$$4. x - 2x + 2 - 16/3x + 5 = 3 - 7/2x$$

Solution:

$$x - 2x + 2 - 16/3x + 5 = 3 - 7/2x$$

Let us rearrange the equation

$$x - 2x - 16x/3 + 7x/2 = 3 - 2 - 5$$

By taking LCM for 2 and 3 which is 6

$$(6x - 12x - 32x + 21x)/6 = -4$$

$$-17x/6 = -4$$

By cross-multiplying

$$-17x = -4 \times 6$$

$$-17x = -24$$

$$x = -24/-17$$

$$x = 24/17$$

Let us verify the given equation now,

$$x - 2x + 2 - 16/3x + 5 = 3 - 7/2x$$

By substituting the value of 'x' we get,

$$24/17 - 2(24/17) + 2 - (16/3)(24/17) + 5 = 3 - (7/2)(24/17)$$

$$24/17 - 48/17 + 2 - 384/51 + 5 = 3 - 168/34$$

By taking 51 and 17 as the LCM we get,

$$(72 - 144 + 102 - 384 + 255)/51 = (102 - 168)/34$$

$$-99/51 = -66/34$$

$$-33/17 = -33/17$$

Hence, the given equation is verified

5. $1/2x + 7x - 6 = 7x + 1/4$

Solution:

$$1/2x + 7x - 6 = 7x + 1/4$$

Let us rearrange the equation

$$1/2x + 7x - 7x = 1/4 + 6 \text{ (by taking LCM)}$$

$$1/2x = (1 + 24)/4$$

$$1/2x = 25/4$$

By cross-multiplying

$$4x = 25 \times 2$$

$$4x = 50$$

$$x = 50/4$$

$$x = 25/2$$

Let us verify the given equation now,

$$1/2x + 7x - 6 = 7x + 1/4$$

By substituting the value of 'x' we get,

$$(1/2)(25/2) + 7(25/2) - 6 = 7(25/2) + 1/4$$

$$25/4 + 175/2 - 6 = 175/2 + 1/4$$

By taking LCM for 4 and 2 is 4

$$(25 + 350 - 24)/4 = (350 + 1)/4$$

$$351/4 = 351/4$$

Hence, the given equation is verified

6. $3/4x + 4x = 7/8 + 6x - 6$

Solution:

$$3/4x + 4x = 7/8 + 6x - 6$$

Let us rearrange the equation

$$\frac{3}{4}x + 4x - 6x = \frac{7}{8} - 6$$

By taking 4 and 8 as LCM

$$\frac{(3x + 16x - 24x)}{4} = \frac{(7 - 48)}{8}$$

$$-5x/4 = -41/8$$

By cross-multiplying

$$-5x(8) = -41(4)$$

$$-40x = -164$$

$$x = -164/-40$$

$$= 82/20$$

$$= 41/10$$

Let us verify the given equation now,

$$\frac{3}{4}x + 4x = \frac{7}{8} + 6x - 6$$

By substituting the value of 'x' we get,

$$\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)\left(\frac{41}{10}\right) + 4\left(\frac{41}{10}\right) = \frac{7}{8} + 6\left(\frac{41}{10}\right) - 6$$

$$\frac{123}{40} + \frac{164}{10} = \frac{7}{8} + \frac{246}{10} - 6$$

$$\frac{(123 + 656)}{40} = \frac{(70 + 1968 - 480)}{80}$$

$$\frac{779}{40} = \frac{1558}{80}$$

$$\frac{779}{40} = \frac{779}{40}$$

Hence, the given equation is verified

7. $\frac{7x}{2} - \frac{5x}{2} = \frac{20x}{3} + 10$

Solution:

$$\frac{7x}{2} - \frac{5x}{2} = \frac{20x}{3} + 10$$

Let us rearrange the equation

$$\frac{7x}{2} - \frac{5x}{2} - \frac{20x}{3} = 10$$

By taking LCM for 2 and 3 is 6

$$\frac{(21x - 15x - 40x)}{6} = 10$$

$$-34x/6 = 10$$

By cross-multiplying

$$-34x = 60$$

$$x = 60/-34$$

$$= -30/17$$

Let us verify the given equation now,

$$\frac{7x}{2} - \frac{5x}{2} = \frac{20x}{3} + 10$$

By substituting the value of 'x' we get,

$$\left(\frac{7}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{30}{17}\right) - \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{30}{17}\right) = \left(\frac{20}{3}\right)\left(-\frac{30}{17}\right) + 10$$

$$-210/34 + 150/34 = -600/51 + 10$$

$$-30/17 = (-600+510)/51$$

$$= -90/51$$

$$-30/17 = -30/17$$

Hence, the given equation is verified

8. $(6x+1)/2 + 1 = (7x-3)/3$

Solution:

$$(6x+1)/2 + 1 = (7x-3)/3$$

$$(6x + 1 + 2)/2 = (7x - 3)/3$$

By cross-multiplying

$$(6x + 3)3 = (7x - 3)2$$

$$18x + 9 = 14x - 6$$

$$18x - 14x = -6 - 9$$

$$4x = -15$$

$$x = -15/4$$

Let us verify the given equation now,

$$(6x+1)/2 + 1 = (7x-3)/3$$

By substituting the value of 'x' we get,

$$(6(-15/4) + 1)/2 + 1 = (7(-15/4) - 3)/3$$

$$(3(-15/2) + 1)/2 + 1 = (-105/4 - 3)/3$$

$$(-45/2 + 1)/2 + 1 = (-117/4)/3$$

$$(-43/4) + 1 = -117/12$$

$$(-43+4)/4 = -39/4$$

$$-39/4 = -39/4$$

Hence, the given equation is verified

9. $(3a-2)/3 + (2a+3)/2 = a + 7/6$

Solution:

$$(3a-2)/3 + (2a+3)/2 = a + 7/6$$

Let us rearrange the equation

$$(3a-2)/3 + (2a+3)/2 - a = 7/6$$

By taking LCM for 2 and 3 which is 6

$$((3a-2)2 + (2a+3)3 - 6a)/6 = 7/6$$

$$(6a - 4 + 6a + 9 - 6a)/6 = 7/6$$

$$(6a + 5)/6 = 7/6$$

$$6a + 5 = 7$$

$$6a = 7-5$$

$$6a = 2$$
$$a = 2/6$$
$$a = 1/3$$

Let us verify the given equation now,

$$(3a-2)/3 + (2a+3)/2 = a + 7/6$$

By substituting the value of 'a' we get,

$$(3(1/3)-2)/3 + (2(1/3) + 3)/2 = 1/3 + 7/6$$

$$(1-2)/3 + (2/3 + 3)/2 = (2+7)/6$$

$$-1/3 + (11/3)/2 = 9/6$$

$$-1/3 + 11/6 = 3/2$$

$$(-2+11)/6 = 3/2$$

$$9/6 = 3/2$$

$$3/2 = 3/2$$

Hence, the given equation is verified

10. $x - (x-1)/2 = 1 - (x-2)/3$

Solution:

$$x - (x-1)/2 = 1 - (x-2)/3$$

Let us rearrange the equation

$$x - (x-1)/2 + (x-2)/3 = 1$$

By taking LCM for 2 and 3 which is 6

$$(6x - (x-1)3 + (x-2)2)/6 = 1$$

$$(6x - 3x + 3 + 2x - 4)/6 = 1$$

$$(5x - 1)/6 = 1$$

By cross-multiplying

$$5x - 1 = 6$$

$$5x = 6 + 1$$

$$x = 7/5$$

Let us verify the given equation now,

$$x - (x-1)/2 = 1 - (x-2)/3$$

By substituting the value of 'x' we get,

$$7/5 - (7/5 - 1)/2 = 1 - (7/5 - 2)/3$$

$$7/5 - (2/5)/2 = 1 - (-3/5)/3$$

$$7/5 - 2/10 = 1 + 3/15$$

$$(14 - 2)/10 = (15+3)/15$$

$$12/10 = 18/15$$

$$6/5 = 6/5$$

Hence, the given equation is verified

11. $3x/4 - (x-1)/2 = (x-2)/3$

Solution:

$$3x/4 - (x-1)/2 = (x-2)/3$$

Let us rearrange the equation

$$3x/4 - (x-1)/2 - (x-2)/3 = 0$$

By taking LCM for 4, 2 and 3 which is 12

$$(9x - (x-1)6 - (x-2)4)/12 = 0$$

$$(9x - 6x + 6 - 4x + 8)/12 = 0$$

$$(-x + 14)/12 = 0$$

By cross-multiplying

$$-x + 14 = 0$$

$$x = 14$$

Let us verify the given equation now,

$$3x/4 - (x-1)/2 = (x-2)/3$$

By substituting the value of 'x' we get,

$$3(14)/4 - (14-1)/2 = (14-2)/3$$

$$42/4 - 13/2 = 12/3$$

$$(42 - 26)/4 = 4$$

$$16/4 = 4$$

$$4 = 4$$

Hence, the given equation is verified

12. $5x/3 - (x-1)/4 = (x-3)/5$

Solution:

$$5x/3 - (x-1)/4 = (x-3)/5$$

Let us rearrange the equation

$$5x/3 - (x-1)/4 - (x-3)/5 = 0$$

By taking LCM for 3, 4 and 5 which is 60

$$((5x \times 20) - (x-1)15 - (x-3)12)/60 = 0$$

$$(100x - 15x + 15 - 12x + 36)/60 = 0$$

$$(73x + 51)/60 = 0$$

By cross-multiplying

$$73x + 51 = 0$$

$$x = -51/73$$

Let us verify the given equation now,

$$5x/3 - (x-1)/4 = (x-3)/5$$

By substituting the value of 'x' we get,

$$(20x - (x-1)3)/12 = (-51/73 - 3)/5$$

$$(20x - 3x + 3)/12 = (-270/73)/5$$

$$(17x + 3)/12 = -270/365$$

$$(17(-51/73) + 3)/12 = -54/73$$

$$(-867/73 + 3)/12 = -54/73$$

$$((-867 + 219)/73)/12 = -54/73$$

$$(-648)/876 = -54/73$$

$$-54/73 = -54/73$$

Hence, the given equation is verified

13. $(3x+1)/16 + (2x-3)/7 = (x+3)/8 + (3x-1)/14$

Solution:

$$(3x+1)/16 + (2x-3)/7 = (x+3)/8 + (3x-1)/14$$

Let us rearrange the equation

$$(3x+1)/16 + (2x-3)/7 - (x+3)/8 - (3x-1)/14 = 0$$

By taking LCM for 16, 7, 8 and 14 which is 112

$$((3x+1)7 + (2x-3)16 - (x+3)14 - (3x-1)8)/112 = 0$$

$$(21x + 7 + 32x - 48 - 14x - 42 - 24x + 8)/112 = 0$$

$$(21x + 32x - 14x - 24x + 7 - 48 - 42 + 8)/112 = 0$$

$$(15x - 75)/112 = 0$$

By cross-multiplying

$$15x - 75 = 0$$

$$15x = 75$$

$$x = 75/15$$

$$= 5$$

Let us verify the given equation now,

$$(3x+1)/16 + (2x-3)/7 = (x+3)/8 + (3x-1)/14$$

By substituting the value of 'x' we get,

$$(3(5)+1)/16 + (2(5)-3)/7 = (5+3)/8 + (3(5)-1)/14$$

$$(15+1)/16 + (10-3)/7 = 8/8 + (15-1)/14$$

$$16/16 + 7/7 = 8/8 + 14/14$$

$$1 + 1 = 1 + 1$$

$$2 = 2$$

Hence, the given equation is verified

14. $(1-2x)/7 - (2-3x)/8 = 3/2 + x/4$

Solution:

$$(1-2x)/7 - (2-3x)/8 = 3/2 + x/4$$

Let us rearrange the equation

$$(1-2x)/7 - (2-3x)/8 - x/4 = 3/2$$

By taking LCM for 7, 8 and 4 which is 56

$$((1-2x)8 - (2-3x)7 - 14x)/56 = 3/2$$

$$(8 - 16x - 14 + 21x - 14x)/56 = 3/2$$

$$(-9x - 6)/56 = 3/2$$

By cross-multiplying

$$2(-9x-6) = 3(56)$$

$$-18x - 12 = 168$$

$$-18x = 168+12$$

$$-18x = 180$$

$$x = 180/-18$$

$$x = -10$$

Let us verify the given equation now,

$$(1-2x)/7 - (2-3x)/8 = 3/2 + x/4$$

By substituting the value of 'x' we get,

$$(1-2(-10))/7 - (2-3(-10))/8 = 3/2 + (-10)/4$$

$$(1+20)/7 - (2+30)/8 = 3/2 - 5/2$$

$$21/7 - 32/8 = 3/2 - 5/2$$

$$3 - 4 = -2/2$$

$$-1 = -1$$

Hence, the given equation is verified

15. $(9x+7)/2 - (x - (x-2)/7) = 36$

Solution:

$$(9x+7)/2 - (x - (x-2)/7) = 36$$

Let us simplify the given equation into simple form

$$(9x+7)/2 - (7x-x+2)/7 = 36$$

$$(9x+7)/2 - (6x+2)/7 = 36$$

By taking LCM for 2 and 7 is 14

$$(7(9x+7) - 2(6x+2))/14 = 36$$

$$(63x+49 - 12x - 4)/14 = 36$$

$$(51x + 45)/14 = 36$$

By cross-multiplying

$$51x + 45 = 36(14)$$

$$51x + 45 = 504$$

$$51x = 504 - 45$$

$$51x = 459$$

$$x = 459/51$$

$$= 9$$

Let us verify the given equation now,

$$(9x+7)/2 - (x - (x-2)/7) = 36$$

$$(9x+7)/2 - (6x+2)/7 = 36$$

By substituting the value of 'x' we get,

$$(9(9)+7)/2 - (6(9)+2)/7 = 36$$

$$(81+7)/2 - (54+2)/7 = 36$$

$$88/2 - 56/7 = 36$$

$$44 - 8 = 36$$

$$36 = 36$$

Hence, the given equation is verified

16. $0.18(5x - 4) = 0.5x + 0.8$

Solution:

$$0.18(5x - 4) = 0.5x + 0.8$$

Let us rearrange the equation

$$0.18(5x - 4) - 0.5x = 0.8$$

$$0.90x - 0.72 - 0.5x = 0.8$$

$$0.90x - 0.5x = 0.8 + 0.72$$

$$0.40x = 1.52$$

$$x = 1.52/0.40$$

$$= 3.8$$

Let us verify the given equation now,

$$0.18(5x - 4) = 0.5x + 0.8$$

By substituting the value of 'x' we get,

$$0.18(5(3.8)-4) = 0.5(3.8) + 0.8$$

$$0.18(19-4) = 1.9 + 0.8$$

$$2.7 = 2.7$$

Hence, the given equation is verified

17. $2/3x - 3/2x = 1/12$

Solution:

$$2/3x - 3/2x = 1/12$$

By taking LCM for $3x$ and $2x$ which is $6x$

$$((2 \times 2) - (3 \times 3))/6x = 1/12$$

$$(4-9)/6x = 1/12$$

$$-5/6x = 1/12$$

By cross-multiplying

$$6x = -60$$

$$x = -60/6$$

$$= -10$$

Let us verify the given equation now,

$$2/3x - 3/2x = 1/12$$

By substituting the value of 'x' we get,

$$2/3(-10) - 3/2(-10) = 1/12$$

$$-2/30 + 3/20 = 1/12$$

$$((-2 \times 2) + (3 \times 3))/60 = 1/12$$

$$(-4+9)/60 = 1/12$$

$$5/60 = 1/12$$

$$1/12 = 1/12$$

Hence, the given equation is verified

18. $4x/9 + 1/3 + 13x/108 = (8x+19)/18$

Solution:

$$4x/9 + 1/3 + 13x/108 = (8x+19)/18$$

Let us rearrange the equation

$$4x/9 + 13x/108 - (8x+19)/18 = -1/3$$

By taking LCM for 9, 108 and 18 which is 108

$$((4x \times 12) + 13x \times 1 - (8x+19)6)/108 = -1/3$$

$$(48x + 13x - 48x - 114)/108 = -1/3$$

$$(13x - 114)/108 = -1/3$$

By cross-multiplying

$$(13x - 114)3 = -108$$

$$39x - 342 = -108$$

$$39x = -108 + 342$$

$$39x = 234$$

$$x = 234/39$$

$$= 6$$

Let us verify the given equation now,

$$4x/9 + 1/3 + 13x/108 = (8x+19)/18$$

By substituting the value of 'x' we get,
 $4(6)/9 + 1/3 + 13(6)/108 = (8(6)+19)/18$
 $24/9 + 1/3 + 78/108 = 67/18$
 $8/3 + 1/3 + 13/18 = 67/18$
 $((8 \times 6) + (1 \times 6) + (13 \times 1))/18 = 67/18$
 $(48 + 6 + 13)/18 = 67/18$
 $67/18 = 67/18$
Hence, the given equation is verified

19. $(45-2x)/15 - (4x+10)/5 = (15-14x)/9$

Solution:

$$(45-2x)/15 - (4x+10)/5 = (15-14x)/9$$

By rearranging

$$(45-2x)/15 - (4x+10)/5 - (15-14x)/9 = 0$$

By taking LCM for 15, 5 and 9 which is 45

$$((45-2x)3 - (4x+10)9 - (15-14x)5)/45 = 0$$

$$(135 - 6x - 36x - 90 - 75 + 70x)/45 = 0$$

$$(28x - 30)/45 = 0$$

By cross-multiplying

$$28x - 30 = 0$$

$$28x = 30$$

$$x = 30/28$$

$$= 15/14$$

Let us verify the given equation now,

$$(45-2x)/15 - (4x+10)/5 = (15-14x)/9$$

By substituting the value of 'x' we get,

$$(45-2(15/14))/15 - (4(15/14) + 10)/5 = (15 - 14(15/14))/9$$

$$(45 - 15/7)/15 - (30/7 + 10)/5 = (15-15)/9$$

$$300/105 - 100/35 = 0$$

$$(300-300)/105 = 0$$

$$0 = 0$$

Hence, the given equation is verified

20. $5(7x+5)/3 - 23/3 = 13 - (4x-2)/3$

Solution:

$$5(7x+5)/3 - 23/3 = 13 - (4x-2)/3$$

By rearranging

$$(35x + 25)/3 + (4x - 2)/3 = 13 + 23/3$$

$$(35x + 25 + 4x - 2)/3 = (39+23)/3$$

$$(39x + 23)/3 = 62/3$$

By cross-multiplying

$$(39x + 23)3 = 62(3)$$

$$39x + 23 = 62$$

$$39x = 62 - 23$$

$$39x = 39$$

$$x = 1$$

Let us verify the given equation now,

$$5(7x+5)/3 - 23/3 = 13 - (4x-2)/3$$

By substituting the value of 'x' we get,

$$(35x + 25)/3 - 23/3 = 13 - (4x-2)/3$$

$$(35+25)/3 - 23/3 = 13 - (4-2)/3$$

$$60/3 - 23/3 = 13 - 2/3$$

$$(60-23)/3 = (39-2)/3$$

$$37/3 = 37/3$$

Hence, the given equation is verified

21. $(7x-1)/4 - 1/3(2x - (1-x)/2) = 10/3$

Solution:

$$(7x-1)/4 - 1/3(2x - (1-x)/2) = 10/3$$

Upon expansion

$$(7x-1)/4 - (4x-1+x)/6 = 10/3$$

$$(7x-1)/4 - (5x-1)/6 = 10/3$$

By taking LCM for 4 and 6 is 24

$$((7x-1)6 - (5x-1)4)/24 = 10/3$$

$$(42x - 6 - 20x + 4)/24 = 10/3$$

$$(22x - 2)/24 = 10/3$$

By cross-multiplying

$$22x - 2 = 10(8)$$

$$22x - 2 = 80$$

$$22x = 80+2$$

$$22x = 82$$

$$x = 82/22$$

$$= 41/11$$

Let us verify the given equation now,

$$(7x-1)/4 - 1/3(2x - (1-x)/2) = 10/3$$

By substituting the value of 'x' we get,

$$(7x-1)/4 - (5x-1)/6 = 10/3$$

$$(7(41/11)-1)/4 - (5(41/11)-1)/6 = 10/3$$

$$(287/11 - 1)/4 - (205/11 - 1)/6 = 10/3$$

$$(287-11)/44 - (205-11)/66 = 10/3$$

$$276/44 - 194/66 = 10/3$$

$$69/11 - 97/33 = 10/3$$

$$((69 \times 3) - (97 \times 1))/33 = 10/3$$

$$(207 - 97)/33 = 10/3$$

$$110/33 = 10/3$$

$$10/3 = 10/3$$

Hence, the given equation is verified

$$22. 0.5(x-0.4)/0.35 - 0.6(x-2.71)/0.42 = x + 6.1$$

Solution:

$$0.5(x-0.4)/0.35 - 0.6(x-2.71)/0.42 = x + 6.1$$

Let us simplify

$$(0.5/0.35)(x - 0.4) - (0.6/0.42)(x - 2.71) = x + 6.1$$

$$(x - 0.4)/0.7 - (x - 2.71)/0.7 = x + 6.1$$

$$(x - 0.4 - x + 2.71)/0.7 = x + 6.1$$

$$-0.4 + 2.71 = 0.7(x + 6.1)$$

$$0.7x = 2.71 - 0.4 - 4.27$$

$$= -1.96$$

$$x = -1.96/0.7$$

$$= -2.8$$

Let us verify the given equation now,

$$0.5(x-0.4)/0.35 - 0.6(x-2.71)/0.42 = x + 6.1$$

By substituting the value of 'x' we get,

$$0.5(-2.8 - 0.4)/0.35 - 0.6(-2.8 - 2.71)/0.42 = -2.8 + 6.1$$

$$-1.6/0.35 + 3.306/0.42 = 3.3$$

$$-4.571 + 7.871 = 3.3$$

$$3.3 = 3.3$$

Hence, the given equation is verified

$$23. 6.5x + (19.5x - 32.5)/2 = 6.5x + 13 + (13x - 26)/2$$

Solution:

$$6.5x + (19.5x - 32.5)/2 = 6.5x + 13 + (13x - 26)/2$$

By rearranging

$$\begin{aligned}6.5x + (19.5x - 32.5)/2 - 6.5x - (13x - 26)/2 &= 13 \\(19.5x - 32.5)/2 - (13x - 26)/2 &= 13 \\(19.5x - 32.5 - 13x + 26)/2 &= 13 \\(6.5x - 6.5)/2 &= 13 \\6.5x - 6.5 &= 13 \times 2 \\6.5x - 6.5 &= 26 \\6.5x &= 26 + 6.5 \\6.5x &= 32.5 \\x &= 32.5/6.5 \\&= 5\end{aligned}$$

Let us verify the given equation now,

$$6.5x + (19.5x - 32.5)/2 = 6.5x + 13 + (13x - 26)/2$$

By substituting the value of 'x' we get,

$$6.5(5) + (19.5(5) - 32.5)/2 = 6.5(5) + 13 + (13(5) - 26)/2$$

$$32.5 + (97.5 - 32.5)/2 = 32.5 + 13 + (65 - 26)/2$$

$$32.5 + 65/2 = 45.5 + 39/2$$

$$(65 + 65)/2 = (91 + 39)/2$$

$$130/2 = 130/2$$

$$65 = 65$$

Hence, the given equation is verified

$$24. (3x - 8)(3x + 2) - (4x - 11)(2x + 1) = (x - 3)(x + 7)$$

Solution:

$$(3x - 8)(3x + 2) - (4x - 11)(2x + 1) = (x - 3)(x + 7)$$

Let us simplify

$$9x^2 + 6x - 24x - 16 - 8x^2 - 4x + 22x + 11 = x^2 + 7x - 3x - 21$$

$$9x^2 + 6x - 24x - 16 - 8x^2 - 4x + 22x + 11 - x^2 - 7x + 3x + 21 = 0$$

$$9x^2 - 8x^2 - x^2 + 6x - 24x - 4x + 22x - 7x + 3x - 16 + 21 + 11 = 0$$

$$-4x + 16 = 0$$

$$-4x = -16$$

$$x = 4$$

Let us verify the given equation now,

$$(3x - 8)(3x + 2) - (4x - 11)(2x + 1) = (x - 3)(x + 7)$$

By substituting the value of 'x' we get,

$$(3(4) - 8)(3(4) + 2) - (4(4) - 11)(2(4) + 1) = (4 - 3)(4 + 7)$$

$$(12 - 8)(12 + 2) - (16 - 11)(8 + 1) = 1(11)$$

$$4(14) - 5(9) = 11$$

$$56 - 45 = 11$$

$$11 = 11$$

Hence, the given equation is verified

$$25. [(2x+3) + (x+5)]^2 + [(2x+3) - (x+5)]^2 = 10x^2 + 92$$

Solution:

$$[(2x+3) + (x+5)]^2 + [(2x+3) - (x+5)]^2 = 10x^2 + 92$$

Let us simplify the given equation

$$[3x + 8]^2 + [x - 2]^2 = 10x^2 + 92$$

By using the formula $(a+b)^2$

$$9x^2 + 48x + 64 + x^2 - 4x + 4 = 10x^2 + 92$$

By rearranging

$$9x^2 - 10x^2 + x^2 + 48x - 4x = 92 - 64 - 4$$

$$44x = 24$$

$$x = 24/44$$

$$= 6/11$$

Let us verify the given equation now,

$$[(2x+3) + (x+5)]^2 + [(2x+3) - (x+5)]^2 = 10x^2 + 92$$

By substituting the value of 'x' we get,

$$[2(6/11) + 3 + (6/11) + 5]^2 + [2(6/11) + 3 - (6/11) - 5]^2 = 10(6/11)^2 + 92$$

$$[(12/11 + 3) + (6/11 + 5)]^2 + [(12/11 + 3) - (6/11 + 5)]^2 = 10(6/11)^2 + 92$$

$$[(12+33)/11 + (6+55)/11]^2 + [(12+33)/11 - (6+55)/11]^2 = 10(6/11)^2 + 92$$

$$[(45/11) + (61/11)]^2 + [(45/11) - (61/11)]^2 = 360/121 + 92$$

$$(106/11)^2 + (-16/11)^2 = (360 + 11132)/121$$

$$11236/121 + 256/121 = 11492/121$$

$$11492/121 = 11492/121$$

Hence, the given equation is verified