Math 9 Assignment 3: Algebra and Equations (solutions)

1.
$$3x = 12$$

 $x = 4$

2.
$$15 = -2w$$

 $w = -\frac{15}{2}$

3.
$$\frac{x}{4} = 7$$

 $x = 28$

4.
$$5 = -\frac{b}{3}$$

 $b = -15$

5.
$$\frac{3}{5} = \frac{\square}{20}$$

 $5x = 60$
 $x = 12$

6.
$$\frac{5}{\Box} = \frac{11}{6}$$
 $11x = 30$
 $x = \frac{30}{11}$

7.
$$3x(5-3) = 2$$

 $6x = 2$
 $x = 3$

8.
$$-3(2-7x) = 5$$
$$-6+21x = 5$$
$$21x = 11$$
$$x = \frac{11}{21}$$

9.
$$\frac{x}{4} = \frac{2}{7}$$

 $7x = 8$
 $x = \frac{8}{7}$

10.
$$\frac{5}{7} = \frac{3}{x}$$

 $5x = 21$
 $x = \frac{21}{5}$

11.
$$\frac{3}{x} = 9$$

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

12.
$$-2 = \frac{4}{t}$$

 $t = -2$

13.
$$3 - x = 2(x + 5)$$

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

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

 $-12x + 3 = 2 + x$
 $1 = 13x$
 $x = \frac{1}{13}$

15.
$$\frac{3}{x+2} = \frac{2}{3}$$

 $2x + 4 = 9$
 $2x = 5$
 $x = \frac{5}{2}$

16.
$$\frac{3x-2}{4} = \frac{-3}{4}$$

$$12x - 8 = -12$$

$$12x = -4$$

$$x = -\frac{4}{12} = -\frac{1}{3}$$

17.
$$3 + \frac{2}{3} = \frac{1}{5-2x}$$

$$\frac{11}{3} = \frac{1}{5-2x}$$

$$55 - 22x = 3$$

$$52 = 22x$$

$$x = \frac{52}{22}$$

18.
$$3x + \frac{x}{3} - 2 = 4$$

Multiply by 3
 $9x + x - 6 = 12$
 $10x = 18$
 $x = \frac{9}{5}$

19.
$$\frac{w}{2} - w + 3 = \frac{5}{2}$$
Multiply by 2
 $w - 2w + 6 = 5$
 $1 = w$

20.
$$2 - 3x = 2 - \frac{2}{5}(x+1)$$

Multiply by 5
 $10 - 15x = 10 - 2(x+1)$
 $-15x = -2x - 2$
 $2 = 13x$
 $x = \frac{2}{13}$

21.
$$5x - 3 = \frac{3}{5} \left(\frac{2x}{3} + 2 \right)$$

Multiply by 15
 $75x - 45 = 9 \left(\frac{2x}{3} + 2 \right)$
 $75x - 45 = 6x + 18$
 $69x = 63$
 $x = \frac{63}{69}$

22. See diagram below:



The front portion of the car is $\frac{3}{7}$ of its total length. If the remainder of the car is 200 cm, what is the length of the car? $\frac{4}{7}x = 200$

$$x = 200 \times \frac{7}{4} = 350 \text{ cm} = 3.5 \text{ m}$$