Practice

Form K

Solving Radical Equations

Solve each radical equation. Check your solution.

1.
$$\sqrt{y} + 6 = 12$$
 36

2.
$$\sqrt{4n} - 6 = 0$$
 9

3.
$$\sqrt{3k+3}=6$$
 11

4.
$$\sqrt{4p-8}=8$$
 18

5.
$$\sqrt{5t+1} = 9$$
 16

6.
$$\sqrt{\frac{x^2}{8}} = 12 \pm 24\sqrt{2}$$

7.
$$\sqrt{\frac{3m}{2}} = 3$$
 6

8.
$$\sqrt{\frac{a^2}{4}} = 8 \pm 16$$

- **9.** The motion of a pendulum can be modeled by $t = 2\sqrt{\frac{l}{3.3}}$, where *t* is the time in seconds for one complete swing and *l* is the length of the pendulum in feet. If the pendulum takes 2 seconds to complete one swing, how long is the pendulum? Round to the nearest hundredth of a foot. 3.30 ft
- **10.** The length *r* of the radius of a sphere is given by $r = \sqrt{\frac{SA}{4\pi}}$, where *SA* represents the sphere's surface area. If a sphere has a surface area of 276 cm², what is the length of its radius? Use $\pi = 3.14$. Round to the nearest hundredth of a centimeter. 4.69 cm
- **11.** The distance *d* in feet that it takes an automobile to stop if it is traveling *S* miles per hour is given by $S = \sqrt{21d}$. Find the distance it would take an automobile traveling 45 miles per hour to stop. Round your answer to the nearest tenth of a foot. 96.4 ft

10-4 Practice (continued)

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12.
$$\sqrt{5p+1} = \sqrt{2p+7}$$
 2

13.
$$\sqrt{n+3} = \sqrt{11-n}$$
 4

14.
$$\sqrt{t^2+3} = \sqrt{4t}$$
 3. 1

15.
$$\sqrt{2b^2 + 6} = \sqrt{5b}$$
 no solution

16.
$$10 = \sqrt{8q + 36}$$
 8

17.
$$\frac{z}{2} = \sqrt{z-5}$$
 no solution

Solve each radical equation. Check your solution. If there is no solution, write no solution.

18.
$$x = \sqrt{-x + 20}$$

19.
$$g = \sqrt{g+2}$$

20.
$$h = \sqrt{-13h - 42}$$
 No solution

21.
$$w = \sqrt{7w + 18}$$

22. Writing What is an extraneous solution? How do you determine if a solution

An extraneous solution is an apparent solution that does not satisfy the original equation. Substitute all solutions into the original equation to see if they work.

23. Open-Ended Write a radical equation that has two solutions. Solve the equation. Check both solutions. Show your work.

Answers may vary. Sample:

$$x = \sqrt{3x - 2}$$

$$x^{2} = 3x - 2$$

$$x^{2} - 3x + 2 = 0$$

$$(x - 1)(x - 2) = 0$$

$$x = 1, 2$$

Check:

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$$x = 1$$
 $x = 2$
 $1 = \sqrt{3(1) - 2}$ $2 = \sqrt{3(2) - 2}$
 $1 = \sqrt{1}$ $2 = \sqrt{4}$
 $1 = 1$ $2 = 2$