

# SOLVING EQUATIONS

## A DEFINITIONS

### A.1 MATH ESCAPE ROOM LEVEL 1

**MCQ 1:** For this Math escape room, the code is:

$$\bigcirc + 5 = 9$$

Which code do you use to enter?

☐  $\bigcirc = 2$

☐  $\bigcirc = 4$

☐  $\bigcirc = 5$

☐  $\bigcirc = 9$

**MCQ 2:** For this Math escape room, the code is:

$$\triangle + 10 = 1 + 2 \times 6$$

Which code do you use to enter?

☐  $\triangle = 3$

☐  $\triangle = 5$

☐  $\triangle = 8$

☐  $\triangle = 10$

**MCQ 3:** For this Math escape room, the code is:

$$\square + 5 = 2 \times 4 + 1$$

Which code do you use to enter?

☐  $\square = 6$

☐  $\square = 8$

☐  $\square = 5$

☐  $\square = 4$

**MCQ 4:** For this Math escape room, the code is:

$$\bigcirc - 4 = 3 \times 2 - 1$$

Which code do you use to enter?

☐  $\bigcirc = 7$

☐  $\bigcirc = 6$

☐  $\bigcirc = 5$

☐  $\bigcirc = 9$

### A.2 MATH ESCAPE ROOM LEVEL 2

**MCQ 5:** For this Math escape room, the code is:

$$2 \times \bigcirc - 2 = \bigcirc + 10$$

Which code do you use to enter?

☐  $\bigcirc = 8$

☐  $\bigcirc = 10$

☐  $\bigcirc = 12$

☐  $\bigcirc = 14$

**MCQ 6:** For this Math escape room, the code is:

$$3x + 7 = x + 19$$

Which code do you use to enter?

☐  $x = 2$

☐  $x = 4$

☐  $x = 6$

☐  $x = 8$

**MCQ 7:** For this Math escape room, the code is:

$$2x - 2 = x + 10$$

Which code do you use to enter?

☐  $x = 6$

☐  $x = 8$

☐  $x = 10$

☐  $x = 12$

**MCQ 8:** For this Math escape room, the code is:

$$x \times (x - 2) = 24$$

Which code do you use to enter?

☐  $x = 6$

☐  $x = 7$

☐  $x = 8$

☐  $x = 9$

### A.3 MATH ESCAPE ROOM LEVEL 3

**MCQ 9:** For this Math escape room, the code is:

$$x^2 - 4 = 0$$

Which code do you use to enter?

- ☐  $x = 2$   
☐  $x = 3$   
☐  $x = 4$   
☐  $x = 5$

**MCQ 10:** For this Math escape room, the code is:

$$x^2 - 2x + 1 = 0$$

Which code do you use to enter?

- ☐  $x = 0$   
☐  $x = 1$   
☐  $x = 2$   
☐  $x = 3$

**MCQ 11:** For this Math escape room, the code is:

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

Which code do you use to enter?

- ☐  $x = 2$   
☐  $x = 3$   
☐  $x = 4$   
☐  $x = 5$

## B SOLVING BY TRIAL AND ERROR

### B.1 FINDING A SOLUTION LEVEL 1

**Ex 12:** Consider the equation  $2x + 3 = 11$ .

Use the trial-and-error method to find a solution (try  $x = 2, 3, \dots$ ).

$$x = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$$

**Ex 13:** Consider the equation  $3x - 5 = 10$ .

Use the trial-and-error method to find a solution (try  $x = 4, 5, \dots$ ).

$$x = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$$

**Ex 14:** Consider the equation  $x(x - 1) = 6$ .

Use the trial-and-error method to find a solution (try  $x = 2, 3, \dots$ ).

$$x = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$$

**Ex 15:** Consider the equation  $2x - 3 = 5x - 9$ .

Use the trial-and-error method to find a solution (try  $x = 0, 1, \dots$ ).

$$x = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$$

### B.2 FINDING A SOLUTION LEVEL 2

**Ex 16:** Consider the equation  $x^2 - 2x + 1 = 0$ .

Use the trial-and-error method to find a solution (try  $x = 0, 1, \dots$ ).

$$x = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$$

**Ex 17:** Consider the equation  $x^2 - 9 = 0$ .

Use the trial-and-error method to find a solution (try  $x = 2, 3, \dots$ ).

$$x = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$$

**Ex 18:** Consider the equation  $\frac{x+2}{x-2} = 2$ .

Use the trial-and-error method to find a solution (try  $x = 6, 3, 4$ ).

$$x = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$$