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**MAT 120**  
**College Algebra and Trigonometry**  
**Final Exam**

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**Problem 1.** Solve the equation  $\ln(x) - 3 = \ln(x + 2)$ .

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**Problem 2.** In this problem, we will consider functions  $(\log_7 x) - 1$  and  $\log_7(x + 1)$ .

**(1).** Solve the equation  $(\log_7 x) - 1 = \log_7(x + 1)$ .

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**(2).** By transforming the graph of  $\log_7 x$ , sketch the graphs of these functions in the same

$(x, y)$ -coordinate system. Is this sketch is consistent with your solution of part (1)?

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**Problem 3.** Solve the equation  $5^{2x} = \frac{1}{3^{x-1}}$ .

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**Problem 4.** Solve the equation  $2^{x-2} = 2^x + 3$ .

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**Problem 5.** Consider the system of linear equations: 
$$\begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 - 2x_3 + x_4 + 3x_5 = 1 \\ 2x_1 - x_2 + 2x_3 + 2x_4 + 6x_5 = 2 \\ 3x_1 + 2x_2 - 4x_3 - 3x_4 - 9x_5 = 3 \end{cases}$$

(1). Perform the downward Gauss-Jordan method on the augmented matrix of the above system.

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(2). Obtain the reduced row echelon form of the augmented matrix of the original linear

system (i.e. perform the upward Gauss-Jordan method on the augmented matrix, obtained in the previous subproblem).

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**(3).** Find a particular solution of the original system of linear equations and a system of fundamental solutions of the associated homogeneous system.

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