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Read each problem **very carefully** before starting to solve it and do only what is asked. Each problem is worth around 5 points. It is necessary to show **all** your work. Correct answers without explanations are worth 0 points. GOOD LUCK!!

1. [4 points] Solve by hand the rational inequality

$$\frac{(2x+1)(x-3)}{(x+2)^2(7-x)} \le 0.$$

Please leave your answer in interval notation.

2. [4 points] Suppose that y varies directly with the cube root of x and inversely with the fifth power of z. If x = 125 and z = 2, then $y = \frac{5}{4}$. Find the joint variation relation.

3. [4 points] An exponential function passes though the points $\left(-2, \frac{125}{4}\right)$ and $\left(3, \frac{8}{25}\right)$. Find, working by hand (without using decimals), an equation for y = f(x).