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Answers

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LCM of all 4 denominators is:  $24a^4b^5$

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$$\frac{1}{6a^3b} + \frac{11}{3ab^5}$$

$\cdot \frac{24a^4b^5}{24a^4b^5}$

$$\frac{7(2a^4b^2) + 5(3b^3)}{1(4ab^4) + 11(8a^3)}$$

$$= \frac{14a^4b^2 + 15b^3}{4ab^4 + 88a^3}$$

2. Solve this radical equation:

$$\sqrt{x+12} - 6 = x$$

$+6 \quad +6$

$$(\sqrt{x+12})^2 = (x+6)^2$$

$$x+12 = x^2 + 12x + 36$$

$-x - 12 \quad \quad \quad -x \quad -12$

$$0 = x^2 + 11x + 24$$

$$0 = (x+3)(x+8)$$

~~$$\begin{array}{ccc} & +24 & \\ +8 & \times & +3 \\ & +11 & \end{array}$$~~

$$x = -3, -8$$

$$x = -3$$