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a. $2x^2 + 7x - 3 = 0$

$$x = \frac{-7 \pm \sqrt{7^2 - 4(2)(-3)}}{2(2)}$$

$$= \frac{-7 \pm \sqrt{49 + 24}}{4}$$

$$= \frac{-7 \pm \sqrt{73}}{4}$$

b. $x^2 = 11 - x$

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

$$x = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1^2 - 4(1)(-11)}}{2(1)}$$

$$= \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1 + 44}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{45}}{2}$$

c. $9x^2 + 6x = -1$

$$9x^2 + 6x + 1 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{6^2 - 4(9)(1)}}{2(9)}$$

$$= \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{36 - 36}}{18}$$

$$= \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{0}}{18}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{3}$$

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$$x = \frac{-24 \pm \sqrt{24^2 - 4(a)(72)}}{2a} = \frac{-24 \pm \sqrt{576 - 288a}}{2a}$$

If one x-int, then $\sqrt{0}$ so,

$$576 - 288a = 0 \rightarrow 576 = 288a \rightarrow a = 2$$

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