

$$13x^2 - 118x + 240 = 0$$

2	3120
2	1560
2	780
2	390
3	195
5	65
13	13

Rough work

$$\begin{array}{r}
 240 \\
 \times 13 \\
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 3120
 \end{array}$$

240
$\times 13$
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3280
2 3280
2 1640
2 820
2 410
5 205
41 41
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$$3120 = 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 3 \times 5 \times 13$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (2 \times 3 \times 13) \times (2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 5) \\
 &= 78 \times 40 \quad (78 + 40 = 118)
 \end{aligned}$$

Now $13x^2 - 118x + 240 = 0$

~~$13x^2 - 520x + 6x + 240 = 0$~~

$13x^2 - 78x + 40x + 240 = 0$

$13x(x - 6) - 40(x - 6) = 0$

$(13x - 40)(x - 6) = 0$

$13x - 40 = 0$

$$x = \frac{40}{13} = 3\frac{1}{13} \quad \text{Ans}$$

$$x - 6 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 6$$