

# Algebra (Hard)

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- If each expression under the square root is greater than or equal to 0, what is  $\sqrt{x^2 - 6x + 9} + \sqrt{2 - x} + x - 3$ ?
- $\sqrt{2 - x}$
  - $2x - 6 + \sqrt{2 - x}$
  - $\sqrt{2 - x} + x - 3$
  - $2x - 6 + \sqrt{x - 2}$
  - $x + \sqrt{x - 2}$

# Algebra | Answers

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- Based on the setup (and Math principles tested on the GMAT),  $(2 - x)$  has to be  $\geq 0$ . Therefore  $x \leq 2$ .
- $\sqrt{x^2 - 6x + 9} = \sqrt{(x - 3)^2} = 3 - x$
- Because  $x \leq 2$ ,  $x - 3 < 0$
- Therefore:  $3 - x + \sqrt{2 - x} + x - 3 = \sqrt{2 - x}$
- **The correct answer is A**