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$$\left(\frac{E}{c}\right)^2 - p^2 \text{ is invariant}$$

Exactly:

$$\left(\frac{E}{c}\right)^2 - p^2 = (mc)^2 \quad (1)$$

As  $p$  is equal to  $\frac{mv}{\sqrt{1-\left(\frac{v}{c}\right)^2}}$ , it follows

$$\left(\frac{E}{c}\right)^2 - \frac{m^2 v^2}{1 - \left(\frac{v}{c}\right)^2} = (mc)^2 \Rightarrow E = \frac{mc^2}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{v}{c}\right)^2}} \quad (2)$$

And for the observer  $O'$

$$E' = \frac{mc^2}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{v'}{c}\right)^2}} \quad (3)$$

Substituting  $v'$  in terms of  $v$  and  $u$ , that is

$$v' = \frac{v - u}{1 - \frac{vu}{c^2}}$$

$$v'^2 = \frac{v^2 + u^2 - 2vu}{\left(1 - \frac{vu}{c^2}\right)^2} \quad (4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - \left(\frac{v'}{c}\right)^2 &= 1 - \frac{v^2 + u^2 - 2vu}{c^2 \left(1 - \frac{vu}{c^2}\right)^2} = \frac{c^2 + \frac{v^2 u^2}{c^2} - 2vu - v^2 - u^2 + 2vu}{c^2 \left(1 - \frac{vu}{c^2}\right)^2} \\ &= \frac{1 + \frac{v^2 u^2}{c^4} - \frac{u^2 + v^2}{c^2}}{\left(1 - \frac{uv}{c^2}\right)^2} \quad (5) \end{aligned}$$

Substituting (5) in (3)

$$E' = \frac{mc^2}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{v'}{c}\right)^2}} = \frac{mc^2 \left(1 - \frac{vu}{c^2}\right)}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{v^2 u^2}{c^4} - \frac{u^2 + v^2}{c^2}}} \quad (6)$$

(6) is the (a) solution.

Let's see part b): Reduce the expression

$$\left(\frac{E'}{c}\right)^2 - \frac{m^2 v'^2}{1 - \left(\frac{v'}{c}\right)^2} \quad (7)$$

From (1) we know that (7) is equal to  $(mc)^2$ . Let's see it.

Substituting (6), (5) and (4) in (7):

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{mc \left(1 - \frac{vu}{c^2}\right)^2}{1 + \frac{v^2 u^2}{c^4} - \frac{u^2 + v^2}{c^2}} - \frac{m^2 \frac{v^2 + u^2 - 2vu}{\left(1 - \frac{vu}{c^2}\right)^2}}{1 + \frac{v^2 u^2}{c^4} - \frac{u^2 + v^2}{c^2}} = \frac{m^2 c^2 \left(1 - \frac{vu}{c^2}\right)^2}{1 + \frac{v^2 u^2}{c^4} - \frac{u^2 + v^2}{c^2}} - \frac{m^2 (v^2 + u^2 - 2vu)}{1 + \frac{v^2 u^2}{c^4} - \frac{u^2 + v^2}{c^2}} \\ & = \frac{m^2 c^2 \left(1 + \frac{v^2 u^2}{c^4} - \frac{2vu}{c^2}\right) - m^2 (v^2 + u^2 - 2vu)}{1 + \frac{v^2 u^2}{c^4} - \frac{u^2 + v^2}{c^2}} \\ & = \frac{m^2 c^2 \left(1 + \frac{v^2 u^2}{c^4} - \frac{u^2 + v^2}{c^2}\right)}{1 + \frac{v^2 u^2}{c^4} - \frac{u^2 + v^2}{c^2}} = m^2 c^2 \end{aligned}$$

This is, the simplest way of  $E'^2 - (p'c)^2 = (mc^2)^2$