

20S Pre-Calculus Rational Exponents

Part A: Change to rational exponents and simplify

1. $\sqrt[5]{32x^{10}y^2}$
 $2x^2y^{2/5}$

2. $\sqrt[3]{27x^8y^{18}}$
 $3x^{8/3}y^6$

3. $\sqrt[4]{625x^2}$
 $5x^{1/2}$

4. $\sqrt[6]{64x^{18}y^{20}}$
 $2x^3y^{10/3}$

5. $\sqrt[4]{81x^4y^5z}$
 $3xy^{5/4}z^{1/4}$

6. $\sqrt[3]{x^{35}y^{15}z^2}$
 $x^{35/3}y^5z^{2/3}$

Part B: Simplify each of the following

1. $\sqrt[5]{32x^{10}y^2} \cdot \sqrt[7]{128x^2y^6}$
 $2x^2y^{2/5} \cdot 2x^{2/7}y^{6/7}$
 $4x^{16/7}y^{46/35}$

2. $\sqrt{36x^{10}y^2} \cdot \sqrt[5]{32x^4y^4}$
 $6x^5y \cdot 2x^{4/5}y^{4/5}$
 $12x^{29/5}y^{9/5}$

3. $\sqrt[3]{64x^{10}y^2} \cdot \sqrt[3]{128x^2y^6}$
 $4x^5y^{2/3} \cdot 5x^{2/3}y^2$
 $20x^{17/3}y^{8/3}$

4. $\sqrt[4]{16x^{10}y^2} \cdot \sqrt[4]{81x^3y^5}$
 $2x^{5/2}y^{1/2} \cdot 3^{3/4}x^{3/4}y^{5/4}$
 $6x^{11/4}y^{7/4}$

5. $\sqrt[3]{-27x^{12}y^7} \cdot \sqrt[8]{256x^6y^6}$
 $-3x^4y^{7/3} \cdot 2x^{3/4}y^{3/4}$
 $-6x^{15/4}y^{37/12}$

6. $\sqrt[3]{125x^{14}y^9} \cdot \sqrt[5]{243x^{35}y^6}$
 $5x^{14/3}y^3 \cdot 3^7x^{7/5}y^{6/5}$
 $15x^{35/3}y^{21/5}$

Part C: Simplify as a single rational exponent

1. $\sqrt[5]{\sqrt{3}}$

$$\left(3^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)^{\frac{1}{5}} = 3^{\frac{1}{10}}$$

2. $\sqrt[3]{27 \cdot \sqrt{3}}$

$$\sqrt[3]{3^3 \cdot \sqrt{3}}$$

$$3 \cdot \left(3^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$3 \cdot 3^{\frac{1}{6}} = 3^{\frac{7}{6}}$$

3. $\sqrt[4]{\sqrt{27}}$

$$\left(\left(27^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}}\right)^{\frac{1}{5}} = 27^{\frac{1}{40}}$$

4. $\sqrt[3]{\sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt[3]{9^2}}$

~~$$\sqrt[3]{3 \cdot 3}$$~~

$$\left(\left(3^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}\right)^{\frac{1}{5}} \cdot \left(\left(3^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$3^{\frac{1}{30}} \cdot 3^{\frac{1}{30}} = 3^{\frac{2}{30}} = 3^{\frac{1}{15}}$$

$$\left(\frac{10}{21}\right)$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{15}\right)$$