

* Choose the right answer from the given options. [1 Marks Each]

[10]

1. If $x = \sqrt{6} + \sqrt{5}$, then $x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} - 2 =$

(A) $2\sqrt{6}$

(B) $2\sqrt{5}$

(C) 24

(D) 20

Ans. :

d. 20

Solution :

$$x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} - 2 = \left(x - \frac{1}{x}\right)^2$$

$$x = \sqrt{6} + \sqrt{5}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{5}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{5}} \times \frac{\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{5}} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{5}}{1} = \sqrt{6} - \sqrt{5} \end{aligned}$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \left(x - \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 &= [\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{5} - (\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{5})]^2 \\ &= (2\sqrt{5})^2 = 4 \times 5 = 20 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, correct option is (d).

2. If $\frac{3^{5x} \times 81^2 \times 6561}{3^{2x}}$ then $x =$

(A) 3

(B) -3

(C) $\frac{1}{3}$

(D) $-\frac{1}{3}$

Ans. :

b. -3

Solution:

We have to find the value of x provided $\frac{3^{5x} \times 81^2 \times 6561}{3^{2x}} = 3^7$

So,

$$\frac{3^{5x} \times 81^2 \times 6561}{3^{2x}} = 3^7$$

By using law of rational exponents we get

$$3^{5x+8+8-2x} = 3^7$$

By equating exponents we get

$$5x + 88 - 2x = 7$$

$$3x + 16 = 7$$

$$3x = 7 - 16$$

$$3x = -9$$

$$x = \frac{-9}{3}$$

$$x = -3$$

Hence the correct choice is b.

3. $\frac{1}{\sqrt{9}-\sqrt{8}}$ is equal to :

(A) $\frac{1}{3+2\sqrt{2}}$

(B) $\frac{1}{2}(3 - 2\sqrt{2})$

(C) $3 + 2\sqrt{2}$

(D) $3 - 2\sqrt{2}$

Ans. :

c. $3 + 2\sqrt{2}$

Solution:

After rationalising

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{\sqrt{9}-\sqrt{8}} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{9}-\sqrt{8}} \times \frac{\sqrt{9}+\sqrt{8}}{\sqrt{9}+\sqrt{8}} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{9}+\sqrt{8}}{(\sqrt{9})^2-(\sqrt{8})^2} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{3 \times 3} + \sqrt{2 \times 2 \times 2}}{9-8} \\ &= \frac{3+2\sqrt{2}}{1} \\ &= 3 + 2\sqrt{2}\end{aligned}$$

4. $\left(\frac{125}{216}\right)^{-\frac{1}{3}} =$

(A) $\frac{5}{6}$

(B) $\frac{6}{5}$

(C) 125

(D) 216

Ans. :

b. $\frac{6}{5}$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\left(\frac{125}{216}\right)^{-\frac{1}{3}} \\ \Rightarrow \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^3 \times \frac{-1}{3} \\ \Rightarrow \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^{-1} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{6}{5}\end{aligned}$$

5. The number $0.\overline{32}$ when expressed in the form $\frac{p}{q}$ (p, q are integers and $q \neq 0$), is:

(A) $\frac{8}{25}$

(B) $\frac{29}{90}$

(C) $\frac{32}{99}$

(D) $\frac{32}{199}$

Ans. :

b. $\frac{29}{90}$

Solution:

Let $x = 0.\overline{32} = 0.32222\ldots$ (1)

Now, $10x = 3.2222 = 3.\overline{2} \ldots$ (2),

Subtracting equation (2) and (3), we get

$90x = 29$

$\Rightarrow x = \frac{29}{90}$

Hence, option (b) is correct.

6. If $\frac{2+\sqrt{3}}{2-\sqrt{3}} = a + b\sqrt{3}$, then,

(A) $a = 7$ and $b = 4$

(B) $a = -7$ and $b = -4$

(C) $a = -7$ and $b = 4$

(D) $a = 7$ and $b = -4$

Ans. :

a. $a = 7$ and $b = 4$

Solution:

$$\frac{2+\sqrt{3}}{2-\sqrt{3}}$$

Multiplying numerator and denominator by $2 + \sqrt{3}$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{So, } \frac{(2+\sqrt{3})^2}{(2-\sqrt{3})(2+\sqrt{3})} \\ = \frac{4+3+4\sqrt{3}}{4-3}, \\ = 7 + 4\sqrt{3}\end{aligned}$$

Now equating $7 \div 4\sqrt{3}$ and $a \div b\sqrt{3}$
 we get,
 $a = 7$ and $b = 4$

7. If $x = \frac{2}{3+\sqrt{7}}$, then $(x - 3)^2 =$

- (A) 1 (B) 3 (C) 6 (D) 7

Ans. :

d. 7

Solution:

$$x = \frac{2}{3+\sqrt{7}} = \frac{2}{3+\sqrt{7}} \times \frac{3-\sqrt{7}}{3-\sqrt{7}} = \frac{2(3-\sqrt{7})}{3-\sqrt{7}}$$

$$= \frac{6-2\sqrt{7}}{9-7} = \frac{6-2\sqrt{7}}{2} = 3 - \sqrt{7}$$

Now $(x - 3)^2 = (3 - \sqrt{7} - 3)^2 = (-\sqrt{7})^2 = 7$
 Hence, correct option is (d).

8. The value of $\frac{x^a(c-c)}{x^{b(a-c)}} \div \left(\frac{x^b}{x^a}\right)^c$ is:

- (A) 4 (B) 3 (C) 2 (D) 1

Ans. :

d. 1

Solution:

$$\frac{x^{a(c-c)}}{x^{b(a-c)}} \div \left(\frac{x^b}{x^a}\right)^c$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x^{ab-ac}}{x^{ba-be}} \div \left(\frac{x^{bc}}{x^{ac}}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow x^{ab-ac-ab+bc} \div x^{bc-ac}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^{bc-ac} \div x^{bc-ac}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1$$

9. If $\sqrt{2} = 1.414$ then $\sqrt{\frac{(\sqrt{2}-1)}{(\sqrt{2}+1)}} = ?$

- (A) 0.207 (B) 0.414 (C) 2.414 (D) 0.621

Ans. :

b. 0.414

Solution:

$$\sqrt{\frac{(\sqrt{2}-1)}{(\sqrt{2}+1)}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{(\sqrt{2}-1)}{(\sqrt{2}+1)} \times \frac{(\sqrt{2}-1)}{(\sqrt{2}-1)}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{(\sqrt{2}-1)^2}{(\sqrt{2})^2 - (1)^2}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{(\sqrt{2}-1)^2}{2-1}}$$

$$= \sqrt{(\sqrt{2}-1)^2}$$

$$= 1.414 - 1$$

$$= 0.414$$

10. If $\sqrt{2^n} = 1024$, then $3^{2\left(\frac{n}{4}-4\right)} =$
 (A) 3 (B) 9 (C) 27 (D) 81

Ans. :

b. 9

Solution:

We have to find $3^{2\left(\frac{n}{4}-4\right)}$

Given $\sqrt{2^n} = 1024$

$$\sqrt{2^n} = 2^{10}$$

$$2^{n \times \frac{1}{2}}$$

Equating powers of rational exponents we get

$$n \times \frac{1}{2} = 10$$

$$n = 10 \times 2$$

$$n = 20$$

Substituting in $3^{2\left(\frac{n}{4}-4\right)}$ we get

$$3^{2\left(\frac{n}{4}-4\right)} = 3^{2\left(\frac{20}{4}-4\right)}$$

$$= 3^{2(5-4)}$$

$$= 3^{2 \times 1}$$

$$= 9$$

Hence the correct choice is b.

*** Answer the following short questions. [2 Marks Each]**

[8]

11. Simplify:

$$3\sqrt{45} - \sqrt{125} + \sqrt{200} - \sqrt{50}$$

$$\text{Ans. : } 3\sqrt{45} - \sqrt{125} + \sqrt{200} - \sqrt{50}$$

$$3\sqrt{9 \times 5} - \sqrt{25 \times 5} + \sqrt{100 \times 2} - \sqrt{25 \times 2}$$

$$= 3 \times 3\sqrt{5} - 5\sqrt{5} + 10\sqrt{2} - 5\sqrt{2}$$

$$= 9\sqrt{5} - 5\sqrt{5} + 10\sqrt{2} - 5\sqrt{2}$$

$$= 4\sqrt{5} + 5\sqrt{2}$$

12. If $a = 2$, $b = 3$, find the values of:

$$(a^b + b^a)^{-1}$$

Ans. : Given, $a = 2$ and $b = 3$

$$\therefore (a^b + b^a)^{-1} = \frac{1}{a^b + b^a}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2^3 + 3^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{8+9}$$

$$= \frac{1}{17}$$

13. Find two rational and two irrational number between 0.5 and 0.55.

Ans. : The two rational numbers between 0.5 and 0.55 are: 0.51 and 0.52

The two irrational numbers between 0.5 and 0.55 are: 0.505005000... and 0.5101100111000...

Disclaimer: There are infinite number of rational and irrational numbers between 0.5 and 0.55.

14. Simplify $\left[\left\{ (256)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right\}^{-\frac{1}{4}} \right]^2$.

Ans. : $\left[\left\{ (256)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right\}^{-\frac{1}{4}} \right]^2$

$$= \left[\left\{ (16^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right\}^{-\frac{1}{4}} \right]^2$$

$$= \left[\left\{ 16^{-1} \right\}^{-\frac{1}{4}} \right]^2$$

$$= \left[16^{-1 \times \left(-\frac{1}{4}\right)} \right]^2$$

$$= \left[16^{\frac{1}{4}} \right]^2$$

$$= \left[2^{4 \times \frac{1}{4}} \right]^2$$

$$= 2^2$$

$$= 4$$

* Answer the following questions. [3 Marks Each]

[12]

15. If x is a positive real number and exponents are rational numbers, simplify

$$\left(\frac{x^b}{x^c} \right)^{b+c-a} \times \left(\frac{x^c}{x^a} \right)^{c+a-b} \times \left(\frac{x^a}{x^b} \right)^{a+b-c}.$$

Ans. : $\left(\frac{x^b}{x^c} \right)^{b+c-a} \times \left(\frac{x^c}{x^a} \right)^{c+a-b} \times \left(\frac{x^a}{x^b} \right)^{a+b-c}$

$$= \left(\frac{x^{b^2+bc-ab}}{x^{bc+c^2-ac}} \right) \times \left(\frac{x^{c^2+ac-bc}}{x^{ac+a^2-ab}} \right) \times \left(\frac{x^{a^2+ab-ac}}{x^{ab+b^2-bc}} \right)$$

$$= \left(x^{b^2+bc-ab-bc-c^2+ac} \right) \left(x^{c^2+ac-bc-ac-a^2+ab} \right) \left(x^{a^2+ab-ac-ab-b^2+bc} \right)$$

$$= \left(x^{b^2-ab-c^2+ac} \right) \left(x^{c^2-bc-a^2+ab} \right) \left(x^{a^2-ac-b^2+bc} \right)$$

$$= x^{b^2-ab-c^2+ac+c^2-bc-a^2+ab+a^2-ac-b^2+bc}$$

$$= x^0$$

$$= 1$$

16. Prove that:

$$\left(\frac{64}{125} \right)^{-\frac{2}{3}} + \frac{1}{\left(\frac{256}{625} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}}} + \frac{\sqrt{25}}{\sqrt[3]{64}} = \frac{65}{16}$$

Ans. : L.H.S. $= \left(\frac{64}{125} \right)^{-\frac{2}{3}} + \frac{1}{\left(\frac{256}{625} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}}} + \frac{\sqrt{25}}{\sqrt[3]{64}}$

$$= \left(\frac{125}{64} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}} + \left(\frac{625}{256} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} + \frac{\sqrt{5^2}}{\sqrt[3]{4^3}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{5^{3 \times \frac{2}{3}}}{4^{3 \times \frac{2}{3}}} + \frac{5^{4 \times \frac{1}{4}}}{4^{4 \times \frac{1}{4}}} + \frac{5}{4} \\
&= \frac{24}{16} + \frac{5}{4} + \frac{5}{4} \\
&= \frac{25+20+20}{16} \\
&= \frac{65}{16} \\
&= \text{R.H.S.}
\end{aligned}$$

17. Prove that:

$$\left[8^{-\frac{2}{3}} \times 2^{\frac{1}{2}} \times 25^{-\frac{5}{4}} \right] \div \left[32^{-\frac{2}{5}} \times 125^{-\frac{5}{6}} \right] = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Ans. : L.H.S.} &= \left[8^{-\frac{2}{3}} \times 2^{\frac{1}{2}} \times 25^{-\frac{5}{4}} \right] \div \left[32^{-\frac{2}{5}} \times 125^{-\frac{5}{6}} \right] \\
&= \left[2^{3 \times \left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)} \times \sqrt{2} \times 5^{2 \times \left(-\frac{5}{4}\right)} \right] \div \left[2^{5 \times \left(-\frac{2}{5}\right)} \times 5^{3 \times \left(-\frac{5}{6}\right)} \right] \\
&= \left[2^{-2} \times \sqrt{2} \times 5^{-\frac{5}{2}} \right] \div \left[2^{-2} \times 5^{-\frac{5}{2}} \right] \\
&= \frac{2^{-2} \times \sqrt{2} \times 5^{-\frac{5}{2}}}{2^{-2} \times 5^{-\frac{5}{2}}} \\
&= \sqrt{2} \\
&= \text{R.H.S.}
\end{aligned}$$

18. Simplify:

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{2}} - \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{3}} - \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{5}} \\
\text{Ans. : } &\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{2}} - \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{3}} - \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{5}} \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}-\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{2}} - \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{3}} - \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{5}} \times \frac{\sqrt{2}+\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{2}+\sqrt{5}} \\
&= \frac{\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{2}}{(\sqrt{3})^2 - (\sqrt{2})^2} - \frac{2(\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{3})}{(\sqrt{5})^2 - (\sqrt{3})^2} - \frac{3(\sqrt{2}+\sqrt{5})}{(\sqrt{2})^2 - (\sqrt{5})^2} \\
&= \frac{\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{2}}{3-2} - \frac{2(\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{3})}{5-3} - \frac{3(\sqrt{2}+\sqrt{5})}{2-5} \\
&= \frac{\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{2}}{1} - \frac{2(\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{3})}{2} - \frac{3(\sqrt{2}+\sqrt{5})}{-3} \\
&= (\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2}) - (\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{3}) + (\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{5}) \\
&= \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2} - \sqrt{5} - \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{5} \\
&= 2\sqrt{2}
\end{aligned}$$
