

$$\text{Q1) } x = \left[ (-8)^{1/3} \right]^{-2} = (-2)^{-2} = \frac{1}{(-2)^2} = \frac{1}{4}, \quad y = \left( \frac{1}{16} \right)^{-3/2} = (16)^{3/2} = \left( (16)^{1/2} \right)^3 = 4^3 = 64.$$

$$\text{Thus } x + y = \frac{1}{4} + 64 = \frac{257}{4}$$

$$\text{Q2) } = \frac{x^{1/2} y^2 x^{-3/2} y^{3/2}}{x^{-6} y^{3/2}} = x^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{2} + 6} y^2 = x^5 y^2 = (2)^5 (1/2)^2 = 2^3 = 8$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Q3) } &= \left[ \frac{x^{-1} - y^{-1}}{(xy)^{-2}} \cdot \frac{x^2 y^2}{x^2 y^2} \right] \cdot \left[ \frac{(xy)^{-3}}{x^{-2} - y^{-2}} \cdot \frac{x^3 y^3}{x^3 y^3} \right] = \frac{xy^2 - x^2 y}{1} \cdot \frac{1}{xy^3 - x^3 y} \\ &= \frac{\cancel{(xy)} (y - x)}{\cancel{(xy)} (y^2 - x^2)} = \frac{\cancel{(y - x)}}{\cancel{(y - x)} (y + x)} = \frac{1}{x + y} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Q4) } &= \left( \frac{1}{y^2} - \frac{1}{x^2} \right)^{-3n} \cdot (x^2 - y^2)^{2n} \cdot (x^2 y^2)^{-3n} = \left( \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 y^2} \right)^{-3n} \cdot (x^2 - y^2)^{2n} \cdot (x^2 y^2)^{-3n} \\ &= \frac{\cancel{(x^2 y^2)}^{3n}}{(x^2 - y^2)^{3n}} \cdot (x^2 - y^2)^{2n} \cdot \frac{1}{\cancel{(x^2 y^2)}^{3n}} = (x^2 - y^2)^{-n} = \frac{1}{(x^2 - y^2)^n} \text{ which's part (a).} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Q5) (a) } = \frac{2^{x+4} - 2^{x+1}}{2^{x+4}} = 2^{(x+4) - (x+4)} - 2^{(x+1) - (x+4)} = 1 - 2^{-3} = 1 - \frac{1}{8} = \frac{7}{8},$$

Since the value is not  $\frac{1}{4}$ , so it's false.

$$\text{(b) } (x + y)^{-1} = x^{-1} + y^{-1} \text{ is false, because } (x + y)^{-1} = \frac{1}{x + y} \text{ while } x^{-1} + y^{-1} = \frac{y + x}{xy}$$

$$\text{(c) } = \left( 1 + \frac{1}{8} \right)^{-1} + (1 + 8)^{-1} = \left( \frac{9}{8} \right)^{-1} + 9^{-1} = \frac{8}{9} + \frac{1}{9} = 1 \text{ is true.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(d) } &= \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x-1} - \frac{x+1}{x} = \frac{1-x-1}{x} - \frac{1}{x-1} = \frac{-x}{x} - \frac{1}{x-1} = -1 - \frac{1}{x-1} = \frac{-x+1-1}{x-1} \\ &= -\frac{x}{x-1}. \text{ Again, it's false } \left( \neq \frac{x}{x+1} \right) \end{aligned}$$