

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Q1) (a)} \quad & \frac{(3\sqrt{x^2 - 2} - 2\sqrt{x^2 + 2})(3\sqrt{x^2 - 2} + 2\sqrt{x^2 + 2})}{x\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{26}} = \frac{9(x^2 - 2) - 4(x^2 + 2)}{x\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{26}} \\ & = \frac{5x^2 - 26}{x\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{26}} = \frac{(x\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{26})(x\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{26})}{x\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{26}} = x\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{26} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{(b)} = \sqrt{(x + y)^2 - 4xy} = \sqrt{x^2 + 2xy + y^2 - 4xy} = \sqrt{x^2 - 2xy + y^2} = \sqrt{(x - y)^2} = |x - y|$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Q2) (a)} & = \frac{3}{\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{2}} - \frac{2}{2\sqrt{5} - 3\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{2\sqrt{5} + 3\sqrt{2}}{2\sqrt{5} + 3\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\cancel{3}(\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{2})}{\cancel{(5-2)}} - \frac{\cancel{2}(2\sqrt{5} + 3\sqrt{2})}{\cancel{(20-18)}} \\ & = (\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{2}) - (2\sqrt{5} + 3\sqrt{2}) = -\sqrt{5} - 2\sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b)} & = \frac{2}{\sqrt[3]{54}} + \frac{4}{\sqrt[3]{16}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{2}} = \frac{2}{3\sqrt[3]{2}} + \frac{4}{2\sqrt[3]{2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{2}} = \frac{2}{3\sqrt[3]{2}} + \frac{2}{\sqrt[3]{2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{2}} \\ & = \frac{2 + 6 - 3}{3\sqrt[3]{2}} = \frac{5}{3\sqrt[3]{2}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[3]{4}}{\sqrt[3]{4}} = \frac{5\sqrt[3]{4}}{3(2)} = \frac{5\sqrt[3]{4}}{6} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{(c)} \quad \frac{1}{|2 - \sqrt{5}|} + \frac{1}{|-2 - \sqrt{5}|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5} - 2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5} + 2} = \frac{\sqrt{5} + 2 + \sqrt{5} - 2}{(\sqrt{5} - 2)(\sqrt{5} + 2)} = \frac{2\sqrt{5}}{5 - 4} = 2\sqrt{5}$$

$$\text{(d)} \quad \frac{\sqrt[13]{(-2)^{13}} + \sqrt[10]{(-2)^{10}}}{\sqrt{2} - 1} = \frac{(-2) + |-2|}{\sqrt{2} - 1} = \frac{-2 + 2}{\sqrt{2} - 1} = \frac{0}{\sqrt{2} - 1} = 0$$

Q3) If $x = 7 + 3\sqrt{2}$, $y = 7 - 3\sqrt{2}$, then $x^2 + y^2 = (49 + 42\sqrt{2} + 18) + (49 - 42\sqrt{2} + 18) = 134$ which's an integer. So the correct answer is part (e), while the other parts are not integers.

Q4) For any real number a : (a) $\sqrt[4]{a} = |a|$ is true for $n = 4$ is even ; (b) $\sqrt[4]{a^2} = \sqrt{a}$ is false, because a may be negative (the correction is $\sqrt[4]{a^2} = \sqrt{|a|}$) ; (c) $\sqrt[3]{a} = |a|$ is false, in fact $\sqrt[3]{a} = a$;

(d) $\sqrt[3]{a^2} = \sqrt[6]{a}$ is false, because $\sqrt[3]{a^2} = a^{2/3} \neq a^{1/6} = \sqrt[6]{a}$; (e) $\sqrt[7]{\sqrt[3]{a}} = a^{3/7}$ is false ($\sqrt[7]{\sqrt[3]{a}} = \sqrt[21]{a}$)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Q5) If } x = 2 - \sqrt{8}, \text{ then the multiplicative inverse of } x \text{ is } & \frac{1}{2 - \sqrt{8}} = \frac{1}{2 - \sqrt{8}} \cdot \frac{2 + \sqrt{8}}{2 + \sqrt{8}} = \frac{2 + \sqrt{8}}{4 - 8} \\ & = \frac{2 + 2\sqrt{2}}{-4} = \frac{2(1 + \sqrt{2})}{-4} = -\frac{1 + \sqrt{2}}{2} \end{aligned}$$