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Math (001)-Term (131)
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Question1: The value of $(0.1)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot (14.4)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \sqrt[3]{0.064}$

- A) $\frac{8}{5}$ B) 0.8 C) 1.24 D) $\frac{2}{5}$ E) $\frac{4}{5}$

Question2: The expression $\frac{(x+y)^{-1}}{x^{-1}+y^{-1}}$ simplifies to:

- A) $\frac{xy}{(x+y)^2}$ B) 1 C) -1 D) xy E) $(x+y)^2$

Question3:

The expression $(y^{-2} - x^{-2})^{-3n} (x^2 - y^2)^{2n} (x^2 y^2)^{-3n}$ simplifies to

- (a) $\frac{1}{(x^2 - y^2)^n}$ (b) $(x^2 + y^2)^n$ (c) $\frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2}$
 (d) $x^n y^n$ (e) $(x^2 y)^{-n} (x^2 + y^2)$

Question4: Answer TRUE OR FALSE

- (a) $\sqrt{25x^2 - 9y^2} = 5x - 3y$
 (b) The expression $(x^{-1} + y^{-1})^{-1} = x + y$
 (c) The value of $(1 + 2^{-3})^{-1} + (1 + 2^3)^{-1}$ is equal to 1.
 (d) The expression $\left[x^{-1} - \frac{1}{x-1} - \frac{x+1}{x} \right]$ is equal to $\frac{x}{x+1}$

Solution: (a) is **false** because: If $x = 1$ and $y = 1$ then

$$\sqrt{25x^2 - 9y^2} = \sqrt{25 - 9} = \sqrt{16} = 4 \neq 5 - 3$$

(b) is **false** because: $(x^{-1} + y^{-1})^{-1} = \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} \right)^{-1} = \left(\frac{y+x}{xy} \right)^{-1} = \frac{xy}{x+y}$

(c) is **true** because:

$$(1 + 2^{-3})^{-1} + (1 + 2^3)^{-1} = \left(1 + \frac{1}{8} \right)^{-1} + (9)^{-1} = \left(\frac{9}{8} \right)^{-1} + (9)^{-1} = \frac{8}{9} + \frac{1}{9} = 1$$

(d) is false because:

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} x^{-1} - \frac{1}{x-1} - \frac{x+1}{x} &= \frac{1}{x} - \frac{x+1}{x} - \frac{1}{x-1} \\ &= \frac{1-x-1}{x} - \frac{1}{x-1} \\ &= -1 - \frac{1}{x-1} = \frac{-x+1-1}{x-1} = \frac{-x}{x-1} \end{aligned}$$

Question5:

Simplify (a): $(-27)^{2/3}$ (b): $125^{2/3}$ (c): $27^{2/3}$ (c): $m^{2/3}(m^{7/3} + 2m^{1/3})$

Solution:

$$(a): (-27)^{2/3} = (\sqrt[3]{-27})^2 = (-3)^2 = 9$$

$$(b): 125^{2/3} = (\sqrt[3]{125})^2 = (5)^2 = 25$$

$$(c): 27^{2/3} = (\sqrt[3]{27})^2 = (3)^2 = 9$$

$$\begin{aligned} (d): m^{2/3}(m^{7/3} + 2m^{1/3}) &= m^{2/3}m^{7/3} + 2m^{2/3}m^{1/3} = m^{\frac{2}{3}+\frac{7}{3}} + 2m^{\frac{2}{3}+\frac{1}{3}} = m^{\frac{9}{3}} + 2m^{\frac{3}{3}} \\ &= m^3 + 2m \\ &= m(m^2 + 2) \end{aligned}$$