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Q1. (5 points): (4.1 Recitation Q2): If $f(x) = ax + 12$ and $f^{-1}(-2) = 3$ then find $f(2)$ **Solution:**

$$f^{-1}(-2) = 3 \Rightarrow f(f^{-1}(-2)) = f(3) \Rightarrow -2 = f(3) \Rightarrow -2 = a(3) + 12 \Rightarrow -14 = 3a$$

$$\Rightarrow a = -\frac{14}{3}$$

$$f(x) = ax + 12 = -\frac{14}{3}x + 12$$

$$f(2) = -\frac{14}{3}(2) + 12 = \frac{-28}{3} + 12 = \frac{-28 + 36}{3} = \frac{8}{3}$$

Answer: $\frac{8}{3}$ **Q2. (5 points):** (4.1 Additional Exercise 14) Given $f(x) = \frac{1}{5}x^2 - \frac{4}{25}x + k$ where $x \geq 2$. If $f^{-1}(2) = 5$ then find $k = ?$ **Solution:**

21. Given $f(x) = \frac{1}{5}x^2 - \frac{4}{25}x + k$, where $x \geq 2$. If $f^{-1}(2) = 5$, then k is equal to

$$f^{-1}(2) = 5 \Rightarrow f(5) = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{5} \cdot 25 - \frac{4}{25} \cdot 5 + k = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 5 - \frac{4}{5} + k = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 2 - 5 + \frac{4}{5}$$

$$= -3 + \frac{4}{5}$$

$$= -\frac{11}{5}$$

(a) $-\frac{11}{5}$

(b) $-\frac{31}{5}$

(c) $\frac{31}{5}$

(d) $\frac{11}{5}$

(e) $\frac{1}{5}$

Q3. (5 points): (4.2 Additional Exercise 26): If $f(x) = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{2-3x}$ is written as $f(x) = ka^x$, then

$$8a - 27k = ?$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{2-3x} \\ &= \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{-3x} \\ &= \frac{4}{9} \left[\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^3\right]^x \\ &= \frac{4}{9} \left(\frac{27}{8}\right)^x \\ \Rightarrow k &= \frac{4}{9} \text{ and } a = \frac{27}{8} \\ 8a - 27k &= 8\left(\frac{27}{8}\right) - 27\left(\frac{4}{9}\right) = 27 - 12 = 15 \end{aligned}$$

Q4. (5 points): (4.2 Textbook Example 6): Solve $x^{4/3} = 81$.

Solution:

EXAMPLE 6 Solving an Equation with a Fractional Exponent

Solve $x^{4/3} = 81$.

SOLUTION Notice that the variable is in the base rather than in the exponent.

$$\begin{aligned} x^{4/3} &= 81 \\ (\sqrt[3]{x})^4 &= 81 && \text{Radical notation for } a^{m/n} \text{ (Section R.7)} \\ \sqrt[3]{x} &= \pm 3 && \text{Take fourth roots on each side.} \\ &&& \text{Remember to use } \pm \text{. (Section 1.6)} \\ x &= \pm 27 && \text{Cube each side.} \end{aligned}$$

Check *both* solutions in the original equation. Both check, so the solution set is $\{\pm 27\}$.

Alternative Method There may be more than one way to solve an exponential equation, as shown here.

$$\begin{aligned} x^{4/3} &= 81 \\ (x^{4/3})^3 &= 81^3 && \text{Cube each side.} \\ x^4 &= (3^4)^3 && \text{Write 81 as } 3^4. \\ x^4 &= 3^{12} && (a^m)^n = a^{mn} \\ x &= \pm \sqrt[4]{3^{12}} && \text{Take fourth roots on each side.} \\ x &= \pm 3^3 && \text{Simplify the radical.} \\ x &= \pm 27 && \text{Apply the exponent.} \end{aligned}$$

The same solution set, $\{\pm 27\}$, results.