

LESSON
5-6
Practice B
Radical Expressions and Rational Exponents

Simplify each expression. Assume all variables are positive.

1. $\sqrt[3]{125x^9}$

$5x^3$

2. $\sqrt[4]{\frac{x^8}{81}}$

$\frac{x^2}{3}$

3. $\sqrt[3]{\frac{64x^3}{8}}$

$2x$

Write each expression in radical form, and simplify.

4. $64^{\frac{5}{8}}$

$\sqrt[8]{64^5} = 32$

5. $27^{\frac{2}{3}}$

$\sqrt[3]{27^2} = 9$

6. $(-8)^{\frac{4}{3}}$

$\sqrt[3]{-8^4} = 16$

Write each expression by using rational exponents.

7. $\sqrt[5]{51^4}$

$51^{\frac{4}{5}}$

8. $(\sqrt{169})^3$

$169^{\frac{3}{2}}$

9. $\sqrt[3]{36^{14}}$

$36^{\frac{14}{3}}$

Simplify each expression.

10. $4^{\frac{3}{2}} \cdot 4^{\frac{5}{2}}$

$4^{\frac{8}{2}} = 256$

11. $\frac{27^{\frac{4}{3}}}{27^{\frac{2}{3}}}$

$27^{\frac{2}{3}} = 9$

12. $(125^{\frac{2}{3}})^{\frac{1}{2}}$

$125^{\frac{2}{6}} = 5$

13. $(27 \cdot 64)^{\frac{2}{3}}$

$27^{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot 64^{\frac{2}{3}} = 144$

14. $\left(\frac{1}{243}\right)^{\frac{1}{5}}$

$\frac{1}{3}$

15. $64^{-\frac{1}{3}}$

$\frac{1}{4}$

16. $(-27x^6)^{\frac{1}{3}}$

$-3x^2$

17. $\frac{(25x)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{5 \cdot x^{\frac{1}{2}}}$

$25x$

18. $(4x)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot (9x)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

$\frac{3}{2}$

Solve.

19. In every atom, electrons orbit the nucleus with a certain characteristic velocity

known as the Fermi-Thomas velocity, equal to $\frac{Z^{\frac{2}{3}}}{137} c$, where Z is the number of

protons in the nucleus and c is the speed of light. In terms of c , what is the characteristic Fermi-Thomas velocity of the electrons in Uranium, for which $Z = 92$?

$\text{about } 0.15c$

Practice C

Radical Expressions and Rational Exponents

Simplify each expression. Assume all variables are positive.

1. $\sqrt[4]{(2x)^8} \cdot \sqrt[3]{(2x)^6}$

$16x^4$

2. $\sqrt[4]{\frac{x^{10}y^8}{81}}$

$\frac{x^2y^2}{3}$

3. $\sqrt[3]{\frac{x^7}{27x^3}}$

$\frac{x\sqrt[3]{x}}{3}$

Write each expression in radical form, and simplify.

4. $216^{\frac{2}{3}}$

36

5. $1000^{-\frac{2}{3}}$

$\frac{1}{100}$

6. $(16x^3)^{\frac{3}{2}}$

$64x^4\sqrt{x}$

Write each expression by using rational exponents.

7. $\sqrt[5]{(3x)^4}$

$(3x)^{\frac{4}{5}}$

8. $(\sqrt[5]{-6})^3$

$(-6)^{\frac{3}{5}}$

9. $\sqrt[3]{30x^3}$

$30^{\frac{1}{3}} \cdot x$

Simplify each expression.

10. $25^{\frac{1}{4}} \cdot 25^{-\frac{7}{4}}$

$\frac{1}{125}$

11. $(-64)^{\frac{1}{3}}$

-4

12. $\left(\frac{x^8}{y^4}\right)^{\frac{3}{4}}$

$\frac{x^6}{y^3}$

13. $\left(\frac{x^3}{125}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$

$\frac{x}{5}$

14. $(-8x^{18})^{\frac{2}{3}}(\sqrt[3]{y^6})$

$4x^{12}y^2$

15. $(a^4b^8)^{-\frac{1}{4}}$

$\frac{1}{ab^2}$

16. $(\sqrt[3]{-8x^9})^2$

$4x^6$

17. $(3x)^{\frac{2}{3}}(3x)^{\frac{7}{3}}$

$27x^3$

18. $\left(\frac{m^8}{n^{12}}\right)^{-\frac{1}{4}}$

$\frac{n^3}{m^2}$

Solve.

19. Each key on a piano produces a frequency that is $2^{\frac{1}{12}}$ times higher than the frequency of the key immediately to its left. Moving n keys to the right of any key increases the frequency of the starting note by a factor $2^{\frac{n}{12}}$. The key corresponding to Concert A has a frequency of 440 Hz. What is the frequency of note D, which is 5 keys to the right of Concert A?

about 587.3 Hz