

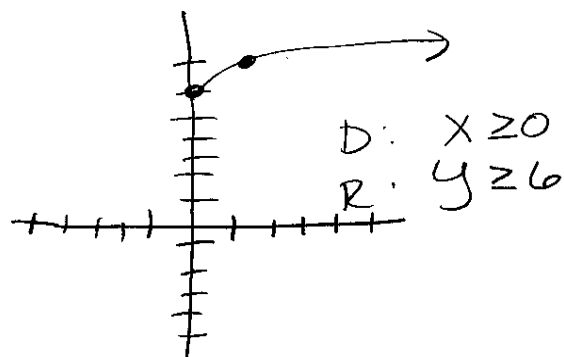
Chapter 8 -  
Roots & Radicals  
practice for the exam

SOLUTIONS

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6)  $f(x) = \sqrt{x} + 6$

x	y
-1	Does not exist
0	6
1	7
4	8



1) ①  $\sqrt{-324}$  not real  
A)  $\uparrow$  A)

2)  $\sqrt{16}$   
B) = 4

2 | 16  
2 | 8  
2 | 4  
2

7)  $\sqrt{x^6}$   
A) =  $\sqrt{x \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x}$   
=  $x^3$

3)  $\sqrt[3]{-125}$   
A) = -5

5 | 125  
5 | 25  
5

8)  $\sqrt[3]{x^{21}}$   
A) =  $x^7 = x^{21/3}$

9)  $\sqrt{3983}$   
B) = 63.111

4)  $\sqrt[4]{\frac{81}{625}}$   
C) =  $\frac{3}{5}$

3 | 81  
3 | 27  
3 | 9  
3

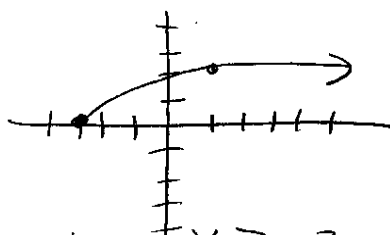
5 | 625  
5 | 125  
5 | 25  
5

10)  $C = 300 \sqrt[3]{n} + 1700$   
B)  $n = 64$

$C = 300 \sqrt[3]{64} + 1700$   
 $= 300(4) + 1700$   
 $= 1200 + 1700 = \$2900$

5)  $f(x) = \sqrt{x+3}$

x	y
-4	Does not exist
-3	0
-2	1
-1	
0	
1	2



Domain:  $x \geq -3$   
Range:  $y \geq 0$

2 | 16  
2 | 8  
2 | 4  
2

11)  $8^{4/3} = (8^{1/3})^4$   
A) =  $(2)^4 = 16$

12)  $2401^{1/4} = 7$   
B) = 7

7 | 2401  
7 | 343  
7 | 49  
7

13)  $16^{5/4} = (16^{1/4})^5$   
D) =  $(2)^5 = 32$

14  $(-8)^{2/3} = [(-8)^{1/3}]^2$

A  $= (-2)^2 = \boxed{4}$

15  $(\frac{25}{36})^{-1/2} = (\frac{36}{25})^{1/2} = \frac{\sqrt{36}}{\sqrt{25}} = \frac{6}{5}$

A

16  $16^{-5/2} = (16^{1/2})^{-5} = (4)^{-5} = \frac{1}{4^5} = \frac{1}{1024}$

A

17  $(x^4 y^4)^{1/5} = \boxed{x^{4/5} y^{4/5}} = (5\sqrt{x y})^4$

B

18  $(-\frac{27}{64})^{-4/3} = (-\frac{64}{27})^{4/3} = [(-\frac{64}{27})^{1/3}]^4 = (-\frac{4}{3})^4 = \frac{256}{81}$

C

19  $(8m^4 + 2k^4)^{-2/5} = \frac{1}{(8m^4 + 2k^4)^{2/5}} = \frac{1}{5\sqrt{(8m^4 + 2k^4)^2}}$

C

20  $(\frac{s^{-3/2}}{t^{-5/6}})^3 (s^{-1/7} t^{1/7})^{-3} = \frac{s^{-63/14 + 6/14}}{t^{-35/14 + 6/14}} = \frac{s^{-57/14}}{t^{-29/14}} = \frac{t^{29/14}}{s^{57/14}}$

$\frac{t^{29/14}}{s^{57/14}}$

(21)  $\frac{x^{3/5}}{x^{6/5} x^{-5}} = x^{3/5 - 6/5 + 5} = x^{22/5}$

(D)  $\frac{3}{5} - \frac{6}{5} + \frac{5}{1} = \frac{3}{5} - \frac{6}{5} + \frac{25}{5} = \frac{22-6}{5} = \frac{22}{5}$

(22)  $4\sqrt{x^5} \cdot 5\sqrt{x^2} = x^{5/4} x^{2/5} = x^{5/4 + 2/5} = x^{25+8/20}$   
 =  $x^{33/20}$

(C)

(23)  $\sqrt{\frac{x^3}{x^{10}}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{x^7}} = \frac{1}{x^3 \sqrt{x}} = \frac{1}{x^3 \sqrt{x}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{x}} = \frac{\sqrt{x}}{x^3 \cdot x} = \frac{\sqrt{x}}{x^4}$

(D)

or  $\sqrt{\frac{1}{x^7}} = \left(\frac{1}{x^7}\right)^{1/2} = \frac{1}{x^{7/2}}$

(24)  $4\sqrt[3]{w} = w^{1/3 \cdot 4} = w^{4/3} = w^{16/12} = \sqrt[12]{w^{16}}$

(25)  $\frac{(x^{1/3})^2}{(x^3)^{7/3}} = \frac{x^{2/3}}{x^7} = x^{2/3 - 7/1} = x^{2/3 - 21/3} = x^{-19/3} = \frac{1}{x^{19/3}}$

(B)

(26)  $\sqrt[3]{9x} \cdot \sqrt[3]{4x} = \sqrt[3]{36x^2}$

(D)

(27)  $\sqrt[3]{25xy} \cdot \sqrt[3]{9xy} = \sqrt[3]{225x^2y^2}$

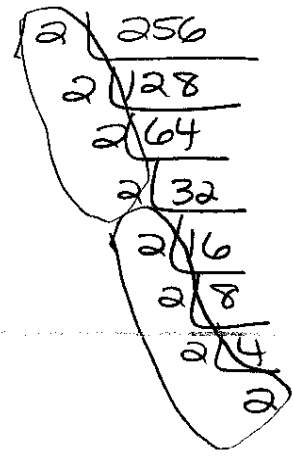
(C)

(28)  $\sqrt{\frac{19}{x^4}} = \frac{\sqrt{19}}{x^2}$  (B)

29  $\sqrt[3]{\frac{81x^4}{3x}} = \sqrt[3]{27x^3} = \sqrt[3]{(3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3) \cdot (x \cdot x \cdot x)} = 3x$  (D)

30  $\sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{3} = \sqrt{6}$  (B)

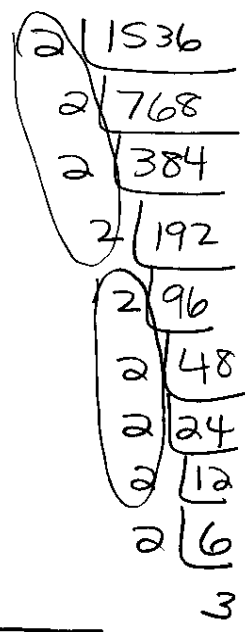
31  $\sqrt[4]{\frac{r^2}{256}} = \frac{\sqrt[4]{r^2}}{4}$  (D)



32  $\sqrt{98} = \sqrt{2 \cdot 7 \cdot 7} = 7\sqrt{2}$  (A)

33  $\sqrt[3]{162} = \sqrt[3]{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3} = 3\sqrt[3]{6}$  (C)

34  $\sqrt[4]{1536} = 2 \cdot 2 \sqrt[4]{2 \cdot 3} = 4\sqrt[4]{6}$  (B)



35  $-\sqrt{12k^7q^8} = -\sqrt{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 k^7 q^8} = -2k^3q^4\sqrt{3k}$  (B)

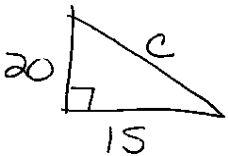
36  $\sqrt[3]{-64a^8b^5} = \sqrt[3]{(-4)(-4)(-4)a^8b^5} = \sqrt[3]{(-4)(-4)(-4) \cdot a \cdot a \cdot a \cdot a \cdot a \cdot a \cdot a \cdot a \cdot b \cdot b \cdot b \cdot b \cdot b} = -4a^2b \sqrt[3]{a^2b^3}$  (A)

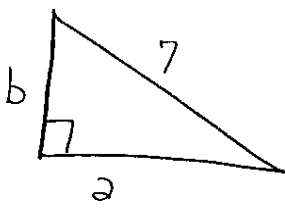
37  $\sqrt[3]{\frac{y^{22}}{27}} = \frac{y^7 \sqrt[3]{y}}{3}$  (D)

(38)  $\sqrt[8]{x^{20}} = x^{20/8} = x^{5/2} = \sqrt{x^5} = \boxed{x^2\sqrt{x}}$   
 (A)

(39)  $\sqrt[3]{3} \cdot \sqrt[4]{a} = 3^{1/3} \cdot a^{1/4} = 3^{4/12} \cdot a^{3/12} =$   
 $\text{lcd} = 12 = \sqrt[12]{3^4 \cdot a^3}$   
 (B)  $= \sqrt[12]{3^4 \cdot a^3} = \sqrt[12]{81 \cdot a^3} = \sqrt[12]{648}$

(40)  $\sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt[3]{4} = 3^{1/2} \cdot 4^{1/3} = 3^{2/6} \cdot 4^{2/6}$   
 $\text{lcd} = 6 = \sqrt[6]{3^2 \cdot 4^2} = \sqrt[6]{27 \cdot 16} = \sqrt[6]{432}$  (C)

(41)   $20^2 + 15^2 = c^2$   
 $400 + 225 = c^2$   
 $625 = c^2$   
 $\sqrt{625} = c = \boxed{25}$  (C)

(42)   $b^2 + a^2 = 7^2$   
 $b^2 + 4 = 49$   
 $b^2 = 45$   
 $b = \sqrt{45} = \boxed{3\sqrt{5}}$  (D)

(43)  $\sqrt[4]{48^2} = 48^{2/4} = 48^{1/2} = \sqrt{48} = \sqrt{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3}$   
 $= \boxed{4\sqrt{3}}$  (D)

44) distance formula

$$d = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

(5, 6)  
(-4, -1)

(A)  $d = \sqrt{(5 - (-4))^2 + (6 - (-1))^2}$

$$d = \sqrt{9^2 + 7^2}$$

$$d = \sqrt{81 + 49} = \boxed{\sqrt{130}}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \overline{)130} \\ \underline{5 \overline{)65}} \\ 13 \end{array}$$

45) distance (-1, -2)  
(1, -6)

$$d = \sqrt{(-1 - 1)^2 + (-2 - (-6))^2}$$

(A)  $d = \sqrt{(-2)^2 + (-2 + 6)^2} = \sqrt{4 + (4)^2}$

$$d = \sqrt{4 + 16} = \sqrt{20} = \sqrt{4 \cdot 5} = \boxed{2\sqrt{5}}$$

46)  $\sqrt{4} - \sqrt{16} = 2 - 4 = \boxed{-2}$  (A)

47)  $8\sqrt{3} + 9\sqrt{3} = (8+9)\sqrt{3} = \boxed{17\sqrt{3}}$  (A)

48)  $\sqrt{2x} + 2\sqrt{32x} + 8\sqrt{72x}$

$$= \sqrt{2x} + 2\sqrt{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2x} + 8\sqrt{2 \cdot 36x}$$

$$= \sqrt{2x} + 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \sqrt{2x} + 8 \cdot 6 \sqrt{2x}$$

$$= \sqrt{2x} + 8\sqrt{2x} + 48\sqrt{2x} = (1 + 8 + 48)\sqrt{2x}$$

(B)  $= \boxed{57\sqrt{2x}}$

(49)  $8^4 \sqrt{x^7} - 4x^4 \sqrt{x^3}$

(c)  $= 8 \cdot x^4 \sqrt{x^3} - 4x^4 \sqrt{x^3} = (8-4) \times \sqrt{x^3} = \boxed{4x^4 \sqrt{x^3}}$

(50)  $5^5 \sqrt{m^4 p^7} - 3m^2 p^5 \sqrt{mp^2}$

$= 5m^2 p^5 \sqrt{mp^2} - 3m^2 p^5 \sqrt{mp^2} = \boxed{2m^2 p^5 \sqrt{mp^2}}$  (c)

(51)  $\frac{\sqrt{294}}{5} - \frac{5\sqrt{6}}{5} + \frac{\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{25}} = \frac{\sqrt{294}}{5} - \frac{5\sqrt{6}}{5} + \frac{\sqrt{6}}{5}$

$\begin{array}{r} 2 \overline{)294} \\ 7 \overline{)147} \\ 7 \overline{)21} \\ 3 \end{array} \quad \sqrt{294} = 7\sqrt{6}$

$\frac{7\sqrt{6}}{5} - \frac{5\sqrt{6}}{5} + \frac{1\sqrt{6}}{5} = \frac{(8-5)\sqrt{6}}{5} = \boxed{\frac{3\sqrt{6}}{5}}$  (c)

(52)  $(2-5\sqrt{3})^2$   
 $= (2-5\sqrt{3})(2-5\sqrt{3})$   
 $= 4 - 10\sqrt{3} - 10\sqrt{3} + 25(3)$   
 $= 4 - 20\sqrt{3} + 75$   
 $= \boxed{79 - 20\sqrt{3}}$

(c)

(53)  $(\sqrt{5} + 7)(\sqrt{2} - 5)$   
 $\boxed{\sqrt{10} - 5\sqrt{5} + 7\sqrt{2} - 35}$

(c)

(54)  $(9\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y})(9\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y})$   
 $81\sqrt{x^2} - 9\sqrt{xy} + 9\sqrt{xy} - \sqrt{y^2}$

$\boxed{81x - y}$

(B)

55)  $-\sqrt{\frac{49}{12}} = \frac{-7}{2\sqrt{3}} = \frac{-7}{2\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{-7\sqrt{3}}{2(3)} = \boxed{\frac{-7\sqrt{3}}{6}}$  (C)

12 = 2 · 2 · 3

56)  $-\sqrt{\frac{245x^3}{y^5}} = \frac{-7x\sqrt{5x}}{y^2\sqrt{y}}$

$= \frac{-7x}{y^2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{5x}}{\sqrt{y}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{y}}{\sqrt{y}} = \frac{-7x\sqrt{5xy}}{y^2 \cdot y} = \boxed{\frac{-7x\sqrt{5xy}}{y^3}}$  (D)

5 | 245  
7 | 49  
7

57)  $\frac{2}{\sqrt{11}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{11}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{11}}{\sqrt{11}} = \boxed{\frac{2\sqrt{11}}{11}}$  (C)

58)  $\sqrt[3]{\frac{7}{3}} = \frac{\sqrt[3]{7}}{\sqrt[3]{3}} = \frac{\sqrt[3]{7}}{\sqrt[3]{3}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[3]{3 \cdot 3}}{\sqrt[3]{3 \cdot 3}} = \boxed{\frac{\sqrt[3]{63}}{3}}$  (D)

have	need
3	33

59)  $\sqrt[3]{\frac{7}{9x^2}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[3]{3x}}{\sqrt[3]{3x}} = \boxed{\frac{\sqrt[3]{21x}}{3x}}$  (A)

have	need
3 · 3	3
x · x	x

60)  $\frac{4}{8-\sqrt{3}} = \frac{4}{8-\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{8+\sqrt{3}}{8+\sqrt{3}} = \frac{32+4\sqrt{3}}{64-8\sqrt{3}+8\sqrt{3}-\sqrt{9}}$

$= \frac{32+4\sqrt{3}}{64-3} = \boxed{\frac{32+4\sqrt{3}}{61}}$  (C)

conjugates



(61)  $\frac{5-\sqrt{2}}{5+\sqrt{2}} = \frac{5-\sqrt{2}}{5+\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{5-\sqrt{2}}{5-\sqrt{2}} = \frac{25 - 5\sqrt{2} - 5\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{4}}{25 + 5\sqrt{2} - 5\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{4}}$   
 conjugates!

$= \frac{25 - 10\sqrt{2} + 2}{25 - 2} = \frac{27 - 10\sqrt{2}}{23}$  (D)

(62)  $\frac{35y + \sqrt{1715y^3}}{5y}$

5 | 1715  
 343  
 7 | 49  
 7

$= \frac{35y + 7y\sqrt{35y}}{5y} = \frac{35 + 7\sqrt{35y}}{5}$  (A)

(cancel one y)

(63)  $\frac{28 + 36\sqrt{14}}{40} = \frac{7 + 9\sqrt{14}}{10}$  (D)

cancel 4 from each

(64)  $\sqrt{5q-4} = 4$   
 $(\sqrt{5q-4})^2 = 4^2$

check:  $\sqrt{5(4)-4} = 4$   
 $\sqrt{16} = 4$   
 $4 = 4$  (A)

(A)  $5q - 4 = 16$   
 $5q = 20$   
 $q = 4$

(65)  $\sqrt{7x-9} - 8 = 0$   
 $\sqrt{7x-9} = 8$   
 $7x - 9 = 64$   
 $7x = 73$

$x = \frac{73}{7}$

check:  $\sqrt{7(\frac{73}{7})-9} - 8 = 0$   
 $\sqrt{64} - 8 = 0$   
 $8 - 8 = 0$   
 $0 = 0$

(66)  $4\sqrt{x} = \sqrt{9x+9}$

check:  $4\sqrt{\frac{9}{7}} = \sqrt{9(\frac{9}{7})+9}$

$(4\sqrt{x})^2 = (\sqrt{9x+9})^2$

$4(\sqrt{\frac{9}{7}}) = \sqrt{\frac{81}{7}+9}$

(C)  $16x = 9x+9$   
 $\frac{-9x}{-9x} \quad \frac{-9x}{-9x}$

$4.536 = 4.536$

$7x = 9$

$x = 9/7$  ✓

(67)  $\sqrt{p^2-2p+49} = p+3$

check:

$(\sqrt{p^2-2p+49})^2 = (p+3)^2$

$\sqrt{(5)^2-2(5)+49} =$   
 $5+3$

$p^2-2p+49 = p^2+6p+9$

$\sqrt{25-10+49} = 8$

(C)

$-8p = 9-49$

$\sqrt{64} = 8$

$-8p = -40$

$8 = 8$

$p = 5$  ✓

(68)  $\sqrt{x+7} + 5 = x$

check:

$\sqrt{x+7} = x-5$

$x = 9$

$(\sqrt{x+7})^2 = (x-5)^2$

$\sqrt{9+7} + 5 = 9$

$\sqrt{16} + 5 = 9$

(B)

$x+7 = x^2-10x+25$

$4+5 = 9$

$0 = x^2-11x+18$

$9 = 9$

$0 = (x-9)(x-2)$

$x = 2$

$x = 9$  ✓

~~$x = 2$~~

$\sqrt{2+7} + 5 = 2$

$\sqrt{9} + 5 = 2$

$3+5 = 2$

$8 = 2$

69

$$\sqrt[3]{4+6t} - \sqrt[3]{1-8t} = 0$$

check:

$$\sqrt[3]{4+6t} = \sqrt[3]{1-8t}$$

$$\sqrt[3]{4+6\left(\frac{-3}{14}\right)} - \sqrt[3]{1-8\left(\frac{-3}{14}\right)}$$

$$= 0$$

$$\left(\sqrt[3]{4+6t}\right)^3 = \left(\sqrt[3]{1-8t}\right)^3$$

$$4+6t = 1-8t$$

$$6t+8t = 1-4$$

$$14t = -3$$

$$t = -\frac{3}{14} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\sqrt[3]{2.714} - \sqrt[3]{2.714} = 0$$

$$0 = 0$$

C

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$$\sqrt{2x+5} - \sqrt{x-2} = 3$$

check:

$$\sqrt{2x+5} = \sqrt{x-2} + 3$$

$$x = 38$$

$$\left(\sqrt{2x+5}\right)^2 = \left(\sqrt{x-2} + 3\right)^2$$

$$\sqrt{2(38)+5} - \sqrt{38-2} = 3$$

A

$$2x+5 = (\sqrt{x-2} + 3)(\sqrt{x-2} + 3)$$

$$\sqrt{81} - \sqrt{36} = 3$$

$$2x+5 = x-2 + 3\sqrt{x-2} + 3\sqrt{x-2} + 9$$

$$9 - 6 = 3$$

$$3 = 3 \quad \checkmark$$

$$2x+5 = x+7 + 6\sqrt{x-2}$$

$$2x - x + 5 - 7 = 6\sqrt{x-2}$$

$$x - 2 = 6\sqrt{x-2}$$

$$x = 2$$

$$\sqrt{2(2)+5} - \sqrt{2-2} = 3$$

$$\sqrt{9} - 0 = 3$$

$$3 = 3 \quad \checkmark$$

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$$(x-2)^2 = (6\sqrt{x-2})^2$$

$$x^2 - 4x + 4 = 36(x-2)$$

$$x^2 - 4x + 4 = 36x - 72$$

$$x^2 - 4x - 36x + 4 + 72 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 40x + 76 = 0$$

$$(x - 38)(x - 2) = 0$$

$$x = 38 \quad \checkmark$$

$$x = 2 \quad \checkmark$$

(c) 71  $\sqrt{-121} = \sqrt{-1} \cdot \sqrt{121} = i \cdot 11 = \boxed{11i}$

72  $\sqrt{3x+1} = 3 + \sqrt{x-4}$

$(\sqrt{3x+1})^2 = (3 + \sqrt{x-4})^2$

$3x+1 = (3 + \sqrt{x-4})(3 + \sqrt{x-4})$

$3x+1 = 9 + 3\sqrt{x-4} + 3\sqrt{x-4} + x-4$

$3x+1 = 5 + x + 6\sqrt{x-4}$

$3x-x + 1-5 = 6\sqrt{x-4}$

$2x-4 = 6\sqrt{x-4}$

(divide all parts by 2)

$x-2 = 3\sqrt{x-4}$

$(x-2)^2 = (3\sqrt{x-4})^2$

$x^2 - 4x + 4 = 9(x-4)$

$x^2 - 4x + 4 = 9x - 36$

$x^2 - 4x - 9x + 4 + 36 = 0$

$x^2 - 13x + 40 = 0$

$(x-5)(x-8) = 0$

$\boxed{x=5} \checkmark \quad \boxed{x=8} \checkmark$

(A)

check:

$\boxed{x=5}$

$\sqrt{3(5)+1} = 3 + \sqrt{5-4}$

$\sqrt{16} = 3 + \sqrt{1}$

$4 = 3 + 1$

$4 = 4 \checkmark$

$\boxed{x=8}$

$\sqrt{3(8)+1} = 3 + \sqrt{8-4}$

$\sqrt{25} = 3 + \sqrt{4}$

$5 = 3 + 2$

$5 = 5 \checkmark$

(c) 73  $\sqrt{-81} = \sqrt{-1} \cdot \sqrt{81} = i \cdot 9 = \boxed{9i}$

(D)

74  $\sqrt{-234} = \sqrt{-1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 13}$

$= \boxed{3i\sqrt{26}}$

(C)

2 | 234  
3 | 117  
3 | 39  
13

2 | 216  
2 | 108  
2 | 54  
3 | 27  
3 | 9  
3

75  $\sqrt{-216} = -1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 i \sqrt{2 \cdot 3}$

(B)  $= \boxed{-6i\sqrt{6}}$

76)  $\sqrt{-9} \cdot \sqrt{-16} = (3i)(4i) = 12i^2 = 12(-1) = \boxed{-12}$

(A)

77)  $\sqrt{\frac{-250}{-25}} = \frac{i\sqrt{25}\sqrt{10}}{i\sqrt{25}} = \boxed{\sqrt{10}}$  (D)

78)  $(4+4i) - (-2+i) = 4+4i+2-i = \boxed{6+3i}$

(B)

79)  $(1+2i) - (10+2i) + (8+4i)$

(B)  $1+2i-10-2i+8+4i = \boxed{-1+4i}$

80)  $(4-2i)(7+7i)$  FOIL

$28+28i-14i-14i^2$

$28+14i-14(-1)$

$28+14i+14$

$\boxed{42+14i}$

(C)

81)  $i(7-4i)(8-3i)$

$= i(56-21i-32i+12i^2)$

$= i(56-53i+12(-1))$

$= i(56-53i-12)$

$= i(44-53i)$

$= 44i-53i^2$

$= 44i-53(-1)$

$= \boxed{53+44i}$

(C)

82)  $\frac{3}{1+3i} \cdot \frac{1-3i}{1-3i} = \frac{3-9i}{1+3i-3i-9i^2}$

$= \frac{3-9i}{1-9(-1)} = \frac{3-9i}{1+9} = \frac{3-9i}{10} = \boxed{\frac{3}{10} - \frac{9}{10}i}$  (A)

83)  $\frac{4+3i}{5+2i} \cdot \frac{5-2i}{5-2i} = \frac{20-8i+15i-6i^2}{25-10i+10i-4i^2} = \frac{20+7i-6(-1)}{25-4(-1)}$

$= \frac{20+7i+6}{25+4} = \frac{26+7i}{29} = \boxed{\frac{26}{29} + \frac{7}{29}i}$  (C)

84)  $i^{16} = (i^2)^8 = (-1)^8 = \boxed{1}$  (D)

85)  $i^{13} = (i^2)^6 i = (-1)^6 i = \boxed{i}$  (A)