

NO CALCULATOR!! CLEARLY SHOW ALL WORK AND SIMPLIFY ANSWERS!! NO DECIMALS!!

1. Simplify the expression by writing it as a single base.
Show work for parts c and d.

a. $\frac{5^8}{5^2}$

b. $(5^8)^2 (5)^4$

c. $\frac{5^{8x-7}}{5^{-2x+6}}$

d. $(5^{8x})^2 (5)^{3-x}$

2. Rationalize the denominator and simplify. Be sure to use parentheses properly when multiplying.

$$\frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{7}}$$

3. Solve for the domain of each function.

a. $f(x) = \sqrt{6-2x}$

b. $h(x) = \frac{3}{x^2-50}$

c. $g(x) = \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{6-2x}}$

d. $j(x) = \frac{8x+1}{x^2-3x+2}$

4. Use the least common multiple to cancel the denominators, then combine like terms and solve for x.

$$\frac{3x}{2x^2-14x} + \frac{5}{2x} = \frac{9}{x-7}$$

5. Factor to simplify the rational expression.

$$\frac{x^2+2x-3}{25x^2-81} \div \frac{5x^2+14x-3}{5x^2+9x}$$

6. Simplify the expression and write the result in the form $a + bi$. Be sure to use parentheses properly in the numerator and denominator.

$$\frac{3+5i}{1-2i}$$

7. For the points (-5, 4) and (-2, 1), use a formula or graph to:

(a) find the distance between them.

(b) find the midpoint of the line segment that joins them.

8. Solve for x.

$$\sqrt{21-5x} + 2 = x - 1$$

CHECK ANSWERS: $\frac{5+\sqrt{35}}{-2}$, $-\frac{7}{2}$, $-\frac{7}{5} + \frac{11}{5}i$, $\left(-\frac{7}{2}, \frac{5}{2}\right)$, 5^{20} , 5^6 , 5^{15x+3} , 5^{10x-13} , $\frac{x(x-1)}{(5x-9)(5x-1)}$
 $x \neq 1$ and $x \neq 2$, $x \neq \pm 5\sqrt{2}$, $x < 3$, $x \leq 3$, $3\sqrt{2}$, $x = 4$ is the only solution ($x = -3$ extraneous)