

N.RN.B.3: Operations with Radicals 1

1 Which expression represents an irrational number?

- 1) $\sqrt{16} + \sqrt{1}$
- 2) $\sqrt{25} + \sqrt{4}$
- 3) $\sqrt{36} + \sqrt{7}$
- 4) $\sqrt{49} + \sqrt{9}$

2 Which sum is irrational?

- 1) $-2\sqrt{12} + \sqrt{100}$
- 2) $-\sqrt{4} + \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{900}$
- 3) $\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{25} + \sqrt{64}$
- 4) $\sqrt{49} + 3\sqrt{121}$

3 For which value of P and W is $P + W$ a rational number?

- 1) $P = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ and $W = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$
- 2) $P = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}}$ and $W = \frac{1}{\sqrt{9}}$
- 3) $P = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$ and $W = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}$
- 4) $P = \frac{1}{\sqrt{25}}$ and $W = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

4 Given: $L = \sqrt{2}$

$$M = 3\sqrt{3}$$

$$N = \sqrt{16}$$

$$P = \sqrt{9}$$

Which expression results in a rational number?

- 1) $L + M$
- 2) $M + N$
- 3) $N + P$
- 4) $P + L$

5 The product of $\sqrt{576}$ and $\sqrt{684}$ is

- 1) irrational because both factors are irrational
- 2) rational because both factors are rational
- 3) irrational because one factor is irrational
- 4) rational because one factor is rational

6 Which expression results in a rational number?

- 1) $\sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{18}$
- 2) $5 \cdot \sqrt{5}$
- 3) $\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2}$
- 4) $3\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{3}$

7 Which expression results in a rational number?

- 1) $\sqrt{121} - \sqrt{21}$
- 2) $\sqrt{25} \cdot \sqrt{50}$
- 3) $\sqrt{36} \div \sqrt{225}$
- 4) $3\sqrt{5} + 2\sqrt{5}$

8 Which expression results in an irrational number?

- 1) $\sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{3}$
- 2) $-\frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{4}$
- 3) $5 \cdot \sqrt{81}$
- 4) $\frac{1}{3} + \sqrt{3}$

9 Given the following expressions:

I. $-\frac{5}{8} + \frac{3}{5}$

III. $(\sqrt{5}) \cdot (\sqrt{5})$

II. $\frac{1}{2} + \sqrt{2}$

IV. $3 \cdot (\sqrt{49})$

Which expression(s) result in an irrational number?

- 1) II, only
- 2) III, only
- 3) I, III, IV
- 4) II, III, IV

- 10 If $x = 2$, $y = 3\sqrt{2}$, and $w = 2\sqrt{8}$, which expression results in a rational number?
- 1) $x + y$
 - 2) $y - w$
 - 3) $(w)(y)$
 - 4) $y \div x$
- 11 Which statement is *not* always true?
- 1) The product of two irrational numbers is irrational.
 - 2) The product of two rational numbers is rational.
 - 3) The sum of two rational numbers is rational.
 - 4) The sum of a rational number and an irrational number is irrational.
- 12 Which statement is *not* always true?
- 1) The sum of two rational numbers is rational.
 - 2) The product of two irrational numbers is rational.
 - 3) The sum of a rational number and an irrational number is irrational.
 - 4) The product of a nonzero rational number and an irrational number is irrational.
- 13 Is the product of two irrational numbers always irrational? Justify your answer.
- 14 Is the product of $\sqrt{16}$ and $\frac{4}{7}$ rational or irrational? Explain your reasoning.
- 15 State whether the product of $\sqrt{3}$ and $\sqrt{9}$ is rational or irrational. Explain your answer.
- 16 Is the product of $\sqrt{1024}$ and -3.4 rational or irrational? Explain your reasoning.
- 17 Determine if the product of $3\sqrt{2}$ and $8\sqrt{18}$ is rational or irrational. Explain your answer.
- 18 Is the product of $\sqrt{8}$ and $\sqrt{98}$ rational or irrational? Justify your answer.
- 19 Ms. Fox asked her class "Is the sum of 4.2 and $\sqrt{2}$ rational or irrational?" Patrick answered that the sum would be irrational. State whether Patrick is correct or incorrect. Justify your reasoning.
- 20 Is the sum of $3\sqrt{2}$ and $4\sqrt{2}$ rational or irrational? Explain your answer.
- 21 State whether $7 - \sqrt{2}$ is rational or irrational. Explain your answer.
- 22 State whether $2\sqrt{3} + 6$ is rational or irrational. Explain your answer.
- 23 Jakob is working on his math homework. He decides that the sum of the expression $\frac{1}{3} + \frac{6\sqrt{5}}{7}$ must be rational because it is a fraction. Is Jakob correct? Explain your reasoning.
- 24 Classify the expression $\frac{2}{\sqrt{144}} + \frac{\sqrt{169}}{3}$ as rational or irrational. Explain your reasoning.
- 25 Given: $A = \sqrt{363}$ and $B = \sqrt{27}$
Explain why $A + B$ is irrational. Explain why $A \cdot B$ is rational.
- 26 A teacher wrote the following set of numbers on the board:
 $a = \sqrt{20}$ $b = 2.5$ $c = \sqrt{225}$
Explain why $a + b$ is irrational, but $b + c$ is rational.

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Answer Section

1 ANS: 3 REF: 062302ai

2 ANS: 1 REF: 062405ai

3 ANS: 2

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{4}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{9}} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{5}{6}$$

REF: 081522ai

4 ANS: 3

$\sqrt{16} + \sqrt{9} = \frac{7}{1}$ may be expressed as the ratio of two integers.

REF: 061413ai

5 ANS: 3

$$\sqrt{576} = 24 \quad \sqrt{684} = 6\sqrt{19}$$

REF: 011808ai

6 ANS: 1

$\sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{18} = \sqrt{36} = \frac{6}{1}$ may be expressed as the ratio of two integers.

REF: 061907ai

7 ANS: 3

$\sqrt{36} \div \sqrt{225} = \frac{6}{15}$ may be expressed as the ratio of two integers.

REF: 011903ai

8 ANS: 4 REF: 082407ai

9 ANS: 1 REF: 011604ai

10 ANS: 3

$$(2\sqrt{8})(3\sqrt{2}) = 6\sqrt{16} = 24$$

REF: 062109ai

11 ANS: 1 REF: 081401ai

12 ANS: 2 REF: 061508ai

13 ANS:

No. The product of $\sqrt{8}$ and $\sqrt{2}$, which are both irrational numbers, is $\sqrt{16}$, which is rational.

REF: 081930ai

14 ANS:

Rational, as $\sqrt{16} \cdot \frac{4}{7} = \frac{16}{7}$, which is the ratio of two integers.

REF: 061831ai

15 ANS:

The product is irrational because $\sqrt{27}$ can not be written as the ratio of two integers.

REF: 012030ai

16 ANS:

Rational, as $\sqrt{1024} \cdot -3.4 = 32 \cdot -3.4 = -108.8$, which is the ratio of two integers, $\frac{-1088}{10}$.

REF: 062225ai

17 ANS:

$3\sqrt{2} \cdot 8\sqrt{18} = 24\sqrt{36} = 144$, which can be written as the ratio of two integers.

REF: 061626ai

18 ANS:

Rational, as $\sqrt{8} \cdot \sqrt{98} = 2\sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{49} \cdot \sqrt{2} = 2\sqrt{2} \cdot 7\sqrt{2} = 14 \cdot 2 = 28$, which is the ratio of two integers.

REF: 082227ai

19 ANS:

Correct. The sum of a rational and irrational is irrational.

REF: 011525ai

20 ANS:

$7\sqrt{2}$ is irrational because it can not be written as the ratio of two integers.

REF: 081629ai

21 ANS:

$7 - \sqrt{2}$ is irrational because it can not be written as the ratio of two integers.

REF: 061727ai

22 ANS:

$2\sqrt{3} + 6$ is irrational because it can not be written as the ratio of two integers.

REF: 012426ai

23 ANS:

No. The sum of a rational and irrational is irrational.

REF: 011728ai

24 ANS:

$\frac{2}{\sqrt{144}} + \frac{\sqrt{169}}{3} = \frac{2}{12} + \frac{13}{3}$ The sum of two rational numbers is rational.

REF: 082325ai

25 ANS:

$A + B$ is irrational because $14\sqrt{3}$ cannot be written as the ratio of two integers. $A \cdot B$ is rational because 99 can be written as the ratio of two integers.

REF: 012329ai

26 ANS:

$a + b$ is irrational because it cannot be written as the ratio of two integers. $b + c$ is rational because it can be written as the ratio of two integers, $\frac{35}{2}$.

REF: 081725ai