

# Complex Numbers and Rational Exponents: End-of-Unit Assessment

Do not use a calculator.

1. Select **all** expressions that are equivalent to  $64^{\frac{2}{3}}$ .

A.  $(\sqrt{64})^3$

B.  $(\sqrt[3]{64})^2$

C.  $4^2$

D.  $\sqrt[3]{64^2}$

E.  $\sqrt[3]{128}$

2. How many real solutions does  $x^2 + 8x + 20 = 0$  have?

A. 0

B. 1

C. 2

3. Select **all** the solutions to  $(x - 2)^2 = -16$ .

A.  $x = 6$

B.  $x = -2$

C.  $x = -6$

D.  $x = 2 + 4i$

E.  $x = 2 + 2i$

F.  $x = 2 - 2i$

G.  $x = 2 - 4i$

4. Let  $p = 5 - 2i$  and  $q = -3 + 7i$ . Write each expression in the form  $a + bi$ :

a.  $p + q$

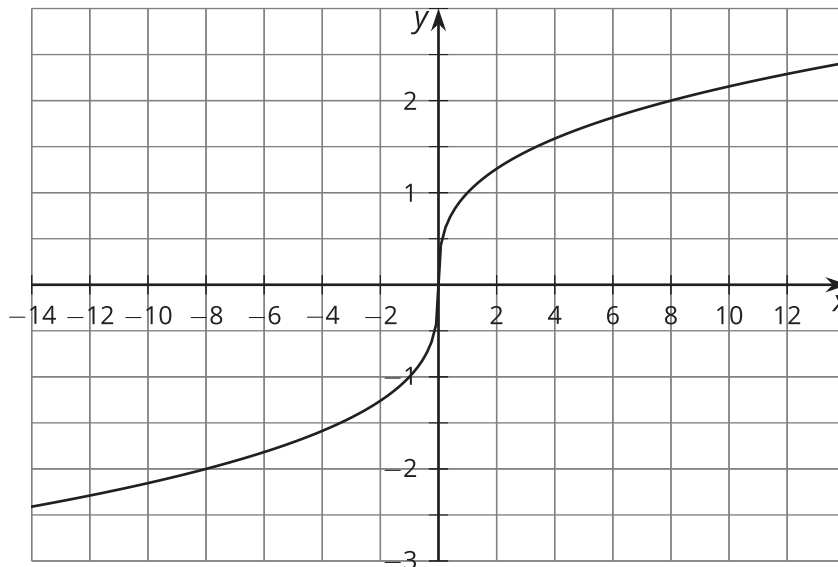
b.  $p - q$

c.  $pq$

5. a. Show how to solve the equation  $\sqrt{2x + 1} - 4 = -1$ .

b. Explain why  $\sqrt{2x + 1} + 4 = -1$  has no real solution.

6. a. Here is a graph of  $g(x) = \sqrt[3]{x}$ .



Use the graph of  $g(x) = \sqrt[3]{x}$  to help you explain why there is only one  $x$ -intercept for every cube root function of the form  $y = \sqrt[3]{x + a}$ , in which  $a$  is a real number.

- b. Use the meaning of cube roots to show how to find an exact solution to the equation  $\sqrt[3]{x + 2} = -2$  without using a graph.
- c. Use the meaning of cube roots to show how to find an exact solution to the equation  $\sqrt[3]{x} + 2 = -2$  without using a graph.

7. Noah and Lin are each trying to solve the equation  $x^2 - 6x + 10 = 0$ . They know that the solutions to  $x^2 = -1$  are  $i$  and  $-i$ , but they are not sure how to use this information to solve for  $x$  in their equation.

a. Here is Noah's work:

$$x^2 - 6x + 10 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 6x = -10$$

$$x^2 - 6x + 9 = -10 + 9$$

$$(x - 3)^2 = -1$$

Show how Noah can finish his work using complex numbers.

b. Lin decides to solve the equation using the quadratic formula. Here is her work:

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$x = \frac{-(-6) \pm \sqrt{(-6)^2 - 4(1)(10)}}{2(1)}$$

$$x = \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{36 - 40}}{2}$$

Lin knows  $36 - 40$  is a negative number and isn't sure what to do next. Show how Lin can write her solution using  $i$ .