2.12 1)
$$\sqrt{\sqrt{16}} = ((2^4)^{\frac{1}{2}})^{\frac{1}{2}} = 2^{4 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}} = 2^1 = 2$$

2)
$$\sqrt{\sqrt{4}} = ((2^2)^{\frac{1}{2}})^{\frac{1}{2}} = 2^{2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}} = 2^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{2}$$

3)
$$\sqrt[3]{\sqrt{27}} = ((3^3)^{\frac{1}{2}})^{\frac{1}{3}} = 3^{3 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3}} = 3^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{3}$$

4)
$$\sqrt[3]{729} = ((3^6)^{\frac{1}{3}})^{\frac{1}{2}} = 3^{6 \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2}} = 3^1 = 3$$

5)
$$\sqrt[4]{\sqrt{256}} = ((2^8)^{\frac{1}{2}})^{\frac{1}{4}} = 2^{8 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{4}} = 2^1 = 2$$

6)
$$\sqrt[5]{\sqrt{1024}} = ((2^10)^{\frac{1}{2}})^{\frac{1}{5}} = 2^{10 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{5}} = 2^1 = 2$$

7)
$$\sqrt[7]{\sqrt{7^7}} = ((7^7)^{\frac{1}{2}})^{\frac{1}{7}} = 7^{7 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{7}} = 7^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{7}$$

8)
$$\sqrt[3]{\sqrt{8}} = ((2^3)^{\frac{1}{2}})^{\frac{1}{3}} = 2^{3 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3}} = 2^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{2}$$

9)
$$\sqrt{3\sqrt{3}} = (3 \cdot 3^{\frac{1}{2}})^{\frac{1}{2}} = (3^{1+\frac{1}{2}})^{\frac{1}{2}} = (3^{\frac{3}{2}})^{\frac{1}{2}} = 3^{\frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}} = 3^{\frac{3}{4}} = \sqrt[4]{3^3} = \sqrt[4]{27}$$

10)
$$\sqrt[3]{a\sqrt{a^4}} = (a \cdot a^{\frac{4}{2}})^{\frac{1}{3}} = (a \cdot a^2)^{\frac{1}{3}} = (a^3)^{\frac{1}{3}} = a^{3 \cdot \frac{1}{3}} = a^1 = a$$

11)
$$\sqrt[5]{a^2} \sqrt[10]{a^3} = a^{\frac{2}{5}} \cdot a^{\frac{3}{10}} = a^{\frac{2}{5} + \frac{3}{10}} = a^{\frac{7}{10}} = \sqrt[10]{a^7}$$

12)
$$\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{a}}} = ((a^{\frac{1}{2}})^{\frac{1}{2}})^{\frac{1}{2}} = a^{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}} = a^{\frac{1}{8}} = \sqrt[8]{a}$$

13)
$$\sqrt[3]{a\sqrt{a^2\sqrt{a^4}}} = \left(a\cdot(a^2\cdot a^{\frac{4}{2}})^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} = a^{\left(1+(2+\frac{4}{2})\cdot\frac{1}{2}\right)\cdot\frac{1}{3}} = a^1 = a$$

14)
$$\sqrt{\sqrt[3]{\sqrt{a}}} = \left((a^{\frac{1}{2}})^{\frac{1}{3}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = a^{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2}} = a^{\frac{1}{12}} = \sqrt[12]{a}$$

15)
$$\sqrt{a\sqrt[3]{a\sqrt{a}}} = \left(a \cdot (a \cdot a^{\frac{1}{2}})^{\frac{1}{3}}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = a^{\left(1 + (1 + \frac{1}{2}) \cdot \frac{1}{3}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{2}} = a^{\frac{3}{4}} = \sqrt[4]{a^3}$$

$$16) \sqrt[3]{a^{\sqrt[3]{a^4\sqrt[3]{a^6}}}} = \left(a \cdot (a^4 \cdot a^{\frac{6}{3}})^{\frac{1}{3}}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} = a^{\left(1 + (4 + \frac{6}{3}) \cdot \frac{1}{3}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{3}} = a^1 = a$$