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*Instructions:* Show all your work, and draw a box around your final answer. **No calculators** are allowed. If your answer would be an imaginary number, write "imaginary" as your answer.

- **1.** Convert  $(-10)^{\frac{4}{5}}$  to radical form: \_\_\_\_\_
- **2.** Convert  $\sqrt[5]{29}$  to exponential form:
- **3.** Simplify the following radical expressions:
  - (a)  $\sqrt[3]{(-5) \times (-5) \times (-5) \times (-5)}$
  - (b)  $\sqrt[5]{y^{13}}$
  - (c)  $\sqrt{54}$
  - (d)  $\sqrt[3]{9} \cdot \sqrt[3]{9x^3}$
  - (e)  $\sqrt{14} \cdot \sqrt{12}$
  - (f)  $\sqrt{2^5 \cdot 3^7}$
  - (g)  $\frac{\sqrt{24}}{\sqrt{2}}$
  - (h)  $\sqrt[3]{2} \cdot \sqrt[3]{2} \cdot \sqrt[3]{-4}$

- 4. Evaluate:
  - (a)  $\sqrt{-25}$
  - (b)  $16^{\frac{3}{2}}$
  - (c)  $(-8)^{\frac{1}{3}}$
  - (d)  $(\frac{1}{3})^{-2}$
  - (e) |-7| |-8|
  - (f) |1-9+2|-|1-11|
  - (g)  $\sqrt[3]{-1}$
- **5.** Fill in the blank:  $\sqrt[]{\cdot \sqrt[4]{27}} = 3$ .

**Extra credit:** The number of bacteria in a culture after t hours has the equation  $P(t) = A \cdot B^t$ , where A and B are numbers. You don't know A and B. You do know that the population after 1 hour is 50, and the population after 4 hours is 400. Find the population after 2 hours (In other words, find P(2)).

*Hint:* first solve for *A* and *B*.