

SPIRAL REVIEW #8.1

Key

EXPONENTS

1. Determine the solution set of $3^{x^2+2} = 9^2$

$$\begin{aligned} 3^{x^2+2} &= (3^2)^2 \\ x^2 + 2 &= 4 \\ x^2 &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow x = \pm\sqrt{2}$

2. Solve for x : $2x^{5/3} + 1 = 487$

$$\begin{aligned} 2x^{\frac{5}{3}} + 1 &= 487 \\ 2x^{\frac{5}{3}} &= 486 \\ (x^{\frac{5}{3}})^{\frac{3}{5}} &= (243)^{\frac{3}{5}} \\ x &= 27 \end{aligned}$$

3. Simplify the expression $(8x^{-9})^{\frac{2}{3}}$ and write your answer using a positive exponent.

$$\begin{aligned} 8^{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot x^{-9(\frac{2}{3})} \\ 4 \cdot x^{-6} = \frac{4}{x^6} \end{aligned}$$

4. Explain how to rewrite $(6^{\frac{2}{3}})^{\frac{3}{2}}$ in radical form.

$$6^2 = 36$$

5. Simplify $\left(\frac{x^3}{x^{-1}}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ using only positive exponents.

$$(x^{\frac{7}{2}})^{\frac{1}{4}} = x^{\frac{7}{8}}$$

