

Rational Numbers Assignment

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7. 4.8989794855....

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9. $\sqrt{2}$

10. $\sqrt{5}$

11. $\sqrt{17}$

12. $\sqrt{10}$

State true or false

13. $\sqrt[3]{8}$ is an irrational number

(a) True

(b) False

14. π is a rational number

(a) True

(b) False

15. $\sqrt{20}$ is an irrational number

(a) True

(b) False

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ANSWERS

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1. $\sqrt{55}$

The greatest perfect square less than 55 is $49 = 7^2$.

The least perfect square greater than 55 is $64 = 8^2$.

$\sqrt{55}$ falls between the two consecutive integers, **7 and 8**.

2. $\sqrt{42}$

The greatest perfect square less than 42 is $36 = 6^2$.

The least perfect square greater than 42 is $49 = 7^2$.

$\sqrt{42}$ falls between the two consecutive integers, **6 and 7**.

3. $\sqrt{13}$

The greatest perfect square less than 13 is $9 = 3^2$.

The least perfect square greater than 13 is $16 = 4^2$.

$\sqrt{13}$ falls between the two consecutive integers, **3 and 4**.

4. $\sqrt{89}$

The greatest perfect square less than 89 is $81 = 9^2$.

The least perfect square greater than 89 is $100 = 10^2$.

$\sqrt{89}$ falls between the two consecutive integers, **9 and 10**.

State whether the following numbers are rational or irrational. Give reasons

5. 0.2727272727....

0.2727272727.... is a **rational number** as the digits represent a repetitive pattern and the number can also be represented as a simple fraction $\frac{3}{11}$.

6. 3.8729833462....

3.8729833462.... is an **irrational number** as the digits represents a non-repetitive pattern and the number cannot be represented as a simple fraction.

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7. 4.8989794855....

4.8989794855.... is an **irrational number** as the digits represents a non-repetitive pattern and the number cannot be represented as a simple fraction.

8. 0.888888888....

0.888888888.... is a **rational number** as the digits represent a repetitive pattern and the number can also be represented as a simple fraction $\frac{8}{9}$.

Find the value of following irrational numbers up to two decimal points by decimal expansion.

9. $\sqrt{2}$

$\sqrt{2}$ is between the two perfect squares $\sqrt{1}$ and $\sqrt{4}$. So, $\sqrt{2}$ is between 1 and 2. To get more precise we will look at the tenths between 1 and 2.

Is $\sqrt{2}$ is between 1.2 and 1.3 try and check $1.2^2 < 2 < 1.3^2$. But $1.2^2 = 1.44$ and $1.3^2 = 1.69$ these squares are small.

Is $\sqrt{2}$ is between 1.3 and 1.4 try and check $1.3^2 < 2 < 1.4^2$. But $1.3^2 = 1.69$ and $1.4^2 = 1.96$ these squares are also small.

Is $\sqrt{2}$ is between 1.4 and 1.5 try and check $1.4^2 < 2 < 1.5^2$. $1.4^2 = 1.96$ and $1.5^2 = 2.25$;

$1.96 < 2 < 2.25$ therefore $1.4 < \sqrt{2} < 1.5$ So, $\sqrt{2}$ lies between 1.4 and 1.5.

For the next decimal look at the tenths between 1.4 and 1.5 by trial and error method we found that $\sqrt{2}$ lies between 1.41 and 1.42 as $1.41^2 = 1.9881$ and $1.42^2 = 2.0164$.

Therefore, first two decimal place values of $\sqrt{2}$ is 1.41....

10. $\sqrt{5}$

$\sqrt{5}$ is between the two perfect squares $\sqrt{4}$ and $\sqrt{9}$. So, $\sqrt{5}$ is between 2 and 3. To get more precise we will look at the tenths between 2 and 3.

Is $\sqrt{5}$ is between 2.1 and 2.2 try and check $2.1^2 < 5 < 2.2^2$. But $2.1^2 = 4.41$ and $2.2^2 = 4.84$ these squares are small.

Is $\sqrt{5}$ is between 2.2 and 2.3 try and check $2.2^2 < 5 < 2.3^2$; $2.2^2 = 4.84$ and $2.3^2 = 5.29$;

$4.84 < 5 < 5.29$ therefore $2.2 < \sqrt{5} < 2.3$ so, $\sqrt{5}$ lies between 2.2 and 2.3.

For the next decimal look at the tenths between 2.2 and 2.3 by trial and error method we found that $\sqrt{5}$ lies between 2.24 and 2.25 as $2.24^2 = 4.9952$ and $2.25^2 = 5.0625$

Therefore, first two decimal place values of $\sqrt{5}$ is 2.24....

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11. $\sqrt{17}$

$\sqrt{17}$ is between the two perfect squares $\sqrt{16}$ and $\sqrt{25}$. So, $\sqrt{17}$ is between 4 and 5. To get more precise we will look at the tenths between 4 and 5.

Is $\sqrt{17}$ is between 4.1 and 4.2 try and check $4.1^2 < 17 < 4.2^2$ and $4.1^2 = 16.81$ and $4.2^2 = 17.64$;

$16.81 < 17 < 17.64$ therefore $4.1 < \sqrt{17} < 4.2$ so, $\sqrt{17}$ lies between 4.1 and 4.2.

For the next decimal look at the tenths between 4.1 and 4.2 by trial and error method we found that

$\sqrt{17}$ lies between 4.12 and 4.13 as $4.12^2 = 16.9744$ and $4.13^2 = 17.0569$

Therefore, first two decimal place values of $\sqrt{17}$ is 4.12....

12. $\sqrt{10}$

$\sqrt{10}$ is between the two perfect squares $\sqrt{9}$ and $\sqrt{16}$. So, $\sqrt{10}$ is between 3 and 4. To get more precise we will look at the tenths between 3 and 4.

Is $\sqrt{10}$ is between 3.1 and 3.2 try and check $3.1^2 < 10 < 3.2^2$ and $3.1^2 = 9.61$ and $3.2^2 = 10.24$;

$9.61 < 10 < 10.24$ therefore $3.1 < \sqrt{10} < 3.2$ so, $\sqrt{10}$ lies between 3.1 and 3.2.

For the next decimal look at the tenths between 3.1 and 3.2 by trial and error method we found that

$\sqrt{10}$ lies between 3.16 and 3.17 as $3.16^2 = 9.9856$ and $3.17^2 = 10.0489$

Therefore, first two decimal place values of $\sqrt{10}$ is 3.16....

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