MAT 141 – Spring 2004		NAME:Answers
Quiz # 9	15	
Sections 9.1-9.2		Seat:
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1. If possible list the elements of each set or give a definition of the elements of set. (Do NOT just give a few examples of the elements.)

a. Integers =  $\{\ldots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, \ldots\}$  = All whole numbers and their negatives.

b. Rational numbers = 
$$\{\frac{a}{b} \mid a, b \in Integers, b \neq 0\}$$

= the ratio of two integers, with the denominator not zero

= terminating decimals or infinite, repeating decimals

c. Irrational numbers = numbers that cannot be written as the ratio of two integers

= infinite, non-repeating decimals

3pts

2. Considering the three sets above, which of these sets of numbers are closed for division? (excluding division by zero) \_\_\_\_\_\_Rational numbers\_\_\_\_\_

Explain: Rational numbers are fractions that are the ratio of integers.

When you divide two rational numbers the answer is always another rational number.

$$\frac{a}{b} \div \frac{c}{d} = \frac{a}{b} \cdot \frac{d}{c} = \frac{a \cdot d}{b \cdot c}$$

But when you divide two integers you may get an answer that is not an integer.

For example: 
$$2 \div 3 = \frac{2}{3}$$

But when you <u>divide two irrational numbers you may get an answer that is not an irrational #.</u> For example:  $\sqrt{3} \div \sqrt{3} = 1$ , which is a rational number, not an irrational number.

2pts

3. a. List a <u>rational number</u> between 2.63636363... and 2.64646464...

There are an infinite number of possible answers; any terminating or infinite repeating decimal that is between the given numbers.

b. List an <u>irrational number</u> between 2.63636363... and 2.64646464...

There are an infinite number of possible answers; any infinite non-repeating decimal number that is between the given numbers.

2pts

4. Use rules of exponents to simplify  $(8)^{\frac{4}{3}}$ . Show your steps to illustrate the rules you used.

$$8^{\frac{4}{3}} = (\sqrt[3]{8})^4 = (\sqrt[3]{2^3})^4 = 2^4 = 16$$
 or  $8^{\frac{4}{3}} = (2^3)^{\frac{4}{3}} = 2^{\frac{4}{3}} = 2^4 = 16$ 

5. Find the missing side in this right triangle. Show your work.

$$6 \frac{6^{2} + x^{2} = 7^{2}}{x^{2} = 49 - 36 = 13}$$

$$x = \sqrt{13}$$