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Total Marks: 45
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Question One: [1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2 = 12 marks]

Evaluate each of the following:

(a) $\sqrt{49}$

(b) $125^{\frac{1}{3}}$

(c) $64^{\frac{2}{3}}$

(d) 0.2^2

(e) $16^{\frac{-3}{4}}$

(f) $\left(\frac{121}{36}\right)^{\frac{-1}{2}}$

(g) $\sqrt{2\frac{14}{25}}$

Question Two: [3, 3, 3, 5, 5 =16 marks]

Simplify each of the following expressions, giving all answers with positive indices.

(a) $\frac{(4x^2y)^2}{20xy^{-5}}$

(b) $(3^{-2}mn^4)^2 \times 18(m^0n^5)^{-3}$

(c) $\sqrt{100g^3h^4} \div (16g^2h^8)^{\frac{1}{4}}$

(d) $\frac{(2wx^{-3})^3}{9w^{-2}x^4} \times \frac{\sqrt[3]{27w^6x^{-3}}}{(4x)^2}$

(e) $\frac{50y^{-2}q^3}{\sqrt{25}yq^4} \div \frac{10(y^4q^{-8})^2}{(125y^{-3}q^6)^{\frac{-1}{3}}}$

Question Three: [1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 3, 3 = 17 marks]

Simplify each of the following expressions:

(a) $-2\sqrt{75}$

(b) $3\sqrt{12} \times 4\sqrt{27}$

(c) $5\sqrt{32} - 3\sqrt{18}$

(d) $\frac{5\sqrt{24}}{15\sqrt{6}}$

(e) $2\sqrt{5} + 3\sqrt{4} - 6\sqrt{125} + 4\sqrt{2}$

(f) $\frac{-\sqrt{28}}{8\sqrt{56}}$

(g) $(3 - 2\sqrt{2})^2$



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Question One: [1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2 = 12 marks]

Evaluate each of the following:

(a) $\sqrt{49} = 7$ ✓

(b) $125^{\frac{1}{3}} = 5$ ✓

(c) $64^{\frac{2}{3}} = (\sqrt[3]{64})^2 = 4^2 = 16$ ✓

(d) $0.2^2 = \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{25}$ ✓

(e) $16^{\frac{-3}{4}} = \frac{1}{(\sqrt[4]{16})^3} = \frac{1}{2^3} = \frac{1}{8}$ ✓

(f) $\left(\frac{121}{36}\right)^{\frac{-1}{2}} = \left(\frac{36}{121}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{6}{11}$ ✓

(g) $\sqrt{2\frac{14}{25}} = \sqrt{\frac{64}{25}} = \frac{\sqrt{64}}{\sqrt{25}} = \frac{8}{5} = 1\frac{3}{5}$ ✓

Question Two: [3, 3, 3, 5, 5 =16 marks]

Simplify each of the following expressions, giving all answers with positive indices.

(a) $\frac{(4x^2y)^2}{20xy^{-5}}$

$$= \frac{16x^4y^2}{20xy^{-5}}$$

$$= \frac{4x^3y^7}{5}$$

(b) $(3^{-2}mn^4)^2 \times 18(m^0n^5)^{-3}$

$$= 3^{-4}m^2n^8 \times 18n^{-15}$$

$$= \frac{18m^2}{81n^7}$$

$$= \frac{2m^2}{9n^7}$$

(c) $\sqrt{100g^3h^4} \div (16g^2h^8)^{\frac{1}{4}}$

$$= \frac{10g^{\frac{3}{2}}h^2}{2g^{\frac{1}{2}}h^2}$$

$$= 5g$$

(d) $\frac{(2wx^{-3})^3}{9w^{-2}x^4} \times \frac{\sqrt[3]{27w^6x^{-3}}}{(4x)^2}$

$$= \frac{8w^3x^{-9}}{9w^{-2}x^4} \times \frac{3w^2x^{-1}}{16x^2}$$

$$= \frac{w^5x^{-10}}{6w^{-2}x^6}$$

$$= \frac{w^7}{6x^{16}}$$

(e) $\frac{50y^{-2}q^3}{\sqrt{25}yq^4} \div \frac{10(y^4q^{-8})^2}{(125y^{-3}q^6)^{\frac{-1}{3}}}$

$$= \frac{50y^{-2}q^3}{5yq^4} \times \frac{yq^{-2}}{10y^8q^{-16} \times 5}$$

$$= \frac{y^{-1}q^1}{5y^9q^{-12}}$$

$$= \frac{q^{13}}{5y^{10}}$$

Question Three: [1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 3, 3 = 17 marks]

Simplify each of the following expressions:

(a) $-2\sqrt{75} = -10\sqrt{3}$ ✓

(b) $3\sqrt{12} \times 4\sqrt{27} = 6\sqrt{3} \times 12\sqrt{3} = 72 \times 3 = 216$ ✓

(c) $5\sqrt{32} - 3\sqrt{18} = 20\sqrt{2} - 9\sqrt{2} = 11\sqrt{2}$ ✓

(d) $\frac{5\sqrt{24}}{15\sqrt{6}} = \frac{\sqrt{4}}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$ ✓

(e) $2\sqrt{5} + 3\sqrt{4} - 6\sqrt{125} + 4\sqrt{2} = 2\sqrt{5} + 6 - 30\sqrt{5} + 4\sqrt{2} = 6 - 28\sqrt{5} + 4\sqrt{2}$ ✓

(f) $\frac{-\sqrt{28}}{8\sqrt{56}} = \frac{-2\sqrt{7}}{16\sqrt{14}} = \frac{-1}{8\sqrt{2}}$ ✓

(g) $(3 - 2\sqrt{2})^2 = (3 - 2\sqrt{2})(3 - 2\sqrt{2}) = 9 - 4\sqrt{2} + 8 = 17 - 4\sqrt{2}$ ✓