

Questions: Laws of indices

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Summary

A selection of questions for the study guide on laws of indices.

Before attempting these questions, it is highly recommended that you read [Guide: Laws of indices](#).

Q1

Express each of the following as a single real number.

1.1. 3^4

1.2. $125^{\frac{2}{3}}$

1.3. $32^{\frac{2}{5}}$

1.4. $729^{-\frac{2}{3}}$

1.5. $4^3 \cdot 2^5$

1.6. $2^2 \cdot 3^2$

1.7. $8^5 \cdot 6^5$

1.8. $12^6 \cdot 3^6$

1.9. $\frac{9^2}{27^2}$

1.10. $(5^2)^2$

1.11. $(35^0)^9$

1.12. $(35^9)^0$

1.13. $(729^9)^{\frac{1}{9}}$

1.14. 7^{-3}

1.15. $\frac{4^5}{2^5}$

1.16. $\frac{2^{-2}}{13^{-2}}$

1.17. $64^{\frac{4}{3}}$

$$1.18. \left(\frac{4^3 \cdot 3^3}{6^3} \right)$$

$$1.19. \left(\frac{4^2 \cdot 8^2}{2^2} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^2$$

$$1.20. \frac{\left[\left(\frac{-2}{3} \right)^{-3} \cdot \left(\frac{-3}{5} \right)^{-3} \right]}{\left(\frac{2}{3} \right)^{-3}}$$

$$1.21. \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^4 \left(\frac{3}{5} \right)^4}{\left(\frac{8}{3} \right)^4}$$

$$1.22. \left(\frac{2}{3} \right)^{14} \cdot \left(\frac{9}{12} \right)^{14}$$

Q2

Evaluate the following expressions, writing your answer in the simplest possible form.

$$2.1. (b^7)^4$$

$$2.2. y^{13} \cdot y^5$$

$$2.3. a^2 \cdot b^2$$

$$2.4. \frac{x^{13}}{x^5}$$

$$2.5. (y^{-2})^5$$

$$2.6. a^{-4} \cdot b^{-4}$$

$$2.7. (7z^{-5})^3$$

$$2.8. \frac{8x^5}{4x^{-5}}$$

$$2.9. (x^2)^3 \cdot x^5$$

$$2.10. \frac{2a^{-4}}{3a^{-2}}$$

$$2.11. \frac{x^5}{y^5}$$

$$2.12. \frac{2y^3}{2y^5}$$

$$2.13. \left(\frac{2}{a} \right)^4 \cdot \left(\frac{a}{12} \right)^3$$

$$2.14. \frac{25t^{-4}}{60t^5}$$

$$2.15. \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{-4} \cdot \left(\frac{c}{d}\right)^4 \cdot \left(\frac{e}{f}\right)^4$$

$$2.16. \frac{5^{x+1} \cdot 6^{x+1}}{3^{x+1}}$$

$$2.17. \left(a^{\frac{1}{2}}\right) \cdot \left(b^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right)$$

$$2.18. \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^n \cdot \left(\frac{c}{d}\right)^{-n}$$

After attempting the questions above, please click [this link](#) to find the answers..

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