



EXAM PAPERS PRACTICE

Indices

Model Answers



Question 1

Find the value of

(a) $(\sqrt{5})^8$, [1]

To find the value of $(\sqrt{5})^8$, you can raise $\sqrt{5}$ to the power of 8 .

$$(\sqrt{5})^8 = \sqrt{5^8} = \sqrt{390625} = 625$$

So, $(\sqrt{5})^8$ is equal to 625 .

(b) $\left(\frac{1}{27}\right)^{-\frac{2}{3}}$. [1]

To simplify the expression $\left(\frac{1}{27}\right)^{-\frac{2}{3}}$, remember that when you have a negative exponent, you can move the base to the other side of the fraction and change the sign of the exponent:

$$\left(\frac{1}{27}\right)^{-\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{27}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}}}$$

Now, let's simplify the expression inside the parentheses:

$$\left(\frac{1}{27}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}} = \left(\left(\frac{1}{3^3}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}}\right) = \left(\frac{1}{3^{3 \times \frac{2}{3}}}\right) = \left(\frac{1}{3^2}\right) = \frac{1}{9}$$

Now, substitute this back into the original expression:

$$\frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{27}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}}} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{9}} = \frac{1}{1} \times \frac{9}{1} = 9$$

So, $\left(\frac{1}{27}\right)^{-\frac{2}{3}}$ simplifies to 9 .

Question 2

(a) Find the value of

(i) $\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{0.5}$,

To evaluate $\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{0.5}$, you're essentially finding the square root of $\frac{1}{4}$. The square root of a number is a value that, when multiplied by itself, gives the original number. [1]

$$\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{0.5} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}} = \frac{\sqrt{1}}{\sqrt{4}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

So, $\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{0.5} = \frac{1}{2}$.

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(ii) $(-8)^{\frac{2}{3}}$.

To evaluate $(-8)^{\frac{2}{3}}$, you can first find the cube root of -8 and then square the result.

1. Find the cube root of -8 :

$$\sqrt[3]{-8} = -2$$

2. Square the result:

$$(-2)^2 = 4$$

Therefore, $(-8)^{\frac{2}{3}} = 4$.

(b) Use a calculator to find the decimal value of $\frac{\sqrt{29 - 3 \times 32^{0.4}}}{3}$. [1]

Let's break down the expression step by step:

$$\frac{\sqrt{29 - 3 \times 32^{0.4}}}{3}$$

1. Calculate $32^{0.4}$:

$$32^{0.4} = 2$$

2. Substitute this back into the expression:

$$\sqrt{29 - 3 \times 2}$$

3. Simplify further:

$$\sqrt{29 - 6}$$

4. Subtract 6 from 29:

$$\sqrt{23}$$

5. Now, divide by 3 :

$$\frac{\sqrt{23}}{3}$$

This expression doesn't simplify further without using a calculator. To find the decimal value, you can evaluate it:

$$\frac{\sqrt{23}}{3} \approx \frac{4.796}{3} \approx 1.598$$

Therefore, the decimal value of the given expression is approximately 1.598 .

Question 3

Simplify the following.

(a) $(4pq^2)^3$ [2]

$$(4pq^2)^3 = 4^3 \cdot p^3 \cdot (q^2)^3$$

Now, calculate each term:

$$4^3 = 64$$

$$p^3 = p \cdot p \cdot p$$

$$(q^2)^3 = q^{2 \cdot 3} = q^6$$

Combine the results:

$$(4pq^2)^3 = 64p^3q^6$$

So, $(4pq^2)^3$ simplifies to $64p^3q^6$.

(b) $(16x^8)^{-\frac{1}{4}}$

To simplify $(16x^8)^{-\frac{1}{4}}$, you can use the property that $(a^b)^c = a^{b \cdot c}$. Apply this property to each term inside the parentheses:

$$(16x^8)^{-\frac{1}{4}} = 16^{-\frac{1}{4}} \cdot (x^8)^{-\frac{1}{4}}$$
 [2]

Now, simplify each term:

1. $16^{-\frac{1}{4}}$:

$$16^{-\frac{1}{4}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{16}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

2. $(x^8)^{-\frac{1}{4}}$:

Apply the power rule $(a^b)^c = a^{b \cdot c}$:

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

Combine the results:

$$(16x^8)^{-\frac{1}{4}} = \frac{1}{2}x^{-2} = \frac{1}{2x^2}$$

So, $(16x^8)^{-\frac{1}{4}}$ simplifies to $\frac{1}{2x^2}$.

Question 4

$$a \times 10^7 + b \times 10^6 = c \times 10^6$$

Find c in terms of a and b .

Give your answer in its simplest form. [2]

To find c in terms of a and b in the equation $a \times 10^7 + b \times 10^6 = c \times 10^6$, you can set up the equation and then solve for c :

$$a \times 10^7 + b \times 10^6 = c \times 10^6$$

First, subtract $b \times 10^6$ from both sides:

$$a \times 10^7 = c \times 10^6 - b \times 10^6$$

Factor out 10^6 from the right side:

$$a \times 10^7 = (c - b) \times 10^6$$

Now, divide both sides by 10^6 to solve for $c - b$:

$$c - b = \frac{a \times 10^7}{10^6} = a \times 10$$

Finally, add b to both sides to solve for c :

$$c = a \times 10 + b$$

So, in terms of a and b , c is equal to $a \times 10 + b$.



Question 5

$$3^x \times 9^4 = 3^n$$

Find n in terms of x .

[2]

To find n in terms of x in the equation $3^x \times 9^4 = 3^n$, we can use the fact that 9 can be expressed as 3^2 :

$$3^x \times (3^2)^4 = 3^n$$

Now, apply the exponent rules. When you have a power raised to another power, you multiply the exponents:

$$3^x \times 3^{2 \times 4} = 3^n$$

Simplify further:

$$3^x \times 3^8 = 3^n$$

Now, since the bases are the same (both are 3), you can combine the terms by adding the exponents:

$$3^{x+8} = 3^n$$

Now, set the exponents equal to each other:

$$x + 8 = n$$

So, in terms of x , n is equal to $x + 8$.

Question 6

Simplify $\frac{5}{8}x^{\frac{3}{2}} \div \frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{5}{2}}$.

[2]

1. Combine the fractions by multiplying the numerator and denominator of the first fraction by 2 :

$$\frac{5}{8}x^{\frac{3}{2}} \div \frac{1}{2}x^{\frac{5}{2}} = \frac{5 \times 2}{8 \times 2}x^{\frac{3}{2}} = \frac{10}{16}x^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

2. Combine the exponents with the same base by subtracting them:

$$\frac{10}{16}x^{\frac{3}{2}} = \frac{5}{8}x^{\frac{3}{2} - \frac{5}{2}}$$

3. Simplify the exponent:

$$\frac{5}{8}x^{-\frac{2}{2}} = \frac{5}{8}x^{-1}$$

So, $\frac{5}{8}x^{\frac{3}{2}} \div \frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{5}{2}}$ simplifies to $\frac{5}{8}x^{-1}$.

Question 7

Find the value of n in each of the following statements.

(a) $32^n = 1$ [1]

To find the value of n in the equation $32^n = 1$, you can use the fact that any non-zero number raised to the power of 0 is equal to 1. Therefore, n must be 0 in this case. So, the solution is $n = 0$, and the equation $32^n = 1$ is true when n is 0.

(b) $32^n = 2$ [1]

To find the value of n in the equation $32^n = 2$, we need to determine the exponent that, when applied to 32, results in 2.
 $32^n = 2$
 Since $32 = 2^5$, we can rewrite the equation using the base 2:
 $(2^5)^n = 2$
 Now, apply the power of a power rule (multiply the exponents):
 $2^{5n} = 2$
 For the two sides of the equation to be equal, the exponents must be equal:
 $5n = 1$
 Now, solve for n :
 $n = \frac{1}{5}$
 So, the value of n is $\frac{1}{5}$.

(c) $32^n = 8$ [1]

To find the value of n in the equation $32^n = 8$, you can rewrite both sides of the equation using the same base. Since 8 can be expressed as 2^3 , you can rewrite 32 as 2^5 :

$$(2^5)^n = 2^3$$

Now, apply the exponent rules by multiplying the exponents on the left side:

$$2^{5n} = 2^3$$

Now, since the bases are the same, you can set the exponents equal to each other:

$$5n = 3$$

Solve for n :

$$n = \frac{3}{5}$$

So, the value of n is $\frac{3}{5}$ in the equation $32^n = 8$.

Question 8

Simplify

(a) $\left(\frac{x^{27}}{27}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}}$

To simplify $\left(\frac{x^{27}}{27}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}}$, you can apply the exponent rules. When you raise a power to another power, you multiply the exponents. Here's how you can simplify it step by step:

$$\left(\frac{x^{27}}{27}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

1. Apply the power rule: $(a^b)^c = a^{b \cdot c}$

$$\frac{x^{27 \cdot \frac{2}{3}}}{27^{\frac{2}{3}}}$$

1. Simplify the exponents:

$$\frac{x^{18}}{(27^{\frac{2}{3}})}$$

1. Simplify the cube root of 27:

$$\frac{x^{18}}{3^2}$$

1. Simplify further:

$$\frac{x^{18}}{9}$$

So, $\left(\frac{x^{27}}{27}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}}$ simplifies to $\frac{x^{18}}{9}$.

[2]

(b) $\left(\frac{x^{-2}}{4}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$

To simplify $\left(\frac{x^{-2}}{4}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$, you can apply the exponent rules. When you have a negative exponent, you can move the base to the other side of the fraction and change the sign of the exponent. Here's how you can simplify it step by step:

$$\left(\frac{x^{-2}}{4}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

1. Move the base with the negative exponent to the denominator and change the sign of the exponent:

$$\frac{1}{(x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

1. Apply the power rule: $(a^b)^c = a^{b \cdot c}$

$$\frac{1}{x^{\frac{2 \cdot 1}{2}}}$$

1. Simplify the exponents:

$$\frac{1}{x^1}$$

1. Simplify further by multiplying the numerator and denominator by 2:

$$\frac{1}{x}$$

1. Simplify by multiplying the numerator and denominator by x :

$$\frac{x}{x^2}$$

So, $\left(\frac{x^{-2}}{4}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ simplifies to $\frac{x}{x^2}$.

[2]

Question 9

Find the **exact** value of

(a) 3^{-2} , [1]

To find the exact value of 3^{-2} , it means taking the reciprocal of 3^2 .

$$3^{-2} = \frac{1}{3^2} = \frac{1}{9}$$

So, the exact value of 3^{-2} is $\frac{1}{9}$.

(b) $(1\frac{7}{9})^{\frac{1}{2}}$. [2]

To find the exact value of $(1\frac{7}{9})^{\frac{1}{2}}$, first convert the mixed number to an improper fraction.

$$1\frac{7}{9} = \frac{9}{9} + \frac{7}{9} = \frac{16}{9}$$

Now, take the square root of $\frac{16}{9}$:

$$(\frac{16}{9})^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{16}{9}} = \frac{\sqrt{16}}{\sqrt{9}} = \frac{4}{3}$$

So, $(1\frac{7}{9})^{\frac{1}{2}}$ is equal to $\frac{4}{3}$.

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Question 10

(a) Simplify $x^8 \div x^2$.

[1]

To simplify $x^8 \div x^2$, you can use the rule $a^m \div a^n = a^{m-n}$, where a is a non-zero number. Apply this rule to your expression:

$$x^8 \div x^2 = x^{8-2} = x^6$$

So, $x^8 \div x^2$ simplifies to x^6 .

(b) Simplify $\left(\frac{x^6}{27}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$.

[2]

$$\left(\frac{x^6}{27}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{\sqrt[3]{x^6}}{\sqrt[3]{27}}$$

Now, simplify the expression under the cube roots:

$$\frac{\sqrt[3]{x^6}}{\sqrt[3]{27}} = \frac{\sqrt[3]{(x^2)^3}}{\sqrt[3]{(3)^3}}$$

Cancel out the cubes:

$$\frac{x^2}{3}$$

So, $\left(\frac{x^6}{27}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$ simplifies to $\frac{x^2}{3}$.

Question 11

(a) $(2^{24})^{\frac{1}{2}} = p^4$ Find the value of p .

To find the value of p in the equation $(2^{24})^{\frac{1}{2}} = p^4$, you can simplify the left side of the equation: [2]

$$(2^{24})^{\frac{1}{2}} = 2^{24 \times \frac{1}{2}} = 2^{12}$$

Now, set this equal to p^4 and solve for p :

$$2^{12} = p^4$$

Since both sides have the same base (2), you can equate the exponents:

$$12 = 4 \times \log_2(p)$$

Now, solve for p :

$$4 \times \log_2(p) = 12$$

$$\log_2(p) = \frac{12}{4}$$

$$\log_2(p) = 3$$

Now, raise 2 to the power of 3 to find p :

$$p = 2^3 = 8$$

So, the value of p is 8.

(b) Simplify $\frac{q^2 + q^2}{q^{\frac{1}{4}} \times q^{\frac{1}{4}}}$. [3]

To simplify the expression $\frac{q^2 + q^2}{q^{\frac{1}{4}} \times q^{\frac{1}{4}}}$, combine like terms in the numerator and simplify the denominator. Here's the step-by-step process:

1. Combine like terms in the numerator:

$$q^2 + q^2 = 2q^2$$

2. Simplify the denominator by adding the exponents:

$$q^{\frac{1}{4}} \times q^{\frac{1}{4}} = q^{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}} = q^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Now, substitute these results back into the original expression:

$$\frac{2q^2}{q^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

1. Subtract the exponents in the denominator from the exponent in the numerator:

$$2q^{2 - \frac{1}{2}} = 2q^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

So, $\frac{q^2 + q^2}{q^{\frac{1}{4}} \times q^{\frac{1}{4}}}$ simplifies to $2q^{\frac{3}{2}}$.

Question 12

1 Calculate $\frac{\sqrt[3]{16}}{1.3^2}$.

To calculate $\frac{\sqrt[3]{16}}{1.3^2}$, let's break it down step by step:

1. Simplify the cube root of 16:

$$\sqrt[3]{16} = 2$$

2. Square 1.3:

$$1.3^2 = 1.69$$

Now, substitute these values back into the original expression:

$$\frac{\sqrt[3]{16}}{1.3^2} = \frac{2}{1.69}$$

To get a decimal approximation, divide 2 by 1.69:

$$\frac{2}{1.69} \approx 1.1834$$

$$\text{So, } \frac{\sqrt[3]{16}}{1.3^2} \approx 1.1834$$

**Question 13**7 (a) Simplify $(3125t^{125})^{\frac{1}{5}}$

To simplify $(3125t^{125})^{\frac{1}{5}}$, apply the power rule for exponents, which states that $(a^b)^c = a^{b \cdot c}$. In this case, raise both the base and the exponent to the power of $\frac{1}{5}$:

$$(3125t^{125})^{\frac{1}{5}} = 3125^{\frac{1}{5}} \cdot (t^{125})^{\frac{1}{5}} \quad [2]$$

Now, simplify each term:

$$3125^{\frac{1}{5}} = 5, \text{ because } 5^5 = 3125.$$

$$(t^{125})^{\frac{1}{5}} = t^{125 \cdot \frac{1}{5}} = t^{25}$$

Combine the results:

$$(3125t^{125})^{\frac{1}{5}} = 5t^{25}$$

So, $(3125t^{125})^{\frac{1}{5}}$ simplifies to $5t^{25}$.

(b) Find the value of p when $3^p = \frac{1}{9}$

To find the value of p when $3^p = \frac{1}{9}$, you can rewrite $\frac{1}{9}$ with a base of 3.

$$\frac{1}{9} = \frac{1}{3^2}$$

Now, rewrite the equation with a common base:

$$3^p = 3^{-2} \quad [1]$$

Now, equate the exponents:

$$p = -2$$

So, the value of p is -2 when $3^p = \frac{1}{9}$.

(c) Find the value of w when $x^{72} \div x^w = x^8$.

To find the value of w when $x^{72} \div x^w = x^8$, apply the rule $a^m \div a^n = a^{m-n}$.

$$x^{72} \div x^w = x^{72-w}$$

Now, set this equal to x^8 and solve for w :

$$x^{72-w} = x^8$$

Since the bases are the same, you can equate the exponents:

$$72 - w = 8$$

Now, solve for w :

$$w = 72 - 8 = 64$$

So, the value of w is 64 when $x^{72} \div x^w = x^8$.

Question 146 Simplify. $3x^2y^3 \times x^4y$

To simplify the expression $3x^2y^3 \times x^4y$, you can combine the like terms by adding the exponents of x and y .

$$3x^2y^3 \times x^4y = 3 \times x^{2+4} \times y^{3+1}$$

Now, simplify the exponents:

$$3 \times x^6 \times y^4$$

So, $3x^2y^3 \times x^4y$ simplifies to $3x^6y^4$.

Question 15

(a) $3^x = \sqrt[4]{3^5}$

Find the value of x .

[1]

To find the value of x in the equation $3^x = \sqrt[4]{3^5}$, first, simplify the right side:

$$\sqrt[4]{3^5} = \sqrt[4]{243} = 3^{\frac{5}{4}}$$

Now, set the exponents equal to each other:

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

Since the bases are the same, the exponents must be equal:

$$x = \frac{5}{4}$$

So, the value of x is $\frac{5}{4}$ in the given equation.

(b) Simplify $(32y^{15})^{\frac{2}{5}}$.

[2]

$$(32y^{15})^{\frac{2}{5}} = 32^{\frac{2}{5}} \cdot (y^{15})^{\frac{2}{5}}$$

1. Simplify the base $32^{\frac{2}{5}}$:

$$32^{\frac{2}{5}} = (2^5)^{\frac{2}{5}} = 2^2 = 4$$

2. Simplify the exponent of y^{15} by multiplying by $\frac{2}{5}$:

$$(y^{15})^{\frac{2}{5}} = y^{\frac{15 \times 2}{5}} = y^6$$

Now, combine the results:

$$(32y^{15})^{\frac{2}{5}} = 4y^6$$

So, $(32y^{15})^{\frac{2}{5}}$ simplifies to $4y^6$.

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Question 16

(a) Simplify $(64q^{-2})^{\frac{1}{2}}$. [2]

$$(64q^{-2})^{\frac{1}{2}} = 64^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot (q^{-2})^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

1. Simplify the base $64^{\frac{1}{2}}$:

$$64^{\frac{1}{2}} = (2^6)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 2^3 = 8$$

2. Simplify the exponent of q^{-2} by multiplying by $\frac{1}{2}$:

$$(q^{-2})^{\frac{1}{2}} = q^{-1}$$

Now, combine the results:

$$(64q^{-2})^{\frac{1}{2}} = 8q^{-1}$$

So, $(64q^{-2})^{\frac{1}{2}}$ simplifies to $8q^{-1}$.

(b) $5^7 \div 5^9 = p^2$

Find p .

[2]

To find p in the equation $5^7 \div 5^9 = p^2$, you can use the rule $a^m \div a^n = a^{m-n}$.

$$5^7 \div 5^9 = 5^{7-9} = 5^{-2}$$

Now, set this equal to p^2 and solve for p :

$$5^{-2} = p^2$$

Since the bases are the same, you can equate the exponents:

$$p^2 = \frac{1}{5^2} = \frac{1}{25}$$

So, the value of p is $\frac{1}{5}$ in the given equation.

Question 17

Write $(27x^{12})^{\frac{1}{3}}$ in its simplest form.

[2]

To simplify $(27x^{12})^{\frac{1}{3}}$, you can use the rule $(a^b)^c = a^{b \cdot c}$. In this case, raise both the base and the exponent to the power of $\frac{1}{3}$:

$$(27x^{12})^{\frac{1}{3}} = 27^{\frac{1}{3}} \cdot (x^{12})^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

Now, simplify each term:

$$27^{\frac{1}{3}} = 3, \text{ because } 3^3 = 27.$$

$$(x^{12})^{\frac{1}{3}} = x^{12 \cdot \frac{1}{3}} = x^4$$

Combine the results:

$$(27x^{12})^{\frac{1}{3}} = 3x^4$$

So, $(27x^{12})^{\frac{1}{3}}$ simplifies to $3x^4$.

Question 18

(a) $\left(\frac{3}{8}\right)^{\frac{3}{8}} \times \left(\frac{3}{8}\right)^{\frac{1}{8}} = p^q$

Find the value of p and the value of q .

1. $\left(\frac{3}{8}\right)^{\frac{3}{8}}$: 2]

$$\left(\frac{3}{8}\right)^{\frac{3}{8}} = \left(\frac{3^3}{8^3}\right)^{\frac{1}{8}} = \left(\frac{27}{512}\right)^{\frac{1}{8}}$$

2. $\left(\frac{3}{8}\right)^{\frac{1}{8}}$:

$$\left(\frac{3}{8}\right)^{\frac{1}{8}} = \left(\frac{3}{8}\right)^{\frac{1}{8}} = \frac{3}{8}$$

Now, multiply the simplified terms:

$$\left(\frac{27}{512}\right)^{\frac{1}{8}} \times \frac{3}{8} = \frac{3}{8} \times \frac{3}{8} = \frac{9}{64}$$

So, $p = \frac{9}{64}$ and $q = 1$.

(b) $5^{-3} + 5^{-4} = k \times 5^{-4}$

Find the value of k .

To find the value of k in the equation $5^{-3} + 5^{-4} = k \times 5^{-4}$, let's simplify the left side of the equation first.

$$5^{-3} + 5^{-4} = \frac{1}{5^3} + \frac{1}{5^4}$$

Now, find a common denominator, which is 5^4 :

$$\frac{5^4}{5^4} \times \frac{1}{5^3} + \frac{1}{5^4} = \frac{5^4+1}{5^4}$$

So, the left side becomes:

$$5^{-3} + 5^{-4} = \frac{5^4+1}{5^4}$$

Now, set this equal to $k \times 5^{-4}$ and solve for k :

$$\frac{5^4+1}{5^4} = k \times 5^{-4}$$

Now, multiply both sides by 5^4 to isolate k :

$$5^4 + 1 = k$$

$$625 + 1 = k$$

$$k = 626$$

So, the value of k is 626 .

[2]

Question 19

Simplify $(256w^{256})^{\frac{1}{4}}$.

[2]

To simplify $(256w^{256})^{\frac{1}{4}}$, you can use the property $(a^b)^c = a^{b \cdot c}$. Here, you will apply this property to both the base and the exponent:

$$(256w^{256})^{\frac{1}{4}} = 256^{\frac{1}{4}} \cdot (w^{256})^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

Now, simplify each part:

$256^{\frac{1}{4}}$: This is the fourth root of 256 . Since $4^4 = 256$, $256^{\frac{1}{4}} = 4$.

$(w^{256})^{\frac{1}{4}}$: This is the fourth root of w^{256} . Since $(w^4)^{64} = w^{256}$, $(w^{256})^{\frac{1}{4}} = w^{64}$.

Now, combine the results:

$$(256w^{256})^{\frac{1}{4}} = 4w^{64}$$

So, $(256w^{256})^{\frac{1}{4}}$ simplifies to $4w^{64}$.

Question 20

Find the values of m and n .

(a) $2^m = 0.125$ [2]

To find the value of m in the equation $2^m = 0.125$, you can rewrite 0.125 as a power of 2. Since 0.125 is equivalent to 2^{-3} , the equation becomes:
 $2^m = 2^{-3}$

Now, set the exponents equal to each other:

$$m = -3$$

So, the value of m in the equation $2^m = 0.125$ is -3 .

(b) $2^{4n} \times 2^{2n} = 512$ [2]

To find the value of n in the equation $2^{4n} \times 2^{2n} = 512$, you can use the properties of exponents.

First, simplify the left side of the equation by combining the exponents:

$$2^{4n} \times 2^{2n} = 2^{4n+2n} = 2^{6n}$$

Now, set this equal to 512, since $512 = 2^9$:

$$2^{6n} = 2^9$$

Since the bases are the same, the exponents must be equal:

$$6n = 9$$

Now, solve for n :

$$n = \frac{9}{6} = \frac{3}{2}$$

So, the value of n in the equation $2^{4n} \times 2^{2n} = 512$ is $\frac{3}{2}$.

Question 21

Find the value of $\left(\frac{27}{8}\right)^{-\frac{4}{3}}$.

Give your answer as an exact fraction.

[2]

To find the value of $\left(\frac{27}{8}\right)^{-\frac{4}{3}}$, you can apply the reciprocal of the exponent. The reciprocal of $-\frac{4}{3}$ is $\frac{3}{4}$.

So,

$$\left(\frac{27}{8}\right)^{-\frac{4}{3}} = \left(\frac{27}{8}\right)^{\frac{3}{4}}$$

Now, take the cube root of the numerator and the fourth root of the denominator:

$$\left(\frac{27}{8}\right)^{\frac{3}{4}} = \frac{\sqrt[4]{27^3}}{\sqrt[4]{8}}$$

Simplify the expression under the radicals:

$$\frac{\sqrt[4]{27^3}}{\sqrt[4]{8}} = \frac{\sqrt[4]{19683}}{\sqrt[4]{8}}$$

Now, express both numbers with the same index:

$$\frac{\sqrt[4]{19683}}{\sqrt[4]{8}} = \frac{\sqrt[4]{3^9}}{\sqrt[4]{2^3}}$$

Combine the radicals:

$$\frac{\sqrt[4]{3^9}}{\sqrt[4]{2^3}} = \frac{3^{\frac{9}{4}}}{2^{\frac{3}{4}}}$$

So, $\left(\frac{27}{8}\right)^{-\frac{4}{3}}$ is equal to $\frac{3^{\frac{9}{4}}}{2^{\frac{3}{4}}}$ as an exact fraction.

Question 22

(a) Find m when $4^m \times 4^2 = 4^{12}$.

[1]

To find the value of m in the equation $4^m \times 4^2 = 4^{12}$, you can use the properties of exponents.

First, simplify the left side of the equation by combining the exponents:

$$4^m \times 4^2 = 4^{m+2}$$

Now, set this equal to 4^{12} :

$$4^{m+2} = 4^{12}$$

Since the bases are the same, the exponents must be equal:

$$m + 2 = 12$$

Now, solve for m :

$$m = 12 - 2 = 10$$

So, the value of m in the equation $4^m \times 4^2 = 4^{12}$ is 10.

(b) Find p when $6^p \div 6^5 = \sqrt{6}$.

[1]

To find the value of p in the equation $6^p \div 6^5 = \sqrt{6}$, let's first simplify both sides of the equation.

$$6^p \div 6^5 = \sqrt{6}$$

Now, simplify the left side using the rule $a^m \div a^n = a^{m-n}$:

$$6^p \div 6^5 = 6^{p-5}$$

So, the equation becomes:

$$6^{p-5} = \sqrt{6}$$

To solve for p , set the exponents equal to each other:

$$p - 5 = \frac{1}{2}$$

Now, solve for p :

$$p = \frac{1}{2} + 5 = \frac{11}{2}$$

So, the value of p in the equation $6^p \div 6^5 = \sqrt{6}$ is $\frac{11}{2}$.

Question 23

Simplify

(a) $32x^8 \div 8x^{32}$, [2]

To simplify the expression $\frac{32x^8}{8x^{32}}$, you can apply the rule $\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}$ for non-zero a .

$$\frac{32x^8}{8x^{32}} = \frac{32}{8} \times \frac{x^8}{x^{32}}$$

Simplify the numerical part:

$$4 \times \frac{x^8}{x^{32}}$$

Now, apply the rule for subtracting exponents:

$$4 \times x^{8-32} = 4 \times x^{-24}$$

To make the expression more readable, you can rewrite the negative exponent in the denominator:

$$\frac{4}{x^{24}}$$

So, $\frac{32x^8}{8x^{32}}$ simplifies to $\frac{4}{x^{24}}$.

(b) $\left(\frac{x^3}{64}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}}$. [2]

To simplify $\left(\frac{x^3}{64}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}}$, you can use the rule $(a^b)^c = a^{b \cdot c}$. In this case, you raise both the numerator and denominator to the power of $\frac{2}{3}$:

$$\left(\frac{x^3}{64}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{x^{3 \cdot \frac{2}{3}}}{64^{\frac{2}{3}}}$$

Now, simplify the exponents:

1. Simplify the numerator exponent:

$$x^{3 \cdot \frac{2}{3}} = x^2$$

2. Simplify the denominator exponent:

$$64^{\frac{2}{3}} = (2^6)^{\frac{2}{3}} = 2^4 = 16$$

Now, combine the results:

$$\left(\frac{x^3}{64}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{x^2}{16}$$

So, $\left(\frac{x^3}{64}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}}$ simplifies to $\frac{x^2}{16}$.

Question 24

Simplify the following.

(a) $(3x^3)^3$ [2]

$$(3x^3)^3 = 3^3 \cdot (x^3)^3$$

Now, simplify each part:

1. $3^3 = 27$

2. $(x^3)^3 = x^{3 \cdot 3} = x^9$

Combine the results:

$$(3x^3)^3 = 27x^9$$

So, $(3x^3)^3$ simplifies to $27x^9$.

(b) $(125x^6)^{\frac{2}{3}}$ [2]

To simplify $(125x^6)^{\frac{2}{3}}$, you can use the rule $(a^b)^c = a^{b \cdot c}$. In this case, raise both the base and the exponent to the power of $\frac{2}{3}$:

$$(125x^6)^{\frac{2}{3}} = 125^{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot (x^6)^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

Now, simplify each part:

$$125^{\frac{2}{3}} = (5^3)^{\frac{2}{3}} = 5^2 = 25$$

$$(x^6)^{\frac{2}{3}} = x^{6 \cdot \frac{2}{3}} = x^4$$

Combine the results:

$$(125x^6)^{\frac{2}{3}} = 25x^4$$

So, $(125x^6)^{\frac{2}{3}}$ simplifies to $25x^4$.

Question 25

Find the value of n in the following equations.

(a) $2^n = 1024$ [1]

To find n in the equation $2^n = 1024$, you can rewrite 1024 as a power of 2 .

$$2^{10} = 1024$$

Now, set the exponents equal to each other:

$$n = 10$$

So, the value of n in the equation $2^n = 1024$ is 10 .

(b) $4^{2n-3} = 16$ [2]

To find n in the equation $4^{2n-3} = 16$, you can start by expressing both sides of the equation with the same base.

$$4^{2n-3} = 4^2$$

Now, set the exponents equal to each other:

$$2n - 3 = 2$$

Solve for n :

$$2n = 5$$

$$n = \frac{5}{2}$$

So, the value of n in the equation $4^{2n-3} = 16$ is $\frac{5}{2}$.

Question 26

Simplify

$$(a) \left(\frac{16}{81} x^{16} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad [2]$$

To simplify $\left(\frac{16}{81} x^{16} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$, you can use the rule $(a^b)^c = a^{b \cdot c}$. In this case, raise both the numerator and denominator to the power of $\frac{1}{2}$:

$$\left(\frac{16}{81} x^{16} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left(\frac{16^{\frac{1}{2}}}{81^{\frac{1}{2}}} \cdot (x^{16})^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)$$

Now, simplify each part:

$$16^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{16} = 4$$

$$81^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{81} = 9$$

$$(x^{16})^{\frac{1}{2}} = x^8$$

Combine the results:

$$\left(\frac{16}{81} x^{16} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{4x^8}{9}$$

So, $\left(\frac{16}{81} x^{16} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ simplifies to $\frac{4x^8}{9}$.

$$(b) \frac{16y^{10} \times 4y^{-4}}{32y^7}. \quad [2]$$

To simplify the expression $\frac{16y^{10} \times 4y^{-4}}{32y^7}$, you can perform the following steps:

1. Combine the numerical coefficients in the numerator:

$$\frac{16 \times 4}{32} = \frac{64}{32} = 2$$

2. Combine the y terms in the numerator by adding the exponents:

$$y^{10} \times y^{-4} = y^{10-4} = y^6$$

Now, rewrite the simplified expression:

$$\frac{16y^{10} \times 4y^{-4}}{32y^7} = \frac{2y^6}{y^7}$$

To divide with the same base, subtract the exponents:

$$\frac{2y^6}{y^7} = 2y^{6-7} = \frac{2}{y}$$

So, $\frac{16y^{10} \times 4y^{-4}}{32y^7}$ simplifies to $\frac{2}{y}$.

Question 27

Simplify

(a) $\left(\frac{p^4}{16}\right)^{0.75}$, $\left(\frac{p^4}{16}\right)^{0.75} = \frac{p^{4 \cdot 0.75}}{16^{0.75}}$ [2]

Now, simplify each part:

1. $p^{4 \cdot 0.75} = p^3$

2. $16^{0.75} = (2^4)^{0.75} = 2^3$

Combine the results:

$$\left(\frac{p^4}{16}\right)^{0.75} = \frac{p^3}{2^3}$$

Now, simplify the fraction:

$$\frac{p^3}{2^3} = \frac{p^3}{8}$$

So, $\left(\frac{p^4}{16}\right)^{0.75}$ simplifies to $\frac{p^3}{8}$.

(b) $3^2 \cdot q^{-3} \div 2^3 \cdot q^{-2}$. [2]

To simplify $3^2 \cdot q^{-3} \div 2^3 \cdot q^{-2}$, you can apply the rules of exponents and perform the necessary operations step by step.

1. Combine the numerical coefficients:

$$3^2 \div 2^3 = \frac{9}{8}$$

2. Combine the q terms by subtracting exponents:

$$q^{-3} \div q^{-2} = q^{-3-(-2)} = q^{-1}$$

Now, combine the results:

$$3^2 \cdot q^{-3} \div 2^3 \cdot q^{-2} = \frac{9}{8} \cdot q^{-1}$$

So, the simplified expression is $\frac{9}{8q}$.

Question 28

Write $2^8 \times 8^2 \times 4^{-2}$ in the form 2^n . [2]

1. 2^8 remains as it is.

2. 8^2 can be written as $(2^3)^2 = 2^6$.

3. 4^{-2} is the reciprocal of 4^2 and can be written as $\frac{1}{4^2} = \frac{1}{2^4} = 2^{-4}$.

Now, combine the terms:

$$2^8 \times 2^6 \times 2^{-4}$$

To combine the terms with the same base (2), add the exponents:

$$2^{8+6-4} = 2^{10}$$

So, $2^8 \times 8^2 \times 4^{-2}$ can be written in the form 2^{10} .

Question 29

Simplify $(27x^3)^{\frac{2}{3}}$. [2]

$$(27x^3)^{\frac{2}{3}} = 27^{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot (x^3)^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

Now, simplify each part:

$$1. 27^{\frac{2}{3}} = (3^3)^{\frac{2}{3}} = 3^2 = 9$$

$$2. (x^3)^{\frac{2}{3}} = x^{3 \cdot \frac{2}{3}} = x^2$$

Combine the results:

$$(27x^3)^{\frac{2}{3}} = 9x^2$$

So, $(27x^3)^{\frac{2}{3}}$ simplifies to $9x^2$.

Question 30

(a) Simplify $(27x^6)^{\frac{1}{3}}$. [2]

We have $(27x^6)^{\frac{1}{3}} = (3^3x^6)^{\frac{1}{3}} = 3^{\frac{3}{3}}x^{6 \cdot \frac{1}{3}} = 3^1x^2 = 3x^2 = 9x^2$.

(b) $(512)^{-\frac{2}{3}} = 2^p$. Find p . [2]

We have $(512)^{-\frac{2}{3}} = 2^p$. Note that $512 = 2^9$, and $2^{-2/3} = 2^{-2 \cdot \frac{1}{3}} = 2^{-6/3} = 2^{-2}$. Hence, $2^p = 2^{-2}$ and $p = -2$.

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Question 31

(a) $\sqrt{32} = 2^p$. Find the value of p .

[2]

To find the value of p , we need to solve the equation $\sqrt{32} = 2^p$.

Since the square root of 32 is equal to 2^5 , we can substitute this into the equation to get:

$$2^5 = 2^p$$

Comparing the exponents, we see that $p = 5$.

(b) $\sqrt[3]{8} = 2^q$. Find the value of q .

[2]

First, we can re-write $\sqrt[3]{8}$ as $\sqrt[3]{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 2} = \sqrt[3]{2 \cdot \sqrt[3]{4} \cdot 2} = \sqrt[3]{2} \cdot \sqrt[3]{4} \cdot 2 = \sqrt[3]{2} \cdot \sqrt[3]{2^2} \cdot 2 = \sqrt[3]{2} \cdot 2 \cdot 2 = 4\sqrt[3]{2}$.

(Note that $\sqrt[3]{4} = \sqrt[3]{2^2} = 2$.)

Question 32

Simplify $\frac{2}{3}p^{12} \times \frac{3}{4}p^8$.

[2]

$$\frac{2}{3}p^{12} \times \frac{3}{4}p^8$$

We can simplify the expression by multiplying the numerators and the denominators.

Steps to solve:

1. Multiply the numerators and the denominators:

$$\frac{2}{3}p^{12} \times \frac{3}{4}p^8 = \frac{2 \times 3}{3 \times 4} \times p^{12 \times 8}$$

2. Simplify the fraction:

$$\frac{2 \times 3}{3 \times 4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

3. Combine the exponents:

$$p^{12 \times 8} = p^{20}$$

Answer:

$$\frac{p^{20}}{2}$$

Question 33

Simplify.

(a) $81^{\frac{3}{4}}$ To simplify $81^{\frac{3}{4}}$, we can first write 81 as 3^4 . This gives us: [1]

$$81^{\frac{3}{4}} = (3^4)^{\frac{3}{4}}$$

Using the power of a power rule, $(a^m)^n = a^{m \cdot n}$, we get:

$$(3^4)^{\frac{3}{4}} = 3^{4 \cdot \frac{3}{4}}$$

Simplifying the exponent, we have:

$$3^{4 \cdot \frac{3}{4}} = 3^3$$

Evaluating the exponent, we get the simplified form:

$$3^3 = 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 = 27$$

(b) $x^{\frac{2}{3}} \div x^{-\frac{4}{3}}$ [1]

Since $x^a \div x^b = x^{a-b}$, we can simplify $x^{\frac{2}{3}} \div x^{-\frac{4}{3}}$ by subtracting the exponents:

$$x^{\frac{2}{3}} \div x^{-\frac{4}{3}} = x^{\frac{2}{3} - (-\frac{4}{3})} = x^{\frac{2}{3} + \frac{4}{3}} = x^{\frac{6}{3}} = x^2.$$

Therefore, the simplified form of $x^{\frac{2}{3}} \div x^{-\frac{4}{3}}$ is x^2 .

(c) $\left(\frac{8}{y^6}\right)^{-\frac{1}{3}}$ [2]

To simplify $\left(\frac{8}{y^6}\right)^{-\frac{1}{3}}$, we can use the following properties of exponents:

$$-(x^a)^b = x^{ab}$$

$$-\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^n = \frac{x^n}{y^n}$$

First, we can use the second property to distribute the exponent to the numerator and denominator:

$$\left(\frac{8}{y^6}\right)^{-\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{8^{-\frac{1}{3}}}{y^{6 \cdot (-\frac{1}{3})}}$$

Next, we can use the first property to simplify the exponents:

$$\frac{8^{-\frac{1}{3}}}{y^{6 \cdot (-\frac{1}{3})}} = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{8}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}}{y^{-2}}$$

Finally, we can simplify the fraction:

$$\frac{\left(\frac{1}{8}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}}{y^{-2}} = \frac{\sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{8}}}{y^2}$$

Therefore, the simplified form of $\left(\frac{8}{y^6}\right)^{-\frac{1}{3}}$ is $\frac{\sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{8}}}{y^2}$.

Question 34

(a) $2^r = \frac{1}{16}$

Find the value of r .

[1]

Since $16 = 2^4$, then $\frac{1}{16} = \frac{1}{2^4} = 2^{-4}$. Therefore, $r = -4$.

(b) $3^t = \sqrt[5]{3}$

Find the value of t .

Since $\sqrt[5]{3} = 3^{1/5}$, we can substitute this into the equation to get:

$$3^t = 3^{1/5}$$

[1]

Comparing the exponents, we see that $t = \frac{1}{5}$.

Question 35

Work out.

(a) $125^{\frac{2}{3}}$

[1]

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Since $125 = 5^3$, then $125^{\frac{2}{3}} = (5^3)^{\frac{2}{3}} = 5^{3 \times \frac{2}{3}} = 5^2 = 25$.

(b) $\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{-2}$

Steps to solve:

1. Evaluate the exponent:

$$\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{-2} = 3^2$$

Answer:

[1]

Question 36

(a) Simplify.

$$(16x^{16})^{\frac{3}{4}}$$

[2]

$$(16x^{16})^{\frac{3}{4}}$$

We can simplify the expression using the following rules of exponents:

1. $(a^m)^n = a^{mn}$

2. $(a^m) \cdot (a^n) = a^{m+n}$

First, we can rewrite 16 as 2^4 using the rule $(a^m) \cdot (a^n) = a^{m+n}$:

$$(16x^{16})^{\frac{3}{4}} = (2^4x^{16})^{\frac{3}{4}}$$

Then, we can apply the rule $(a^m)^n = a^{mn}$ to simplify the expression:

$$(2^4x^{16})^{\frac{3}{4}} = 2^{4 \cdot \frac{3}{4}} \cdot x^{16 \cdot \frac{3}{4}}$$

Simplifying the exponents, we get:

$$2^3 \cdot x^{12}$$

Therefore, the simplified form of the expression is $8x^{12}$.

(b) $2p^{\frac{3}{2}} = 54$ Find the value of p .

Dividing both sides by 2, we get

$$p^{\frac{3}{2}} = 27$$

Cubing both sides, we get

$$p^3 = 27^3 = 729$$

Finally, taking the cube root of both sides, we get

$$p = 9$$

Question 37

Simplify. $\left(\frac{8}{a^{12}}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$

To simplify $\left(\frac{8}{a^{12}}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$, first we simplify the numerator. We can rewrite 8 as 2^3 , giving us:

$\left(\frac{2^3}{a^{12}}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$ Next, we can apply the rule $(a^m)^n = a^{mn}$ to simplify the expression:

$$\left(\frac{2^3}{a^{12}}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} = 2^{3 \cdot \frac{1}{3}} a^{-12 \cdot \frac{1}{3}}$$

Simplifying the exponents, we get:

$$2 \cdot a^{-4}$$

Therefore, the simplified form of the expression is $\frac{2}{a^4}$.



Question 38

Work out.

Steps to solve:

(a) $t^{24} \div t^4$

1. Cancel terms that are in both the numerator and denominator:

[1]

$$\frac{t^{24}}{t^4} = \frac{t^{20}}{1}$$

2. Divide by 1 :

$$\frac{t^{20}}{1} = t^{20}$$

Answer:

$$t^{20}$$

(b) $(x^5)^2$

We can simplify the expression by using the following rule of exponents:

$$(a^m)^n = a^{m \cdot n}$$

Steps to solve:

1. Apply the exponent rule:

[1]

$$(x^5)^2 = x^{5 \cdot 2}$$

2. Simplify:

$$x^{5 \cdot 2} = x^{10}$$

Answer:

$$x^{10}$$

(c) $(81m^8)^{\frac{3}{4}}$

[2]

To simplify $(81m^8)^{\frac{3}{4}}$, we can start by simplifying 81. Since 81 is the cube of 3, we can write it as $81 = 3^3$. This gives us:

$$(3^3 m^8)^{\frac{3}{4}}$$

Using the power of a power rule, $(a^m)^n = a^{m \cdot n}$, we can simplify the expression to:

$$(3^3)^{\frac{3}{4}} \cdot (m^8)^{\frac{3}{4}}$$

Simplifying the exponents, we get:

$$3^{\frac{9}{4}} \cdot m^{24}$$

Finally, evaluating the exponents, we get the simplified form:

$$27 \cdot m^{24}$$

Therefore, the simplified form of $(81 m^8)^{\frac{3}{4}}$ is $27 m^{24}$.

Question 39

Simplify.

$$(36x^{16})^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

[2]

We can simplify the expression using the following property of exponents: $(x^a)^b = x^{ab}$

$$(36x^{16})^{\frac{1}{2}} = (6^2 x^{16})^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Now we can apply the property above to simplify the expression:

$$(6^2 x^{16})^{\frac{1}{2}} = 6^{2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}} \cdot x^{16 \cdot \frac{1}{2}}$$

Simplifying the exponents, we get:

$$6 \cdot x^8$$

Therefore, the simplified form of the expression is $6x^8$.

Question 40

Simplify.

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}x^{\frac{2}{3}}\right)^3$$

[2]

Steps to solve:

1. Combine multiplied terms into a single fraction:

$$\left(\frac{1x^{\frac{2}{3}}}{2}\right)^3$$

2. Multiply by 1 :

$$\left(\frac{x^{\frac{2}{3}}}{2}\right)^3$$

3. Distribute exponent:

$$\frac{\left(x^{\frac{2}{3}}\right)^3}{2^3}$$

4. Power of a power:

$$\frac{x^{\frac{2}{3} \cdot 3}}{2^3}$$

5. Multiply the numbers:

$$\frac{x^2}{2^3}$$

6. Evaluate the exponent:

$$\frac{x^2}{8}$$

Answer:

$$\frac{x^2}{8}$$

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Question 41

Simplify. $(32x^{10})^{\frac{3}{5}}$

To simplify the expression $(32x^{10})^{\frac{3}{5}}$, we can first break down the expression into its prime factorization and then apply the properties of exponents. First, we factorize 32 as 2^5 . This gives us:

$$(2^5x^{10})^{\frac{3}{5}}$$

Next, we apply the power of a power rule, $(a^m)^n = a^{mn}$, to simplify the expression:

$$(2^5x^{10})^{\frac{3}{5}} = 2^{5 \cdot \frac{3}{5}} \cdot x^{10 \cdot \frac{3}{5}}$$

Simplifying the exponents, we get:

$$2^3 \cdot x^6$$

Finally, evaluating the exponents, we get the simplified form:

$$8x^6$$

Therefore, the simplified form of the expression $(32x^{10})^{\frac{3}{5}}$ is $8x^6$.



Question 42

Work out.

$$2^{-4} \times 2^5$$

Steps to solve:

1. Evaluate the exponent:

$$\frac{1}{16} \cdot 2^5$$

2. Evaluate the exponent:

$$\frac{1}{16} \cdot 32$$

3. Multiply the numbers:

$$2$$

Answer:

$$2$$

[1]

Question 43

Simplify.

(a) $(m^5)^2$

[1]

We can simplify the expression using the power of a power rule: $(a^m)^n = a^{m \cdot n}$.

Steps to solve:

1. Apply the power of a power rule:

$$m^{5 \cdot 2}$$

2. Multiply the numbers:

$$m^{10}$$

Answer:

$$m^{10}$$

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(b) $4x^3y \times 5x^2y$

[2]

We can simplify the expression by multiplying the numbers, combining exponents, and combining exponents again.

Steps to solve:

1. Multiply the numbers:

$$20x^3yx^2y$$

2. Combine exponents:

$$20x^5yy$$

3. Combine exponents:

$$20x^5y^2$$

Answer:

$$20x^5y^2$$

Question 44

Simplify.
 $(x^2)^5$

We can simplify the expression using the following rule of exponents: [1]
 $(x^m)^n = x^{m \cdot n}$

Steps to solve:

1. Apply the exponent rule:

$$(x^2)^5 = x^{2 \cdot 5}$$

2. Simplify:

$$x^{2 \cdot 5} = x^{10}$$

Answer:

$$x^{10}$$

Question 45

Simplify.

(a) $6w^0$

Steps to solve:

1. Any nonzero number raised to the 0 power is 1 : $6 \cdot 1$

2. Multiply the numbers:

$$6$$

Answer:

$$6$$

[1]

(b) $5x^3 - 3x^3$

Steps to solve:

1. Combine like terms:

$$5x^3 - 3x^3 = (5 - 3)x^3 = 2x^3$$

Answer:

$$2x^3$$

[1]

(c) $3y^6 \times 5y^{-2}$

Steps to solve:

1. Multiply the numbers:

$$15y^6y^{-2}$$

2. Combine the exponents:

$$15y^{6-2}$$

3. Simplify:

$$15y^4$$

Answer:

$$15y^4$$

[2]

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Question 46

(a) Write 5^{-3} as a fraction. [1]

To write 5^{-3} as a fraction, we simply take the reciprocal of 5^3 . Since $5^3 = 125$, we have:
 $5^{-3} = \frac{1}{5^3} = \frac{1}{125}$.

(b) Write 0.004 56 in standard form. [1]

$$0.00456 = 4.56 \times 10^{-3}$$

Question 47

Simplify. $36y^5 \div 4y^2$ [2]

Steps to solve:

1. Cancel the common factor $9y^3$ in the numerator and denominator:

$$\frac{36y^5}{4y^2} = \frac{9y^3 \cdot 4y^2}{9y^3 \cdot \frac{4}{y^2}} = 9y^3 \cdot \frac{y^2}{\frac{4}{y^2}} = 9y^3 \cdot y^2 = 9y^{3+2} = 9y^5$$

Answer:

$$9y^5$$

Question 48

Simplify $(16p^{16})^{\frac{1}{4}}$. [2]

To simplify $(16p^{16})^{\frac{1}{4}}$, we can start by simplifying 16 as 2^4 . This gives us:

$$(2^4 p^{16})^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

Using the power of a power rule, $(a^m)^n = a^{m \cdot n}$, we can simplify the expression to:

$$2^{4 \cdot \frac{1}{4}} \cdot p^{16 \cdot \frac{1}{4}}$$

Simplifying the exponents, we get:

$$2 \cdot p^4$$

Question 49

Simplify.

(a) $x^3 y^4 \times x^5 y^3$

Steps to solve:

1. Combine exponents:

$$x^{3+5} y^{4+3} = x^8 y^7$$

Answer:

$$x^8 y^7$$

[2]

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To simplify the expression $(3p^2m^5)^3$, you can use the property $(a^b)^c = a^{bc}$. Applying this property to the given expression:

$$(3p^2m^5)^3 = 3^3 \cdot (p^2)^3 \cdot (m^5)^3$$

Now, simplify each part separately:

$$3^3 = 27$$

$$(p^2)^3 = p^{2 \cdot 3} = p^6$$

$$(m^5)^3 = m^{5 \cdot 3} = m^{15}$$

Now combine these results:

$$27 \cdot p^6 \cdot m^{15}$$

So, the simplified expression is $27p^6m^{15}$.

[2]

Question 50

Simplify.

$$\left(\frac{x^{64}}{16y^{16}}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

[3]

To simplify $\left(\frac{x^{64}}{16y^{16}}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}}$, we can first simplify the fraction in the parentheses. We can factor out a 4^2 from the numerator and a 4^2 from the denominator, which gives us:

$$\left(\frac{4^2 \cdot x^{64}}{4^2 \cdot y^{16}}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

Simplifying further, we get $\left(\frac{x^{64}}{y^{16}}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}}$.

Now, we can apply the power of a power rule, $(a^m)^n = a^{m \cdot n}$, to simplify the expression:

$$(x^{64})^{\frac{1}{4}}(y^{16})^{-\frac{1}{4}}$$

Simplifying the exponents, we get $x^{16}y^{-4}$.

Finally, we can simplify the expression by writing y^{-4} as $\frac{1}{y^4}$. This gives us:

$$x^{16} \cdot \frac{1}{y^4} = \frac{x^{16}}{y^4}$$

Therefore, the simplified form of the expression is $\frac{x^{16}}{y^4}$.

Question 51

Simplify.

$$6uw^{-3} \times 4uw^6$$

[2]

Steps to solve:

1. Multiply the numbers:

$$24uw^{-3}uw^6$$

2. Combine exponents:

$$24u^2w^{-3}w^6$$

3. Combine exponents:

$$24u^2w^3$$

Answer:

$$24u^2w^3$$

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**Question 52**

$$81^x = 3$$

Find the value of x .

Steps to solve:

1. Take the logarithm of both sides:

$$x = \log_{81}(3) \quad [1]$$

2. Apply the change of base rule:

$$x = \frac{\log_3(3)}{\log_3(81)}$$

3. Compute the logarithm of two numbers:

$$x = \frac{1}{\log_3(81)}$$

4. Compute the logarithm of two numbers:

$$x = \frac{1}{4}$$

Answer:

$$x = \frac{1}{4}$$

Question 53

Simplify.

(a) $12x^{12} \div 3x^3$

Steps to solve:

1. Cancel the common factor $4x^9$:

$$\frac{12x^{12}}{3x^3} = \frac{4 \cdot 3x^9}{3 \cdot x^3} = 4x^9$$

Answer:

$$4x^9$$

(b) $(256y^{256})^{\frac{1}{8}}$

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To simplify $(256y^{256})^{\frac{1}{8}}$, we can first simplify 256 to 2^8 . This gives us:

$$(2^8 y^{256})^{\frac{1}{8}}$$

Now, we can apply the power of a power rule, $(a^m)^n = a^{m \cdot n}$, to simplify the expression:

$$(2^8)^{\frac{1}{8}} (y^{256})^{\frac{1}{8}}$$

Simplifying the exponents, we get $2 \cdot y^{32}$.Therefore, the simplified form of the expression is $2y^{32}$.

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**Question 54**

(a) Simplify

(i) x^0 ,

Steps to solve:

1. Any nonzero number raised to the 0 power is 1 :

$$x^0 = 1$$

Answer:

$$1$$

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(ii) $m^4 \times m^3$,

Steps to solve:

1. Combine exponents:

$$m^4 \times m^3 = m^{4+3} = m^7$$

Answer:

$$m^7$$

(iii) $(8p^6)^{\frac{1}{3}}$

Steps to solve:

1. Simplify the expression inside the parentheses:

$$8p^6 = 2^3 \cdot (p^3)^2 = 2^3 \cdot p^6$$

2. Apply the power of a power rule:

$$(2^3 \cdot p^6)^{\frac{1}{3}} = (2^3)^{\frac{1}{3}} \cdot (p^6)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

3. Simplify the exponents:

$$2 \cdot p^2$$

Answer:

$$2p^2$$

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(b) $243^x = 3^2$

Find the value of x .

Steps to solve:

1. Evaluate the exponent:

$$243^x = 9$$

2. Take logarithm of both sides:

$$x = \log_{243}(9)$$

3. Apply the logarithm change of base rule:

$$x = \frac{\log_3(9)}{\log_3(243)}$$

4. Compute the logarithm of two numbers:

$$x = \frac{2}{\log_3(243)}$$

5. Compute the logarithm of two numbers:

$$x = \frac{2}{5}$$

Answer:

$$x = \frac{2}{5}$$

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