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Hard (19 questions)	/54
Medium (16 questions)	/47
Easy (15 questions)	/21

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Easy Questions

1 Simplify
$$(m^{-2})^5$$

(1 mark)

2 (a) Simplify
$$m^5 \div m^3$$

(1 mark)

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

3 (a) Simplify $m^5 \times m^3$

(1 mark)

(b) Simplify
$$\frac{p^6}{p^2}$$

4 (a) Simplify $p^2 \times p^5$

(1 mark)

(b) Simplify $g^6 \div g^4$

(1 mark)

(c) Simplify $(k^3)^2$

(1 mark)

5 Simplify $t^8 \div t^3$

(1 mark)

6 (a) Simplify $(t^3)^2$

(1 mark)

(b) Simplify $\frac{w^9}{w^4}$

(1 mark)

7 Simplify $(3x^2 y)^0$

(1 mark)

8 Simplify $\frac{x^9}{x^2}$

(1 mark)

9 Write down the value of g^0

10 Simplify $e^8 \div e^2$

(1 mark)

- **11** Simplify $w^1 \times w^0$
 - **A.** 1
 - **B.** 0
 - **C.** *w*
 - **D.** w^2

(1 mark)

12 Given that $y^{18} \div y^6 = y^k$, find the value of k.

k =

(1 mark)

13 Simplify $a^6 \div a^2$

(1 mark)

14 Simplify $(b^5)^3$

(1 mark)

15 Simplify $\frac{3y^3}{y^{-4}}$

Medium Questions

1 Simplify $5u^2w^4 \times 7uw^3$

(2 marks)

2 Simplify
$$(9x^8y^3)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

(2 marks)

3 (a) Simplify
$$a^4 \times a^5$$

(1 mark)

(b) Simplify
$$\frac{45e^6f^8}{5ef^2}$$

(2 marks)

(c) Write down the value of
$$9^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

4 (a) Simplify $x^7 \times x^3$

(1 mark)

(b) Simplify $(m^4)^3$

(1 mark)

(c) Simplify $\frac{36af^8}{12a^5f^2}$

(2 marks)

5 Simplify $(3x^2y^4)^3$

(2 marks)

6 (a) Simplify $(p^3)^2$

(1 mark)

(b) Simplify $\frac{t^8}{t^3}$

(1 mark)

(c) $2^3 \times 2^n = 2^9$

Work out the value of n.

(1 mark)

(d) $2x^3 = 128$

Work out the value of *x*.

(1 mark)

7 Simplify fully
$$\frac{p^3 \times p^4}{p^2}$$

(2 marks)

8 (a) Solve
$$3x^2 = 147$$

(2 marks)

(b) Work out the value of
$$2^{-3}$$

(1 mark)

(c) Simplify
$$(3x^2)^3$$

(2 marks)

(d)
$$w = 4p - 16$$

Make p the subject of this formula.

(2 marks)

9 Simplify
$$2a^3b \times 5a^2b^3$$

10 Simplify fully $\frac{n^7 \times n^3}{n^6}$

(2 marks)

11 (a) Simplify $m^3 \times m^4$

(1 mark)

(b) Simplify $(5np^3)^3$

(2 marks)

(c) Simplify
$$\frac{32q^9r^4}{4q^3r}$$

(2 marks)

12 Simplify $(2x^3y^5)^4$

(2 marks)

13 Simplify $(16e^{10} f^6)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

(2 marks)

14 Simplify fully.

$$\frac{3a^8 \times 2a^5}{a^2}$$

(3 marks)

15 Show that $a^5 \times (a^3)^2$ can be expressed as a^{11} .

(2 marks)

16 Simplify
$$\frac{3b^2c}{d^2} \times \frac{10bc^5d}{c}$$

Hard Questions

1
$$16^{\frac{1}{5}} \times 2^x = 8^{\frac{3}{4}}$$

Work out the exact value of *X*.

(3 marks)

2 (a)
$$p^3 \times p^x = p^9$$

Find the value of *X*.

(1 mark)

(b)
$$(7^2)^y = 7^{10}$$

Find the value of y.

(1 mark)

(c) $100^a \times 1000^b$ can be written in the form 10^w

Show that w = 2a + 3b

3 (a) Simplify fully $(3e)^0$

(1 mark)

(b) Simplify fully $\left(\frac{64x^6}{25y^2}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$

(2 marks)

4 Given that
$$\left(\sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{x}}\right)^4 = x^m$$

find the value of *m*

(1 mark)

5 Given that
$$\frac{7^{206} \times 7^m}{7^{214}} = 7^{-3}$$

find the value of *m*

m =

(2 marks)

6 Simplify completely
$$\left(\frac{16w^8}{y^{20}}\right)^{-\frac{3}{4}}$$

7 Given that
$$n^{\left(-\frac{4}{5}\right)} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4$$
 where $n > 0$

find the value of n.

n =

(4 marks)

8 Given that
$$\frac{y^5 \times y^n}{y^6} = y^{13}$$

work out the value of n.

$$n = \dots$$

(2 marks)

9 Simplify fully
$$\left(\frac{9t^4w^9}{18t^6w^{10}}\right)^{-2}$$

(1 mark)

10 Given that
$$4^{k+3} = 16 \times 2^k$$

find the value of k. Show your working clearly.

(4 marks)

11 Write $27 \times (3^2)^7$ as a single power of 3

(3 marks)

12 Write 16×8^{2x} as a power of 2 in terms of x

(3 marks)

13 Choose the expression that is equivalent to $4(2^n + 2^{n-1})$

A.
$$2^{n+2} + 2^{n+1}$$

B.
$$2^{2n} + 2^{2(n-1)}$$

$$\mathbf{C.} \, 8^n + 8^{n-1}$$

D.
$$2^{n+2} + 2^{n-1}$$

(1 mark)

14 Simplify fully $\frac{a^3b^2}{cd} \times \frac{c}{ab^5}$

15
$$\sqrt{6^2 + 8^2} = \sqrt[3]{125a^3}$$

Work out the value of *a*.

(4 marks)

16 $(ar^b)^4 = 16r^{20}$ where a and b are positive integers.

Work out a and b



b =

(2 marks)

17 (a) Simplify
$$4a^{\frac{1}{2}} \times 3a^2$$

(2 marks)

(b) Simplify
$$\left[\frac{2a^2}{a^{-3}}\right]^3$$

18 Show that $\sqrt[3]{a^4} \times \frac{1}{a}$ can be expressed as $a^{\frac{1}{3}}$.

(3 marks)

19 Show that
$$(a^3)^{-\frac{1}{3}} \times (a^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 1$$
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