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Non-Calculator Questions

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Total Marks	/61
Very Hard (5 questions)	/13
Hard (9 questions)	/16
Medium (13 questions)	/26
Easy (5 questions)	/6

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Easy Questions



(1 mark)



(1 mark)

2 Simplify
$$(x^8)^3$$
.

(1 mark)

3
$$t^x \times t^2 = t^{10}$$

Find the value of *X*.

X =

(1 mark)

(1 mark)

5 Simplify
$$\frac{w^2}{w^3}$$
.

(1 mark)

Medium Questions

1 Simplify

$$\left(3x^2y^4\right)^3$$

(2 marks)

2 Simplify.

$$2x^2 \times 5x^5$$

(2 marks)

3 Simplify $(4xy^2)^3$.

(2 marks)

4 Simplify $8t^8 \div 4t^4$.

(2 marks)

5 Simplify $(5x^4)^3$.

(2 marks)

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

(2 marks)

7 Simplify $2x^3 \times 3x^2$.

(2 marks)

8
$$3^{-2} \times 3^x = 81$$

Find the value of *X*.

 $X = \dots$

(2 marks)

9 Simplify.

i)
$$a^3 \times a^6$$

[1]

ii)
$$(5xy^2)^3$$

[2]

(3 marks)

10 Simplify $\left(\frac{4}{x}\right)^{-2}$.

(1 mark)

11 Simplify $a^3b^7 \div a^6b^2$.

(2 marks)

12 Simplify $5a^3c^2 \times 2a^2c^7$.

(2 marks)

13 Simplify $(3w^3)^3$.

(2 marks)

Hard Questions

1
$$25 = 125^k$$

Find the value of k.



(1 mark)

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

(2 marks)

3 Find the value of
$$(64x^4)^{0.5} \times 4x^{-2}$$
.

(3 marks)

$$2^3 = 4^p$$

Find the value of p.

(1 mark)

5 Find the value of *n* when
$$5^n = \frac{1}{125}$$
.

(1 mark)

6 Simplify
$$\left(\frac{64}{m^3}\right)^{-\frac{1}{3}}$$
.

(2 marks)

$$7 \ 2^p = \frac{1}{8^4}$$

Find the value of p.

(2 marks)

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

find the value of *m*

(1 mark)

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

(3 marks)

Very Hard Questions

1
$$2^{12} \div 2^{\frac{k}{2}} = 32$$

Find the value of k.

(2 marks)

2 Simplify
$$\left(\frac{27x^{12}}{64y^3}\right)^{-\frac{1}{3}}$$
.

(3 marks)

$$3^{-q} \times \frac{1}{27} = 81$$

Find the value of q.

q =

(2 marks)

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

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

find the value of k.

Show your working clearly.

k =

(4 marks)