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8th Grade Exponents Worksheets

Questions

Q1. Simplify:

a. 3^5

b. 4^3

Q2. Simplify:

a. $(-2)^7$

b. $(-5)^2$

Q3. Simplify:

a. $\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^5$

b. $\left(\frac{-2}{5}\right)^2$

Q4. Simplify:

a. $(-3)^0$

b. $\left(\frac{-2}{5}\right)^0$

Q5. Simplify $3^2 + (-5)^3 - 2^2$.

Q6. Simplify $\frac{12^2 - 3^2}{3}$



Q7. Simplify

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

Q8. Write the following as a single exponent using properties of exponents.

$$(-3)^2 \times (-3)^5$$

Q9. Simplify the following and express the answer as an exponent.

$$(x^2)^3 \times x^5$$

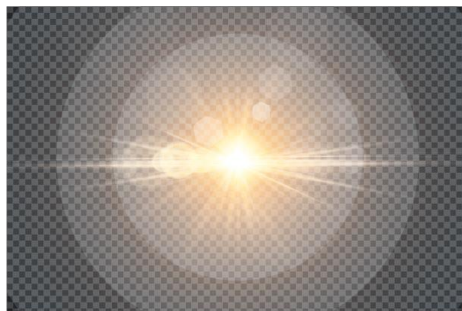
Q10. Use the properties of exponents to simplify the following.

$$\frac{(-5.2)^{12}}{(-5.2)^8 \cdot (-5.2)^3}$$

Q11. Simplify the following expression using the properties of exponents.

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

Q12. The speed of light is **299,792,458** meters per second. Convert this number into scientific notation.



Q13. Simplify $\frac{1.5 \times 10^{-6}}{2.5 \times 10^8}$ and express the answer in scientific notation.

Q14. Simplify $(3.8 \times 10^7) - (1.42 \times 10^6)$ and express the answer in scientific notation.

Q15. A laptop's storage is shown below. Also, the conversion from gigabytes to bytes is shown. Use this information to find the laptop's storage in bytes. Express your answer as an exponent.



Total storage: 32 gigabytes
1 gigabytes = 2^{30} bytes

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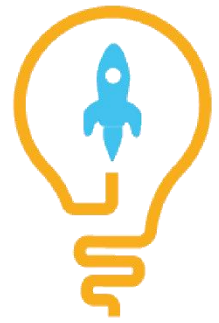
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ANSWERS

1(a) 243 (b) 64	2(a) -128 2(b) 25	3(a) $1/243$ 3(b) $4/25$
4(a) 1 (b) 1	5) -120	6) 45
7) $1/72$	8) -3^7	9) x^{11}
10) -5.2	11) $\frac{1}{8} \cdot x^6 \cdot y^9$	12 2.99792458×10^8
13) 6×10^{-15}	14) 3.658×10^7	15) 2^{35} bytes

**SOLUTIONS**

Complete solution/explanation

Solutions

Q1. Simplify:

Solution: a. $3^5 = 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 = 243$

Solution: b. $4^3 = 4 \times 4 \times 4 = 64$

Q2. Simplify:

Solution: a. $(-2)^7 = -2 \times -2 \times -2 \times -2 \times -2 \times -2 \times -2 = -128$

Solution: b. $(-5)^2 = -5 \times -5 = 25$

Q3. Simplify:

Solution: a. $\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^5 = \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{243}$

Solution: b. $\left(\frac{-2}{5}\right)^2 = \frac{-2}{5} \times \frac{-2}{5} = \frac{4}{25}$

Q4. Simplify:

Solution: a. $(-3)^0 = 1$ (because every number raised to 0 is 1)

Solution: b. $\left(\frac{-2}{5}\right)^0 = 1$ (because every number raised to 0 is 1)

Q5. Simplify $3^2 + (-5)^3 - 2^2$.

Solution: We just simplify each exponent and perform operations.

$$\begin{aligned} 3^2 + (-5)^3 - 2^2 &= 9 - 125 - 4 \\ &= -120 \end{aligned}$$

Q6. Simplify $\frac{12^2 - 3^2}{3}$.

Solution: We just simplify each exponent and perform operations.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{12^2 - 3^2}{3} &= \frac{144 - 9}{3} \\ &= \frac{135}{3} \\ &= 45 \end{aligned}$$

Q7. Simplify $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 - \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2$.

Solution: We just simplify each exponent and perform operations.

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^3 - \left(\frac{1}{3} \right)^2 \right| &= \left| \frac{1}{8} - \frac{1}{9} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{1}{72} \right| \\ &= \frac{1}{72} \end{aligned}$$

Q8. Write the following as a single exponent using the following using properties of exponents.

$$(-3)^2 \times (-3)^5$$

Solution: $(-3)^2 \times (-3)^5 = (-3)^{2+5} = (-3)^7$.

Q9. Simplify the following and express the answer as an exponent.

$$(x^2)^3 \times x^5$$

Solution: We will use the properties of exponents to simplify this.

$$\begin{aligned} (x^2)^3 \times x^5 &= x^6 \times x^5 \left[\because (a^m)^n = a^{mn} \right] \\ &= x^{11} \left[\because a^m \times a^n = a^{m+n} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Q10. Use the properties of exponents to simplify the following.

$$\frac{(-5.2)^{12}}{(-5.2)^8 \cdot (-5.2)^3}$$

Solution: We will use the properties of exponents to simplify this.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(-5.2)^{12}}{(-5.2)^8 \cdot (-5.2)^3} &= \frac{(-5.2)^{12}}{(-5.2)^{11}} \left[\because \frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n} \right] \\ &= (-5.2)^1 \left[\because \frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n} \right] \\ &= -5.2 \end{aligned}$$

Q11. Simplify the following expression using the properties of exponents.

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

Solution: We will use the properties of exponents to simplify this.

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{1}{2} x^2 y^3 \right)^3 &= \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^3 \cdot (x^2)^3 \cdot (y^3)^3 \left[\because (ab)^m = a^m \cdot b^m \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \cdot x^6 \cdot y^9 \left[\because (a^m)^n = a^{mn} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Q12. The speed of light is **299,792,458** meters per second. Convert this number into scientific notation.

Solution: The scientific notation of a number is of the form $a \times 10^b$, where a is a number that lies between 1 to 10 (both inclusive) and b is any integer.

We can write the speed of light as,

$$299,792,458 = 2.99792458 \times 10^8$$

This is because there are 8 digits after the first digit (2) in the given number.

Q13. Simplify $\frac{1.5 \times 10^{-6}}{2.5 \times 10^8}$ and express the answer in scientific notation.

Solution: We will apply the properties of exponents here.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1.5 \times 10^{-6}}{2.5 \times 10^8} &= \frac{1.5}{2.5} \times 10^{-6-8} \\ &= 0.6 \times 10^{-14} \\ &= 6 \times 10^{-15}\end{aligned}$$

Q14. Simplify $(3.8 \times 10^7) - (1.42 \times 10^6)$ and express the answer in scientific notation.

Solution: For subtracting these two terms, the exponent of 10 must be the same in both numbers.

$$\begin{aligned}(3.8 \times 10^7) - (1.42 \times 10^6) &= 38 \times 10^6 - 1.42 \times 10^6 \\ &= (38 - 1.42) \times 10^6 \\ &= 36.58 \times 10^6 \\ &= 3.658 \times 10^7\end{aligned}$$

Q15. A laptop's storage is shown below. Also, the conversion from gigabytes to bytes is shown. Use this information to find the laptop's storage in bytes. Express your answer as an exponent.

Solution: **1 gigabyte = 2^{30} bytes**

Total storage = **32 gigabytes = 2^5 gigabytes**

Thus, total storage in bytes is,

Total storage = **$2^{30} \times 2^5$ bytes = 2^{35} bytes**

FUN FACT

1. If you raise zero to any number, it will still be zero.
2. The first time exponents was used was way back in the 15th century.
3. Robert Recorde took it further in the next century and developed the exponents system

