

ANSWER KEY

Unit I Exponents and Scientific Notation Review Sheet

Write the product using an exponent.

1. $14 \cdot 14 \cdot 14 \cdot 14 \cdot 14 \cdot 14$

a. 6^{14}

b. 14^6

c. 84^6

d. $14 \cdot 6$

Evaluate the power.

2. 2^4

a. 17

b. 16

c. 18

d. 15

3. 5^5

3125

4. 0^6

0

5. Mr. Boswell asked his students to write the product $(0.4)(0.4)(0.4)(0.4)(0.4)$ using an exponent and then evaluate the expression. Mary Jo's and Stewart's work is shown below. Which student made a mistake when following Mr. Boswell's instructions? Explain.

Mary Jo's work:

$$(0.4)(0.4)(0.4)(0.4)(0.4) = (0.4)^5 = 0.01024$$

Stewart's work:

$$(0.4)(0.4)(0.4)(0.4)(0.4) = 0.4 \cdot 5 = 2$$

Mary Jo is correct

Incorrect. This would be correct if Mr. Boswell asked to add 5 of (0.4) together.

6. A student writes that 3^4 equal 12. What is wrong with that answer? What is the correct answer?

The student multiplied $3^4 = 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 =$
Find the missing exponent. 3×4

$$9 \times 9 = 81$$

Correct answer.

7. $\frac{15^3}{15^2} = 15^3$

Positive exponent means top heavy.

$$3 + 2 = 5$$

or,

$$\begin{array}{r} x - 2 = 3 \\ + 2 \quad + 2 \\ \hline x = 5 \end{array}$$

Find the product. Write your answer using exponents.

8. $3^4 \cdot 3^7$
a. 3^{28} b. 9^{28} c. 9^{11} d. 3^{11}

Simplify the expression. Write your answer using exponents.

9. $p^{11} \cdot p^5$

$$p^{16}$$

Simplify the expression.

10. $3g^6 \cdot 3^3g^9$

$$3^4 g^{15}$$

11. $\frac{5x^7y^8 \cdot 6xy^3}{3x^2y}$

$$= \frac{30x^8y^9}{3x^2y} = 10x^6y^8$$

$$= 10x^6y^8$$

Steps:
- Simplify numerator and denominator separately
- Then divide

Copy and complete the statement using $<$, $>$, or $=$.

12. 5^4 $5^3 \cdot 5^2$

$$5^4 < 5^5$$

13. $7^9 = 7^7 \cdot 7^2$
 $79 = 79$

14. If $\frac{2^a}{2^b} = 2$, what is true about the values of a and b ?
 exponent of 1 means that a is always 1 more than b .
 $a = 1$
 $b = 0$
 Thinking Question!

Write the expression using only positive exponents.

15. $15^0 a^{-3} b^0$
 a^{-3} means bottom heavy.
 $\frac{1}{a^3}$

Find the product. Write your answer using nonnegative exponents.

16. $k^{-5} \cdot k^{11}$

17. $m^{-2} \cdot m^3 \cdot m^{-7}$
 m^{-6}
 $\frac{1}{m^6}$

Find the quotient. Write your answer using only positive exponents.

18. $\frac{2a^1 b^{-9}}{4a^{-4} b^5}$

$\frac{2a^1 a^4}{4b^5 b^9} = \frac{2a^5}{4b^{14}} = \frac{1a^5}{2b^{14}}$

19. $\frac{32w^{-8}}{4w^{-12}}$

$\frac{32w^{12}}{4w^8} = 4w^4$

20. $\frac{19}{x^{-7}}$

$19x^7$

21. Consider the expression

$$\frac{x^{-2}}{8x^4}$$

$$\frac{1}{8x^4x^2} = \frac{1}{8x^6}$$

Find the quotient. Write your answer using only positive exponents.

22. Suppose a particle has a mass of 10^{-4} kilogram. What would the mass of 10^9 of these particles be?

23. Compare the expressions $\frac{5a}{b^2}$ and $5ab^{-2}$. How are the expressions alike? How are they different? *Explain.*

$$\frac{5a}{b^2}$$

$$\frac{5ab^{-2}}{1} = \frac{5a}{b^2}$$

The expressions are equivalent in value.

The expressions are different in that the 1st uses only positive exponents.

Which exponential expression is equal to $2^{-5} \cdot 2^8$?

$2 \cdot 1 = 3$ A. $\frac{2^2}{2^{-1}} = 2^3$

$3 \cdot -1 = -3$ B. $(2^3)^{-1} = 2^{-3}$

$-2 \cdot -1 = -1$ C. $\frac{2^{-2}}{2^{-1}} = 2^{-1}$

$-1 \cdot 3 = -3$ D. $(2^{-1})^3 = 2^{-3}$

2^3

Which number goes in the numerator to make the equation true?

$\frac{?}{2^{-2}} = 2^3$

A. 2^{-2}

B. 2^{-3}

C. 2^{-9}

D. 2^{-18}

$2^2 \cdot 2^1 = 2^3$

2^1

Sorry I don't know what happened here?

Can we simplify (rearrange) the following:

$$\frac{4^6}{7^6}$$

No

What would be good questions to ask yourself?

① What is the base?

Because the bases are different
you cannot combine the two.

What is the product of the expression below?

$$3^1 \cdot (3^2)^{-2}$$

$$= 3^1 \cdot 3^{-4} = 3^{-3} = \frac{1}{3^3} = \frac{1}{27}$$

A. 3

B. 1

C. $\frac{1}{27}$

D. $\frac{1}{81}$