

GCSE Maths Standard Form, Indices and Surds: Zero and negative indices (Foundation): worksheet

GCSE Maths - Standard Form, Indices and Surds - Foundation - Lesson 6.2

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21 questions. Write your answers in the spaces. Answers and step-by-step help are free at websink.site/gcse/maths/ch06-standard-form-indices-surds/foundation/zero-and-negative-indices/

Exercise 6C Zero and negative indices Non-calculator

1 Work out the value of each.

(a) 7^0

Answer: _____

(b) 100^0

Answer: _____

(c) $(-3)^0$

Answer: _____

(d) $2^0 + 3^0$

Answer: _____

(e) 5×4^0

Answer: _____

2 Write each as a fraction.

(a) 2^{-1}

Answer: _____

(b) 3^{-2}

Answer: _____

(c) 10^{-3}

Answer: _____

(d) 5^{-2}

Answer: _____

(e) 4^{-1}

Answer: _____

(f) 2^{-4}

Answer: _____

3 Write each fraction as a power with a negative index.

(a) $\frac{1}{8}$

Answer:

(b) $\frac{1}{9}$

Answer:

(c) $\frac{1}{100}$

Answer:

(d) $\frac{1}{125}$

Answer:

(e) $\frac{1}{32}$

Answer:

4 Work out each. Give your answers as whole numbers or fractions in their simplest form.

(a) $(\frac{1}{2})^{-3}$

Answer:

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

Answer:

(c) $(\frac{1}{5})^{-2}$

Answer:

(d) $(\frac{3}{4})^{-2}$

Answer:

(e) $(\frac{2}{5})^{-1}$

Answer:

5 Write each of these as a decimal.

(a) 10^{-1}

Answer:

(b) 10^{-2}

Answer:

(c) 10^{-3}

Answer:

(d) 10^{-4}

Answer:

(e) 10^{-5}

Answer:

6 Complete the pattern: $10^3 = 1000$, $10^2 = 100$, $10^1 = 10$. Work out the value of the next three powers.

(a) 10^0

Answer:

(b) 10^{-1}

Answer:

(c) 10^{-2}

Answer:

7 Work out the value of each. Give a whole number or a fraction.

(a) $5^2 \times 5^{-4}$

Answer:

(b) $2^3 \div 2^5$

Answer:

(c) $(3^2)^{-1}$

Answer:

(d) $10^{-3} \times 10^5$

Answer:

(e) $7^{-2} \times 7^{-1}$

Answer:

8 Simplify each. Write your answer with positive indices.

(a) $x^2 \div x^6$

Answer:

(b) $y^3 \div y^8$

Answer:

(c) $a^2 \times a^{-5}$

Answer:

(d) $3x^{-2} \times 4x^5$

Answer:

9 Jack says that $3^{-2} = -9$. Explain his mistake and work out the correct value.

Answer:

10 Use the division law to show that $5^0 = 1$.

Answer:

11 A virus is about 10^{-7} m long. A bacterial cell is about 10^{-5} m long. How many times longer is the cell than the virus?

Answer:

12 Which is larger, 2^{-3} or 3^{-2} ? Show your working.

Answer:

- 13** A radioactive sample has a mass of 80 g. After n days its mass is 80×2^{-n} grams. Work out the mass after 3 days and after 5 days.

Answer:

- 14** Show that $(2^{-3} \times 2^5) \div 2^{-2} = 16$.

Answer:

Exercise 6D Index equations and mixed practice Non-calculator

- 1** Find the value of n in each equation.

(a) $2^n = 32$

Answer:

(b) $3^n = 81$

Answer:

(c) $5^n = 125$

Answer:

(d) $10^n = 1000$

Answer:

(e) $2^n = 128$

Answer:

- 2** Find the value of n in each equation. (The answers are negative whole numbers.)

(a) $2^n = \frac{1}{8}$

Answer:

(b) $3^n = \frac{1}{9}$

Answer:

(c) $10^n = \frac{1}{100}$

Answer:

(d) $5^n = \frac{1}{5}$

Answer:

(e) $4^n = \frac{1}{16}$

Answer:

- 3** Find the value of x .

(a) $2^x + 3 = 2^8$

Answer:

(b) $3^x - 1 = 3^4$

Answer:

(c) $5^x + 2 = 5^6$

Answer:

(d) $10^x - 2 = 10^3$

Answer:

4 Work out each. Give your answer as a fraction.

(a) $2^{-1} + 2^{-2}$

Answer:

(b) $3^{-1} + 3^{-2}$

Answer:

(c) $5^0 + 5^{-1}$

Answer:

5 Write these numbers in order, smallest first: 2^{-1} , 2^0 , 2^{-3} , 2^2 .

Answer:

6 Write $\frac{1}{8}$ as a power of 2, and write $8 \times \frac{1}{32}$ as a power of 2.

(a) $\frac{1}{8}$

Answer:

(b) $8 \times \frac{1}{32}$

Answer:

7 Show that $(\frac{1}{3})^{-2} \times 3^{-4} = \frac{1}{9}$.

Answer: