

3.3 – Exponent Laws Worksheet #1

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SOLUTIONS

1. Write each expression as a single power and then evaluate.

a) $7^2 \times 7^4$

$$= 7^6$$

$$= 117\,649$$

b) $3^5 \times 3^3$

$$= 3^8$$

$$= 6\,561$$

c) 5×5^2

$$= 5^3$$

$$= 125$$

d) $3^2 \times 3^4 \times 3^3$

$$= 3^9$$

$$= 19\,683$$

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

$$= (-2)^5$$

$$= -32$$

f) $(-1)^3 \times (-1)^2 \times (-1)$

$$= (-1)^6$$

$$= 1$$

g) $0.5^3 \times 0.5^2$

$$= 0.5^5$$

$$= 0.03125$$

h) $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \times \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4$$

$$= \frac{1}{16}$$

2. Write each expression as a single power and then evaluate.

a) $8^6 \div 8^4$

$$= 8^2$$

$$= 64$$

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

$$= 5^2$$

$$= 25$$

c) $7^7 \div 7^2$

$$= 7^5$$

$$= 16\,807$$

d) $4^8 \div 4^5 \div 4$

$$= 4^3 \div 4^1$$

$$= 4^2$$

$$= 16$$

e) $(-9)^7 \div (-9)^6$

$$= (-9)^1$$

$$= -9$$

f) $0.1^6 \div 0.1^4$

$$= 0.1^2$$

$$= 0.01$$

g) $(-0.3)^4 \div (-0.3)$

$$= (-0.3)^3$$

$$= -0.027$$

h) $\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^5 \div \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^3$

$$= \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2$$

$$= \frac{4}{9}$$

3. Write each expression as a single power and then evaluate.

a) $(2^2)^4$
 $= 2^8$
 $= 256$

b) $(6^2)^2$
 $= 6^4$
 $= 1296$

c) $(3^3)^2$
 $= 3^6$
 $= 729$

d) $[(-2)^4]^3$
 $= (-2)^{12}$
 $= 4096$

e) $[(-1)^8]^6$
 $= (-1)^{48}$
 $= 1$

f) $[(-1)^5]^7$
 $= (-1)^{35}$
 $= -1$

g) $(0.3^2)^2$
 $= 0.3^4$
 $= 0.0081$

h) $\left[\left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^2\right]^2$
 $= \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^4$
 $= \frac{16}{625}$

4. Use the exponent laws to simplify each expression. Then, evaluate.

a) $4^3 \times 4^4 \div 4^5$
 $= 4^7 \div 4^5$
 $= 4^2$
 $= 16$

b) $8^7 \div 8^7 \times 8$
 $= 8^0 \times 8^1$
 $= 8^1$
 $= 8$

c) $\frac{9^6 \times 9^3}{9^7}$
 $= \frac{9^9}{9^7}$
 $= 9^2 = 81$

d) $\frac{6^5 \times 6^2}{6 \times 6^3}$
 $= \frac{6^7}{6^4}$
 $= 6^3$
 $= 216$

e) $(2^4)^2 \times 2^3$
 $= 2^8 \times 2^3$
 $= 2^{11}$
 $= 2048$

f) $\frac{(3^2)^4 \times 3^3}{3^8}$
 $= \frac{3^8 \times 3^3}{3^8}$
 $= \frac{3^{11}}{3^8}$
 $= 3^3 = 27$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{g) } & 0.2^6 \times 0.2^5 + (0.2^2)^5 \\
 & = 0.2^{11} \div 0.2^{10} \\
 & = 0.2^1 \\
 & = 0.2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{h) } & [(-4)^3]^4 + [(-4)^2]^5 \\
 & = (-4)^{12} \div (-4)^{10} \\
 & = (-4)^2 \\
 & = 16
 \end{aligned}$$

5. Simplify.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{a) } & b^5 \times b^3 \\
 & = b^8
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{b) } & p^4 \times p^1 \\
 & = p^5
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{c) } & w^5 + w^2 \\
 & = w^3
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{d) } & x^8 + x^4 \\
 & = x^4
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{e) } & (m^5)^2 \\
 & = m^{10}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{f) } & (k^2)^3 \times k^2 \\
 & = k^6 \times k^2 \\
 & = k^8
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{g) } & g^5 \times g^5 + g^7 \\
 & = g^{10} \div g^7 \\
 & = g^3
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{h) } & (a^6)^3 + (a^5)^2 \\
 & = a^{18} \div a^{10} \\
 & = a^8
 \end{aligned}$$

5. Simplify

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{a) } & 4x^3 \cdot 2x^3 \\
 & = 4(2)(x^3)(x^3) \\
 & = 8x^6
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{b) } & \frac{8x^{10}}{6x^2} \\
 & = \frac{4x^8}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{c) } & (3y^2)^3 \\
 & = (3)^3 (y^2)^3 \\
 & = 27y^6
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{d) } & \frac{(x^2)^4 \cdot 3x^5}{6x^{10}} = \frac{x^8 \cdot 3x^5}{6x^{10}} = \frac{3x^{13}}{6x^{10}} = \frac{1x^3}{2} = \frac{x^3}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Answers

1. a) $7^6 = 117\,649$
b) $3^8 = 6561$
c) $5^3 = 125$
d) $3^9 = 19\,683$
e) $(-2)^5 = -32$
f) $(-1)^6 = 1$
g) $0.5^5 = 0.031\,25$
h) $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 = \frac{1}{16}$

2. a) $8^2 = 64$
b) $5^2 = 25$
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d) $4^2 = 16$
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f) $0.1^2 = 0.01$
g) $(-0.3)^3 = -0.027$
h) $\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 = \frac{4}{9}$

3. a) $2^8 = 256$
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c) $3^6 = 729$
d) $(-2)^{12} = 4096$
e) $(-1)^{48} = 1$
f) $(-1)^{35} = -1$
g) $0.3^4 = 0.0081$
h) $\left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^4 = \frac{16}{625}$

4. a) $4^2 = 16$
b) $8^1 = 8$
c) $9^2 = 81$
d) $6^3 = 216$
e) $2^{11} = 2048$
f) $3^3 = 27$
g) $0.2^1 = 0.2$
h) $(-4)^2 = 16$

5. a) b^8
b) p^5
c) w^3
d) x^4
e) m^{10}
f) k^8
g) g^3
h) a^8

6. a) $8x^6$
b) $\frac{4x^8}{3}$
c) $27y^6$
d) $\frac{x^3}{2}$