

PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS - THE LAWS OF EXPONENTS Prepared by Ingrid Stewart, Ph.D., College of Southern Nevada Please Send Questions and Comments to ingrid.stewart@csn.edu. Thank you!

PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU MUST BE ABLE TO DO THE FOLLOWING PROBLEMS WITHOUT A CALCULATOR!

Problem 1:

Multiply
$$x^2 \cdot x^3$$
.

Problem 2:

Problem 3:

Problem 4:

Problem 5:

Problem 6:

Problem 7:

$$Multiply - 2(3a)(-5bc^2)(-2ac)$$

Problem 8:

Simplify
$$-2a^3b^4(-3a^5b^7)$$

Problem 9:

Find the value of **50**.

Problem 10:

Find the value of **1,000,000**0.

Problem 11:

Find the values of $(-2)^0$ and -2^0 .

Problem 12:

Rewrite in terms of positive exponents: \mathbf{y}^{-4}

Problem 13:

Rewrite in terms of positive exponents: $\mathbf{3}^{-3}$

Problem 14:

Rewrite in terms of positive exponents: $(-4)^{-3}$ and -4^{-3} .

Problem 15:

Rewrite in terms of positive exponents: $(-4)^{-4}$ and -4^{-4} .

Problem 16:

Divide
$$\frac{x^5}{x^2}$$

Problem 17:

Divide
$$\frac{x^6}{x}$$

Problem 18:

$$_{\text{Divide}} \frac{\textbf{10}^{5}}{\textbf{10}^{2}}.$$

Problem 19:

Divide
$$\frac{6^4}{3^2}$$

Problem 20:

Divide
$$\frac{x^3}{x^3}$$
.

Problem 21:

Divide
$$\frac{x^2}{x^5}$$

Problem 22:

Simplify
$$\frac{-12x^3y^5}{3xy^2}$$

Problem 23:

Simplify
$$\frac{8ab^3}{2}$$
.

Problem 24:

$$\frac{\textit{4ab}^{\,5}}{\textit{3ab}^{-4}}$$

Problem 25:

Simplify
$$\frac{-18x^3y^{-9}}{3x^2y^2}$$
. Write your answer with positive exponents only!

Problem 26:

Find the value of
$$\left(\frac{2}{X}\right)^3$$
.

Problem 27:

Simplify
$$\left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^3$$
.

Problem 28:

Simplify
$$\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^4$$
.

Problem 29:

Simplify
$$\left(\frac{-3}{5}\right)^2$$
.

Problem 30:

Find the value of the number
$$(5x)^2$$
.

Problem 31:

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

Problem 32:

Problem 33:

Simplify
$$(-5h^{-1}k^{-2})^{-3}$$

SOLUTIONS
You can find detailed solutions below the link for this problem set!

1. x ⁵	2. x ⁷	3. 10 ⁷ = 10,000,000
4. 777,600	5. 20a	6 6x ² y ⁴
7 60a ² b c ³	8. 6a ⁸ b ¹¹	9. 1
10. 1	11. 1 and -1	12. ¹
13. ²⁷	14. $-\frac{1}{64}$ and $-\frac{1}{64}$	$\frac{1}{256}$ and $\frac{1}{256}$
16.	17. x ⁵	18. 10 ³ = 1000
19. 144	20. 1	$x^{-3} = \frac{1}{x^3}$
22 4x ² y ³	23. 4ab ³	24. $\frac{4}{3}b^9$ or $\frac{4b^9}{3}$
$-\frac{6x}{y^{ff}}$ 25.	26. X ³	27. 8
28. ¹ / ₈₁	29. ⁹ 25	30. 25 x ²
31. x ⁶	32. 9a ⁶ b ⁸ c ²	33. $-\frac{1}{125}h^3k^6$ or $-\frac{h^3k^6}{125}$