



COACHING CENTRE

Worksheet 27 INDICES AND SURDS

- Zero power and power of power
- Negative indices

1. Simplify each of the following by combining various index laws.

a $4 \times (4^3)^2$	b $(3^4)^2 \times 3$	c $x \times (x^0)^5$
d $y^5 \times (y^2)^4$	e $b^5 \times (b^3)^3$	f $(a^2)^3 \times a^4$
g $(d^3)^4 \times (d^2)^6$	h $(y^2)^6 \times (y)^4$	i $z^4 \times (z^3)^2 \times (z^5)^3$
j $a^3f \times (a^4)^2 \times (f^4)^3$	k $x^2y \times (x^3)^4 \times (y^2)^2$	l $(s^2)^3 \times 5(r^0)^3 \times rs^2$

2. Simplify each of the following using various index laws.

a $\frac{3x^4 \times 6x^3}{9x^{12}}$	b $\frac{5x^5 \times 4x^2}{2x^{10}}$	c $\frac{24(x^4)^4}{8(x^4)^2}$
d $\frac{4(d^4)^3 \times (e^4)^2}{8(d^2)^5 \times e^7}$	e $\frac{6(m^3)^2(n^5)^3}{15(m^5)^0(n^2)^7}$	f $\frac{2(a^3)^4(b^2)^6}{16(a^0)(b^6)^2}$

3. Evaluate these without using a calculator.

a $(2^4)^8 \div 2^{30}$	b $(10^3)^7 \div 10^{18}$	c $(7^4)^9 \div 7^{36}$
d $((-1)^{11})^2 \times ((-1)^2)^{11}$	e $-2((-2)^3)^3 \div (-2)^8$	f $\frac{(5^2)^3 \times (8^7)^4}{(8^4)^7 \times (5^3)^2}$

4. Simplify each of the following.

a $((x^2)^3)^4$	b $((2x^3)^2)^4$	c $(a^3b^2)^3 \times (a^4b)^2$
d $(a^2b)^3 \times (ab^2)^4$	e $\frac{(2m^3n)^3}{m^4}$	f $\frac{3(2^2c^4d^5)^3}{(2cd^2)^4}$
g $\left(\frac{-3x^2y^0}{5a^5b^3}\right)^3$	h $\frac{-3(2^4a^4b^3)^3}{(-2^3a^2b)^4}$	i $\frac{-5(3^5m^3n^2)^2}{(-3^3m^2n)^3}$
j $\left(\frac{a^3b}{c}\right)^3 \times \left(\frac{ac^4}{b}\right)^2$	k $\left(\frac{x^2z}{y}\right)^4 \times \left(\frac{xy^2}{z}\right)^3$	l $\left(\frac{r^3s}{t}\right)^2 \div \left(\frac{s}{rt^4}\right)^3$

5. Express each of the following with positive indices only.

a x^{-1}	b a^{-4}	c b^{-6}	d 5^{-2}
e 4^{-3}	f 9^{-1}	g $5x^{-2}$	h $4y^{-3}$
i $3m^{-5}$	j p^7q^{-2}	k mn^{-4}	l x^4y^{-4}
m $2a^{-3}b^{-1}$	n $7r^{-2}s^{-3}$	o $5^{-1}u^{-8}v^2$	p $9^{-1}m^{-3}n^{-5}$

6. Express each of the following using positive indices only.

a $\frac{7}{x^{-4}y^3}$	b $\frac{1}{u^{-3}v^2}$	c $\frac{a^{-3}5^{-1}}{y^{-3}}$	d $\frac{2a^{-4}}{b^{-5}c^2}$
e $\frac{5a^2c^{-4}}{6b^{-2}d}$	f $\frac{5^{-1}h^3k^{-2}}{4^{-1}m^{-2}p}$	g $\frac{4t^{-1}u^{-2}}{3^{-1}v^2w^{-6}}$	h $\frac{4^{-1}x^2y^{-5}}{4m^{-1}n^{-4}}$