

$$\begin{aligned}7^2 \times 7^4 \\&= 7^{2+4} \\&= 7^6\end{aligned}$$

# indices

$$\begin{aligned}(-4)^6 \times (-4) \\&= (-4)^{6+1} \\&= (-4)^7\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}9^5 \times 9^2 \times 9^3 \\&= 9^{5+2+3} \\&= 9^{10}\end{aligned}$$

$3^2 = 9$   
 $2^4 = 16$   
 $3^4 = 81$

$$\left(\frac{m^2}{3n^2}\right)^2 \times \left(\frac{3m}{2n^2}\right)^4$$

## Question 1

Work out.

$$2^{-4} \times 2^5 = 2^{-4+5} = 2 \quad [1]$$

## Question 2

Simplify.

(a)  $(m^5)^2 = m^6$  [1]

(b)  $4x^3y \times 5x^2y$  [2]  
 $20x^5y^2$

## Question 3

Simplify.

$(x^2)^5$  [1]  
 $x^{10}$

## Question 4

Simplify.

(a)  $6w^0$  [1]  
 $6$

(b)  $5x^3 - 3x^3$   
 $2x^3$

(c)  $3y^6 \times 5y^{-2}$  [2]  
 $15y^4$

### Question 5

(a) Write  $5^{-3}$  as a fraction. [1]

$$\frac{1}{5^3} = \frac{1}{125}$$

(b) Write 0.004 56 in standard form. [1]

$$4.56 \times 10^{-3}$$

### Question 6

Simplify.

$$36y^5 \div 4y^2$$

$$9y^3$$

[2]

### Question 7

Simplify  $(16p^{16})^{\frac{1}{4}}$ .

$$2p^4$$

[2]

### Question 8

Simplify.

(a)  $x^3y^4 \times x^5y^3$

$$x^8y^8$$

[2]

(b)  $(3p^2m^5)^3$

$$27p^6m^{15}$$

[2]

### Question 9

Simplify.

$$\left(\frac{x^{64}}{16y^{16}}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

[3]

$$\frac{x^{16}}{4y^4}$$

### Question 10

Simplify.

$$6uv^{-3} \times 4uv^6$$

[2]

$$24u^2v^3$$

### Question 11

$$81^x = 3$$

Find the value of  $x$ .

$$4x = 3$$

$$4x = 1$$

$$x = \frac{1}{4}$$

[1]

### Question 12

Simplify.

(a)  $12x^{12} \div 3x^3$

[2]

$$4x^9$$

(b)  $(256y^{256})^{\frac{1}{8}}$

[2]

$$2y^{32}$$

### Question 13

(a) Simplify

(i)  $x^0$ , [1]

(ii)  $m^4 \times m^3$ , [1]

$$m^7$$

(iii)  $(8p^6)^{\frac{1}{3}}$ . [2]

$$2p^2$$

(b)  $243^x = 3^2$

Find the value of  $x$ .

[2]

$$3^{5x} = 3^2$$

$$5x = 2$$

$$x = \frac{2}{5}$$

### Question 1

(a) Simplify  $x^8 \div x^2$ .

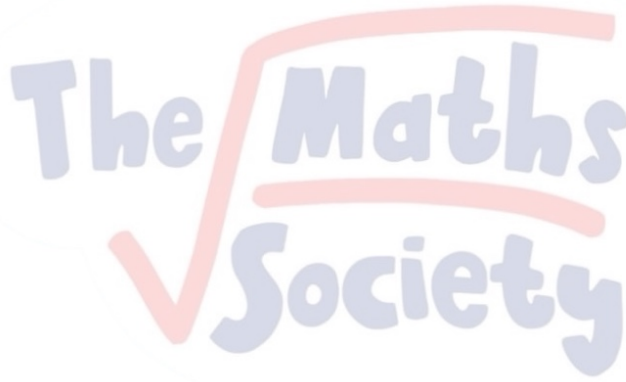
[1]

$$x^6$$

(b) Simplify  $\left(\frac{x^6}{27}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$ .

[2]

$$\frac{x^2}{3}$$



### Question 2

(a)  $(2^{24})^{\frac{1}{2}} = p^4$

[2]

Find the value of  $p$ .

$$2^{12} = p^4$$

$$(2^3)^4 = p^4$$

$$p = 2^3 = 8$$

(b) Simplify  $\frac{q^2 + q^2}{q^{\frac{1}{4}} \times q^{\frac{1}{4}}}$ .

[3]

$$\frac{2q^2}{q^{\frac{1}{2}}} = 2q^{1\frac{1}{2}} \text{ (or) } 2q^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

### Question 3

Calculate  $\frac{\sqrt[3]{16}}{1.3^2}$ . =  $\frac{(2^4)^{1/3}}{3^2} = \frac{2 \sqrt[3]{2}}{9} = \frac{2}{9} \sqrt[3]{2}$  [1]

### Question 4

(a) Simplify  $(3125t^{125})^{1/5}$ . [2]  
 $5t^{25}$

(b) Find the value of  $p$  when  $3^p = \frac{1}{9}$ . [1]

$$p = -2$$

(c) Find the value of  $w$  when  $x^{72} \div x^w = x^8$ . [1]

$$72 - w = 8$$
$$w = 64$$

### Question 5

Simplify. [2]

$$2y^3 \times x^4y$$
$$2x^4y^4$$

### Question 6

(a)  $3^x = \sqrt[4]{3^5}$

Find the value of  $x$ . [1]

$$x = \frac{5}{4}$$

(b) Simplify  $(32y^{15})^{2/5}$ . [2]

$$(2^5 y^{15})^{2/5} = 2^2 y^6 = 4y^6$$

### Question 7

- (a) Simplify  $(64q^{-2})^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . [2]

$$8q^{-1} = \frac{8}{q}$$

- (b)  $5^7 \div 5^9 = p^2$

Find  $p$

$$\frac{1}{5}$$

[2]

### Question 8

- Write  $(27x^{12})^{\frac{1}{3}}$  in its simplest form. [2]

$$3x^4$$

### Question 9

- (a)  $\left(\frac{3}{8}\right)^{\frac{3}{8}} \times \left(\frac{3}{8}\right)^{\frac{1}{8}} = p^q$

Find the value of  $p$  and the value of  $q$ . [2]

$$p = \frac{3}{8}, q = \frac{1}{2}$$

- (b)  $5^{-3} + 5^{-4} = k \times 5^{-4}$

Find the value of  $k$ . [2]

$$5 + 1 = k$$

$$k = 6$$

### Question 10

- Simplify  $(256w^{256})^{\frac{1}{4}}$ . [2]

$$4w^{64}$$

## Question 11

Find the values of  $m$  and  $n$ .

(a)  $2^m = 0.125$  [2]

$$2^m = \frac{125}{1000}$$
$$2^m = \frac{1}{8} = \frac{1}{2^3} = 2^{-3}$$

$m = -3$

(b)  $2^{4n} \times 2^{2n} = 512$  [2]

$$2^{6n} = 2^9$$
$$6n = 9$$

$n = \frac{3}{2}$

## Question 1

Find the value of  $\left(\frac{27}{8}\right)^{-\frac{4}{3}}$ .

Give your answer as an exact fraction. [2]

$$\left(\frac{8^3}{2^3}\right)^{-\frac{4}{3}} = \left(\frac{8}{2}\right)^{-4} = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^4 = \frac{16}{81}$$

## Question 2

(a) Find  $m$  when  $4^m \times 4^2 = 4^{12}$ . [1]

$$4^{m+2} = 4^{12}$$
$$m+2 = 12$$

$m = 10$

(b) Find  $p$  when  $6^p \div 6^5 = \sqrt{6}$ . [1]

$$6^{p-5} = 6^{\frac{1}{2}}$$
$$p-5 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$p = 5\frac{1}{2}$

## Question 3

Simplify

(a)  $32x^8 \div 8x^{32}$ , [2]

$$4x^{-24} = \frac{4}{2e^{24}}$$

(b)  $\left(\frac{x^3}{64}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}}$  [2]

$$= \frac{2e^2}{4^2} = \frac{2e^2}{16}$$



## Question 4

Simplify the following.

(a)  $(3x^3)^3$  [2]

$$27x^9$$

(b)  $(125x^6)^{\frac{2}{3}}$  [2]

$$25x^4$$

## Question 5

Find the value of  $n$  in the following equations.

(a)  $2^n = 1024$  [1]

$$n = 10$$

## Question 6

Simplify

(a)  $\left(\frac{16}{81}x^{16}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , [2]

$$\frac{4}{9}x^8$$

## Question 7

Simplify

(a)  $\left(\frac{p^4}{16}\right)^{0.75}$ ,  $\left(\frac{p^4}{2^4}\right)^{\frac{3}{4}} = \frac{p^3}{2^3} = \frac{p^3}{8}$  [2]

(b)  $3^2 q^{-3} \div 2^3 q^{-2}$ . [2]

$$\frac{9}{8q}$$

### Question 8

Write  $2^8 \times 8^2 \times 4^{-2}$  in the form  $2^n$ . [2]

$$\begin{aligned} & 2^8 \times (2^3)^2 \times (2^2)^{-2} \\ & = 2^8 \times 2^6 \times 2^{-4} = 2^6 \end{aligned}$$

### Question 9

Simplify  $(27x^3)^{\frac{2}{3}}$ . [2]

$$(3^3 x^3)^{\frac{2}{3}} = 9x^2$$

### Question 10

(a) Simplify  $(27x^6)^{\frac{1}{3}}$ . [2]

$$(3^3 x^6)^{\frac{1}{3}} = 3x^2$$

(b)  $(512)^{-\frac{2}{3}} = 2^p$ . Find  $p$ . [2]

$$\begin{aligned} (2^9)^{-\frac{2}{3}} &= 2^p \\ p &= -6 \end{aligned}$$

### Question 11

(a)  $\sqrt{32} = 2^p$ . Find the value of  $p$ . [2]

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{5/2} &= 2^p \\ p &= 5/2 \end{aligned}$$

(b)  $\sqrt[3]{8} = 2^q$ . Find the value of  $q$ . [2]

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{-1} &= 2^q \\ q &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

### Question 12

Simplify  $\frac{2}{3}p^{12} \times \frac{3}{4}p^8$ . [2]

$$\frac{1}{2}p^4$$

## Question 1

Simplify.

(a)  $81^{\frac{3}{4}}$  [1]  
 $(8^4)^{\frac{3}{4}} = 27$

(b)  $x^{\frac{2}{3}} \div x^{-\frac{4}{3}}$  [1]  
 $x^{2/3 - (-4/3)} = x^2$

(c)  $\left(\frac{8}{y^6}\right)^{-\frac{1}{3}}$  [2]  
 $\left(\frac{2^3}{y^6}\right)^{-\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{2^{-1}}{y^{-2}} = \frac{y^2}{2}$

## Question 2

(a)  $2^r = \frac{1}{16}$  [1]  
Find the value of  $r$ .

$$2^r = 2^{-4}$$
$$r = -4$$

(b)  $3^t = \sqrt[5]{3}$  [1]  
Find the value of  $t$ .

$$3^t = 3^{\frac{1}{5}}$$
$$t = \frac{1}{5}$$

## Question 3

Work out.

(a)  $125^{\frac{2}{3}}$  [1]  
 $(5^3)^{\frac{2}{3}} = 25$

(b)  $\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{-2}$  [1]  
 $3^2 = 9$

### Question 4

(a) Simplify.

$$(16x^{16})^{\frac{3}{4}} = (2^4 x^{16})^{\frac{3}{4}} = 2^3 x^{12} = 8x^{12} \quad [2]$$

(b)  $2p^{\frac{3}{2}} = 54$

Find the value of  $p$ .

$$\begin{aligned} p^{\frac{3}{2}} &= 27 \\ (p^{\frac{1}{2}})^3 &= 3^3 \\ p^{\frac{1}{2}} &= 3 \\ p &= 9 \end{aligned} \quad [2]$$

### Question 5

Simplify.

$$\left(\frac{8}{a^{12}}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} = \left(\frac{2^3}{a^{12}}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{2}{a^4} \quad [2]$$

### Question 6

Work out.

(a)  $t^{24} \div t^4$  [1]

$$t^{20}$$

(b)  $(x^5)^2$  [1]

$$x^{10}$$

(c)  $(81m^8)^{\frac{3}{4}}$  [2]

$$(8^4 m^8)^{\frac{3}{4}} = 27 m^6$$

### Question 7

Simplify.

$$(36x^{16})^{\frac{1}{2}} = 6x^8 \quad [2]$$

## Question 8

Simplify.

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}x^{\frac{2}{3}}\right)^3 = \frac{1}{8}x^2$$

[2]

## Question 9

Simplify.

$$(32x^{10})^{\frac{3}{5}} = 8x^6$$

[2]

## Question 1

Find the value of

(a)  $(\sqrt{5})^8$ ,  
625

[1]

(b)  $\left(\frac{1}{27}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}}$ .  
 $(27)^{\frac{2}{3}} = 9$

[1]

## Question 2

(a) Find the value of

(i)  $\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{0.5}$ ,  
 $\frac{1}{2}$

[1]

(ii)  $(-8)^{\frac{2}{3}}$ .  
 $(-2)^3)^{\frac{2}{3}} = 4$

[1]

(b) Use a calculator to find the decimal value of  $\frac{\sqrt{29 - 3 \times 32^{0.4}}}{3}$ .

[1]

1.374

### Question 3

Simplify the following.

(a)  $(4pq^2)^3$  [2]

$$64p^3q^6$$

(b)  $(16x^8)^{-\frac{1}{4}}$  [2]

$$(2^4x^8)^{-\frac{1}{4}} = (2x^2)^{-1} = \frac{1}{2x^2}$$

### Question 4

$$a \times 10^7 + b \times 10^6 = c \times 10^6$$

Find  $c$  in terms of  $a$  and  $b$ .

Give your answer in its simplest form.

$$10a + b = c$$

[2]

### Question 5

$$3^x \times 9^4 = 3^n$$

Find  $n$  in terms of  $x$ .

$$3^x \times (3^2)^4 = 3^n$$
$$x + 8 = n$$

[2]

### Question 6

Simplify  $\frac{5}{8}x^{\frac{3}{2}} \div \frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{5}{2}}$ .

[2]

$$\frac{5}{4}x^4$$

## Question 7

Find the value of  $n$  in each of the following statements.

(a)  $32^n = 1$  [1]  
 $n = 0$

(b)  $32^n = 2$  [1]  
 $5n = 1$   
 $n = \frac{1}{5}$

(c)  $32^n = 8$  [1]  
 $5n = 3$   
 $n = \frac{3}{5}$

## Question 8

Simplify

(a)  $\left(\frac{x^{27}}{27}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}}$ ,  $\frac{x^{18}}{9}$  [2]

(b)  $\left(\frac{x^{-2}}{4}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ ,  $2x$  [2]

## Question 9

Find the **exact** value of

(a)  $3^{-2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{9}$  [1]

(b)  $\left(1\frac{7}{9}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ,  $\frac{4}{3}$  [2]