

# Exponents Review

## Exercise

### PART A

1. Write each of the following with positive exponents.

a.  $5^{-3}$

b.  $\frac{1}{4^{-3}}$

c.  $\frac{x^3}{y^{-2}}$

d.  $\left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^{-4}$

e.  $\frac{2x^{-2}y^3}{3w^{-4}}$

f.  $\frac{1}{a^3b^{-2}}$

2. Evaluate each of the following:

a.  $2^{-3}$

b.  $(-5)^{-2}$

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

d.  $(-7)^0$

e.  $\frac{2}{3^{-2}}$

f.  $\frac{5^{-1}}{2^3}$

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

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

i.  $\left(-12\frac{3}{4}\right)^0$

3. Simplify each of the following expressions. Write the answer with positive exponents.

a.  $m^6 \cdot m^{-3}$

b.  $a^{-3} \div a^{-5}$

c.  $(x^2y^{-1})^{-1}$

d.  $\left(\frac{b^{-2}}{b^{-1}}\right)^{-3}$

e.  $(x^{-1}y^0)^{-3}$

f.  $(15r^{-4})(2r^{-3})$

g.  $12a^4 \div (3a^{-3})$

h.  $\left[\frac{(3a)^{-1}}{2a^{-2}}\right]^{-1}$

### PART B

4. Evaluate each of the following:

a.  $(3^{-1} + 3^0)^{-1}$

b.  $\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{-2} + 3^3$

c.  $5^{-2}(5^2 - 5^0)$

d.  $(2^3 - 2^2)(2^{-1} - 2^2)$

e.  $(4 - 2^3) \div (4^{-1} - 2^{-3})^0$

f.  $\frac{2^{-1} + 2^{-3}}{2^{-2}}$

g.  $\frac{3^{-2} + 3^{-3}}{3^{-2} - 3^{-3}}$

h.  $\frac{3^{-6} \times 3^{-5}}{3^{-9}}$

5. Evaluate each of the following:

a.  $3^9 \times 27^{-4}$

b.  $2^{16} \times 4^2 \times (-8)^{-7}$

c.  $\frac{32^3 \times 4^{-2}}{16^4}$

d.  $25^4 \times \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^{-2} \div 125^2$

6. Simplify each of the following:

a.  $(8^{4+2a})(16^{a-1}) \div 4^{3a+2}$

b.  $[(27^{m+1}) \div (9^{m-2})]^{-2}$

7. If  $x = 2$  and  $y = -1$ , evaluate each of the following:

a.  $\frac{25x^{-2}y^{-1}}{15x^{-1}y^2}$

b.  $(2x^{-2}y^{-4})^{-2}$

### 3.2 Exercise

A 1 Evaluate.

- (a)  $-3^{-2}$       (b)  $(-3)^{-2}$       (c)  $-3^0$       (d)  $(-3)^0$   
 (e)  $2^2 \times 3^{-1}$       (f)  $(2^2 \times 3)^{-1}$       (g)  $(-3)^2$       (h)  $-(-3)^{-2}$

2 Evaluate.

- (a)  $2^{-3}$       (b)  $3^0 \times 2^{-2}$       (c)  $5^{-2}$       (d)  $-3 \times 3^{-1}$       (e)  $\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{-2}$   
 (f)  $(-7)^0$       (g)  $3^0 - 3^{-1}$       (h)  $-3^{-2} + 3^0$       (i)  $8 \div 2^{-2}$       (j)  $\left(\frac{3^{-1}}{2^{-1}}\right)^{-2}$

3 Express each of the following with a positive exponent.

- (a)  $x^{-2}$       (b)  $y^{-3}$       (c)  $a^{-7}$       (d)  $b^{-5}$       (e)  $\frac{1}{x^{-2}}$       (f)  $\frac{1}{a^{-1}}$   
 (g)  $\frac{1}{c^{-4}}$       (h)  $2x^{-4}$       (i)  $ab^{-5}$       (j)  $\frac{x^{-3}}{y^{-4}}$       (k)  $4a^{-2}$       (l)  $\frac{3x^{-4}}{2y^{-2}}$

4 Express each of the following with all variables in the numerator.

- (a)  $\frac{1}{x^3}$       (b)  $\frac{x}{y^4}$       (c)  $\frac{3a}{b^3}$       (d)  $\frac{4}{a^{-3}}$       (e)  $\frac{3}{a^{-2}b^{-1}}$       (f)  $\frac{3}{(x+y)^{-2}}$

5 Simplify each of the following.

- (a)  $a^5 \times a^{-3}$       (b)  $(m^{-3})^2$       (c)  $a^5 \div a^{-8}$       (d)  $(3a)^{-1}$   
 (e)  $x^5 \div x^{-1}$       (f)  $(xy^2)^{-1}$       (g)  $(a^{-1})^3 \div a^{-1}$       (h)  $\left(\frac{b^3}{b^{-3}}\right)^{-2}$

6 Evaluate.

- (a)  $(3^0 + 3^2)^{-2}$       (b)  $2^4 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-3}$       (c)  $4^{-1}(4^2 + 4^0)$   
 (d)  $(3^3 - 3^2)^2 \div 3^2$       (e)  $(5^7 \div 5^{-2})(5^0 - 1)$       (f)  $\frac{2^5}{3^{-2}} \times \frac{3^{-1}}{2^4}$

7 Evaluate.

- (a)  $(-3)^{-2}(3^3 - 3^4)$       (b)  $\frac{3^{-2} \times 2^{-3}}{3^{-2} + 2^{-3}}$       (c)  $\frac{4^{-1} + 3^{-2}}{3^{-2} + 2^{-3}}$       (d)  $\frac{5^{-1} - 2^{-2}}{5^{-1} + 2^{-2}}$

8 Simplify. Write each as a power with a single base.

- (a)  $(8^{2-2n})(16^{3-n}) \div (4^{2n})^{-1}$       (b)  $[3^{-2}(27^m \div 9^{-m})]^{-1}$

C 9 If  $x = -1$  and  $y = 2$ , find the value of each of the following.

- (a)  $\frac{16x^{-3}y^{-2}}{4x^5}$       (b)  $(3x^4y^{-2})^{-2}$       (c)  $\frac{2x^{-5}y^{-2}}{x^{-2}y^{-1}}$       (d)  $\frac{x^{-2} - y^{-1}}{x^{-2} + y^{-1}}$