



Section A:

Q1. $(1/2)^{-5}$ is equal to

- (a) 32
- (b) 132
- (c) -32
- (d) -132

Solution:

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-5} = (2)^5 = 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 = 32 \text{ (a)}$$

Question 4.

The value of $\left[\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{-2} + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{-2}\right] \div \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^{-2}$ is

- (a) 0
- (b) -1
- (c) 1
- (d) $\frac{7}{5}$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{-2} + \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{-2}\right] \div \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^{-2} \\ &= [(3)^2 + (4)^2] \div (5^2) \\ &= (9 + 16) \div 25 \\ &= 25 \div 25 = 1 \end{aligned} \quad \text{(c)}$$

Q2. If $2^4 \times 4^3 = 4^x$, then the value of x is

- (a) 5
- (b) 7
- (c) 4
- (d) -5



Solution:

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

$$\Rightarrow 2^4 \times (2^2)^3 = (2^2)^x$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^4 \times 2^6 = 2^{2x}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{10} = 2^{2x}$$

$$2x = 10$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 5 \text{ (a)}$$

Q3. .

$$\left(\frac{-4}{3}\right)^7 \times \left(\frac{-4}{3}\right)^8 \div \left(\frac{-3}{4}\right)^{-5} \text{ is equal to}$$

(a) $\left(\frac{-4}{3}\right)^{20}$

(b) $\left(\frac{-4}{3}\right)^{10}$

(c) $\left(\frac{-3}{4}\right)^{10}$

(d) $\left(\frac{-3}{4}\right)^{20}$

Solution:

$$\left(\frac{-4}{3}\right)^7 \times \left(\frac{-4}{3}\right)^8 \div \left(\frac{-3}{4}\right)^{-5}$$

$$= \left(\frac{-4}{3}\right)^7 \times \left(\frac{-4}{3}\right)^8 \div \left(\frac{4}{-3}\right)^5$$

$$= \left(\frac{-4}{3}\right)^{7+8-5} = \left(\frac{-4}{3}\right)^{10}$$

Q4. Standard form of 0.000000789 is

(a) 78.9×10^{-8}

(b) 789×10^{-9}

(c) 7.89×10^{-7}

(d) None

Solution:

$$0.000000789 = 7.89 \times 10^{-7} \text{ (c)}$$



Q5.

$2^0 + 3^0 + \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^0$ is equal to

(a) $\frac{21}{4}$

(b) 0

(c) 9

(d) 3

Solution:

$$2^0 + 3^0 + \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^0 = 1 + 1 + 1 = 3 \quad (\because a^0 = 1)$$

(d)

Q6.

If $\left(\frac{12}{13}\right)^4 \times \left(\frac{13}{12}\right)^{-8} = \left(\frac{12}{13}\right)^{2x}$, then the value of x is

(a) -2

(b) 6

(c) 2

(d) -6

Solution:

$$\left(\frac{12}{13}\right)^4 \times \left(\frac{13}{12}\right)^{-8} = \left(\frac{12}{13}\right)^{2x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{12}{13}\right)^4 \times \left(\frac{12}{13}\right)^8 = \left(\frac{12}{13}\right)^{2x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{12}{13}\right)^{4+8} = \left(\frac{12}{13}\right)^{2x} \Rightarrow \left(\frac{12}{13}\right)^{12} = \left(\frac{12}{13}\right)^{2x}$$

$$\text{Comparing, } 2x = 12 \Rightarrow x = \frac{12}{2} = 6$$

$$\therefore x = 6$$

(b)



Q7.

(i) Express 16^{-2} as a power with base 2.

(ii) Express 125^{-4} as a power with base 5.

Solution:

$$(i) 16^{-2} = (2^4)^{-2} = 2^{4 \times (-2)} = 2^{-8} = \frac{1}{2^8}$$

$$(ii) 125^{-4} = (5^3)^{-4} = (5)^{-3 \times 4} = 5^{-12} = \frac{1}{5^{12}}$$

Q8. Write the following numbers in expanded form using exponents:

(i) 2789.453

(ii) 3007.805

Solution:

$$(i) 2789.453 = 2 \times 10^3 + 7 \times 10^2 + 8 \times 10^1 + 9 \times 10^0 \\ + 4 \times 10^{-1} + 5 \times 10^{-2} + 3 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$(ii) 3007.805 = 3 \times 10^3 + 7 \times 10^0 + 8 \times 10^{-1} + 5 \times 10^{-3}$$

Section B

Q9.

$$(i) \left[\left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{-3} + \left(\frac{1}{3} \right)^{-3} + \left(\frac{1}{4} \right)^{-3} \right] \div (3)^2$$

$$(ii) \left[3^3 - \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{-3} \times \frac{1}{19} \right]$$

$$(iii) [2^{-1} + 3^0 + 5^1 + 7^2 + 9^3] \div \left(\frac{2}{3} \right)^{-1}$$

Solution:



$$(i) \left[\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-3} + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{-3} + \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{-3} \right] \div (3)^2$$

$$= (2^3 + 3^3 + 4^3) \div (3)^2$$

$$= (8 + 27 + 64) \div 9 = \frac{99}{9} = 11$$

$$(ii) \left[3^3 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-3} \times \frac{1}{19} \right]$$

$$= [3^3 - (2)^3] \times \frac{1}{19}$$

$$= (27 - 8) \times \frac{1}{19} = 19 \times \frac{1}{19} = 1$$

$$(iii) [2^{-1} + 3^0 + 5^1 + 7^2 + 9^3] \div \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{-1}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{2} + 1 + 5 + 49 + 729 \right) \div \left(\frac{3}{2} \right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{2} + 784 \right) \div \frac{3}{2} = \frac{1569}{2} \div \frac{3}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1569}{2} \times \frac{2}{3} = \frac{1569}{3} = 523$$

Q10. Simplify:

$$\frac{5^{n+2} - 6 + 5^{n+1}}{13 \times 5^n - 2 \times 5^{n+1}}$$

Solution:

$$\frac{5^{n+2} - 6 + 5^{n+1}}{13 \times 5^n - 2 \times 5^{n+1}}$$

$$= \frac{5^n \times 5^2 - 6 \times 5 \times 5^n}{13 \times 5^n - 2 \times 5 \times 5^n}$$

$$= \frac{5^n (5^2 - 6 \times 5)}{5^n (13 - 2 \times 5)}$$

$$= \frac{25 - 30}{13 - 10} = \frac{-5}{3} = -\frac{5}{3}$$



Q11. Find the value of m for which $9^m \div 3^{-2} = 9^4$.

Solution:

$$9^m \div 3^{-2} = 9^4$$

$$\Rightarrow (3^2)^m \div 3^{-2} = (3^2)^4$$

$$\Rightarrow 3^{2m} \div 3^{-2} = 3^8$$

$$\Rightarrow 3^{2m+2} = 3^8$$

Comparing, we get

$$2m + 2 = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow 2m = 8 - 2 = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow m = \frac{6}{2} = 3$$

Section C

Q12. Simplify:

$$(i) [(2)^{-1} + (4)^{-1} + (3)^{-1}]^{-1}$$

$$(ii) [(4)^{-1} - (5)^{-1}]^2 \times \left(\frac{5}{8}\right)^{-1}$$

$$(iii) [4^0 + 4^2 - 2^3] \times 3^{-2}$$

$$(iv) \left[(5)^2 - \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{-2} \right] \times \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{-2}$$

Solution:



$$(i) [(2)^{-1} + (4)^{-1} + (3)^{-1}]^{-1}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{3} \right)^{-1}$$

$$= \left(\frac{6+3+4}{12} \right)^{-1} = \left(\frac{13}{12} \right)^{-1} = \frac{12}{13}$$

$$(ii) [(4)^{-1} - (5)^{-1}]^2 \times \left(\frac{5}{8} \right)^{-1}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{5} \right)^2 \times \left(\frac{8}{5} \right)^1 = \frac{5-4}{20} \times \left(\frac{8}{5} \right)^1$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{20} \right)^2 \times \frac{8}{5}$$

$$= \frac{1}{20} \times \frac{1}{20} \times \frac{8}{5} = \frac{1}{250}$$

$$(iii) [4^0 + 4^2 - 2^3] \times 3^{-2}$$

$$= (1 + 16 - 8) \times \frac{1}{3^2}$$

$$= 9 \times \frac{1}{9} = 1$$

$$(iv) \left[(5)^2 - \left(\frac{1}{4} \right)^{-2} \right] \times \left(\frac{3}{4} \right)^{-2}$$

$$= [25 - (4)^2] \times \left(\frac{4}{3} \right)^2$$

$$= (25 - 16) \times \frac{16}{9}$$

$$= 9 \times \frac{16}{9} = 16$$

Q13. Simplify and write in exponential form with a positive exponent:

$$(i) \left[\left\{ \left(\frac{5}{7} \right)^2 \right\}^{-1} \right]^{-3}$$

$$(ii) \left(\frac{2}{7} \right)^2 \times \left(\frac{7}{2} \right)^{-3} \div \left\{ \left(\frac{7}{5} \right)^{-2} \right\}^{-4}$$

$$(i) \left[\left\{ \left(\frac{5}{7} \right)^2 \right\}^{-1} \right]^{-3}$$

$$(ii) \left(\frac{2}{7} \right)^2 \times \left(\frac{7}{2} \right)^{-3} \div \left\{ \left(\frac{7}{5} \right)^{-2} \right\}^{-4}$$

Solution:



$$= \frac{2^{2+3}}{7^{2+3}} \times \frac{5^8}{7^8} = \frac{2^5}{7^5} \times \frac{5^8}{7^8}$$

$$= \frac{2^5 \times 5^8}{7^{5+8}} = \frac{2^5 \times 5^8}{7^{13}}$$

$$(iii) \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^2 \times 5^4 \times \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^{-2} \div \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^{-3}$$

$$= \frac{4^2}{5^2} \times 5^4 \times \frac{2^{-2}}{5^{-2}} \div \frac{5^{-3}}{2^{-3}}$$

$$= \frac{(2^2)^2 \times 5^4 \times 2^{-2}}{5^2 \times 5^{-2}} \times \frac{2^{-3}}{5^{-3}}$$

$$= \frac{2^4 \times 5^4 \times 2^{-2} \times 2^{-3}}{5^2 \times 5^{-2} \times 5^{-3}}$$

$$= 2^{4-2-3} \times 5^{4-2+2+3} = 2^{-1} \times 5^7$$

$$= \frac{5^7}{2^1}$$

$$(iv) \frac{8^{-1} \times 5^3}{2^{-4}} = \frac{(2^3)^{-1} \times 5^3}{2^{-4}} = \frac{2^{-3} \times 5^3}{2^{-4}}$$

$$= 2^{-3+4} \times 5^3 = 2^1 \times 5^3$$

$$= 2 \times 5 \times 5 \times 5 = 250$$

$$(i) \left[\left\{ \left(\frac{5}{7} \right)^2 \right\}^{-1} \right]^{-3} = \left\{ \left(\frac{5}{7} \right)^2 \right\}^{-1 \times (-3)}$$

$$= \left(\frac{5}{7} \right)^{2 \times 3} = \left(\frac{5}{7} \right)^6$$

$$(ii) \left(\frac{2}{7}\right)^2 \times \left(\frac{7}{2}\right)^{-3} \div \left\{ \left(\frac{7}{5}\right)^{-2} \right\}^{-4}$$

$$= \left(\frac{2}{7}\right)^2 \times \left(\frac{2}{7}\right)^3 \div \left(\frac{7}{5}\right)^{-2 \times (-4)}$$

$$= \left(\frac{2}{7}\right)^2 \times \left(\frac{2}{7}\right)^3 \div \left(\frac{7}{5}\right)^8$$

$$= \left(\frac{2}{7}\right)^2 \times \left(\frac{2}{7}\right)^3 \times \left(\frac{5}{7}\right)^8$$

$$= \frac{2^2}{7^2} \times \frac{2^3}{7^3} \times \frac{5^8}{7^8}$$

Section D

Q14. The number of red blood cells per cubic millimeter of blood is approximately 5.5 million. If the average body contains 5 liters of blood, what is the total number of red cells in the body? (1 litre = 1,00,000 mm³)



Solution:

Red blood per cubic millimeter = 5.5 million = 5.5×10^6

Red blood in 5 litres of blood

$$= 5.5 \times 10^6 \times 5 \times 10^5 \text{ (1 litre = } 10^5 \text{ mm)}$$

$$= 27.5 \times 10^{6+5}$$

$$= 27.5 \times 10^{11}$$

$$= 2.75 \times 10 \times 10^{11}$$

$$= 2.75 \times 10^{12}$$

Q15. Mass of Mars is 6.42×10^{29} kg and the mass of the sun is 1.99×10^{30} kg. What is the total mass?

Solution:

Mass of Mars = 6.42×10^{29} kg

and mass of sun = 1.99×10^{30}

$$\text{Total mass} = 6.42 \times 10^{29} + 1.99 \times 10^{30}$$

$$= 10^{29} (6.42 + 1.99 \times 10)$$

$$= 10^{29} (6.42 + 19.9)$$

$$= 26.32 \times 10^{29}$$

Q16. The mass of the Earth is 5.97×10^{24} kg and the mass of the Moon is 7.35×10^{22} kg. What is the difference of their masses?

Solution:

Mass of Earth = 5.97×10^{24} kg

and mass of Moon = 7.35×10^{22} kg

$$\therefore \text{Difference} = (5.97 \times 10^{24}) - (7.35 \times 10^{22})$$

$$= 10^{22} (5.97 \times 10^2 - 7.35)$$

$$= 10^{22} (597 - 7.35) = 589.65 \times 10^{22}$$

$$= 5.8965 \times 10^2 \times 10^{22}$$

$$= 5.8965 \times 10^{24}$$



Section E:

Q17.

$$(i) \frac{49 \times z^{-3}}{7^{-3} \times 10 \times z^{-5}} \quad (z \neq 0)$$

$$(ii) \frac{9^3 \times 27 \times t^4}{(3)^2 \times (3)^4 \times t^2}$$

$$(iii) \frac{(3^{-2})^2 \times (5^2)^{-3} \times (t^{-3})^2}{(3^{-2})^5 \times (5^3)^{-2} \times (t^{-4})^3}$$

$$(iv) \frac{2^5 \times 15^{-5} \times 500}{5^{-6} \times 6^{-5}}$$

Solution:

$$(i) \frac{49 \times z^{-3}}{7^{-3} \times 10 \times z^{-5}} \quad (z \neq 0)$$

$$= \frac{7^2 \times z^{-3}}{7^{-3} \times 10 \times z^{-5}} = \frac{7^{2+3} \times z^{-3+5}}{10}$$

$$= \frac{7^5 \times z^2}{10}$$

$$(ii) \frac{9^3 \times 27 \times t^4}{(3)^2 \times (3)^4 \times t^2} = \frac{(3^2)^3 \times 3^3 \times t^4}{3^2 \times 3^4 \times t^2}$$

$$= \frac{3^6 \times 3^3 \times t^4}{3^2 \times 3^4 \times t^2} = 3^{6+3-2-4} \times t^{4-2}$$

$$= 3^3 \times t^2 = 27t^2$$



$$(iii) \frac{(3^{-2})^2 \times (5^2)^{-3} \times (t^{-3})^2}{(3^{-2})^5 \times (5^3)^{-2} \times (t^{-4})^3}$$

$$= \frac{3^{-2 \times 2} \times 5^{2 \times (-3)} \times t^{(-3) \times 2}}{(3)^{-2 \times 5} \times 5^{3 \times (-2)} \times t^{-4 \times 3}}$$

$$= \frac{3^{-4} \times 5^{-6} \times t^{-6}}{3^{-10} \times 5^{-6} \times t^{-12}}$$

$$= 3^{-4 + 10} \times 5^{-6 + 6} \times t^{-6 + 12}$$

$$= 3^6 \times 5^0 \times t^6 = 3^6 \times 1 \times t^6$$

$$= (3t)^6$$

$$(iv) \frac{2^{-5} \times 15^{-5} \times 500}{5^{-6} \times 6^{-5}} = \frac{2^{-5} \times (3 \times 5)^{-5} \times 2^2 \times 5^3}{5^{-6} \times (2 \times 3)^{-5}}$$

$$= \frac{2^{-5} \times 3^{-5} \times 5^{-5} \times 2^2 \times 5^3}{5^{-6} \times 2^{-5} \times 3^{-5}}$$

$$= 2^{-5 + 2 + 5} \times 3^{-5 + 5} \times 5^{-5 + 3 + 6}$$

$$= 2^2 \times 3^0 \times 5^4 = 4 \times 1 \times 625 = 2500$$

Q19.

$$\text{If } \left(\frac{-5}{7}\right)^{-4} \times \left(\frac{-5}{7}\right)^{12} = \left\{\left(\frac{-5}{7}\right)^3\right\}^x \times \left(\frac{-5}{7}\right)^{-1}$$

find the value of x .



Solution:

$$\left(\frac{-5}{7}\right)^{-4} \times \left(\frac{-5}{7}\right)^{12} = \left\{\left(\frac{-5}{7}\right)^3\right\}^x \times \left(\frac{-5}{7}\right)^{-1}$$

$$\left(\frac{-5}{7}\right)^{-4} \times \left(\frac{-5}{7}\right)^{12} = \left(\frac{-5}{7}\right)^{3x} \times \left(\frac{-5}{7}\right)^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{-5}{7}\right)^{-4+12} = \left(\frac{-5}{7}\right)^{3x-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{-5}{7}\right)^8 = \left(\frac{-5}{7}\right)^{3x-1}$$

Comparing, we get

$$\Rightarrow 8 = 3x - 1 \Rightarrow 3x = 8 + 1 = 9$$

$$x = \frac{9}{3} = 3$$

$$\therefore x = 3$$

Q19.

$$\text{Find } x \text{ if } \left(\frac{-2}{3}\right)^{-13} \times \left(\frac{3}{-2}\right)^8 = \left(\frac{-2}{3}\right)^{-2x+1}$$



Solution:

$$\left(\frac{-2}{3}\right)^{-13} \times \left(\frac{3}{-2}\right)^8 = \left(\frac{-2}{3}\right)^{-2x+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{-2}{3}\right)^{-13} \times \left(\frac{-2}{3}\right)^{-8} = \left(\frac{-2}{3}\right)^{-2x+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{-2}{3}\right)^{-13-8} = \left(\frac{-2}{3}\right)^{-2x+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{-2}{3}\right)^{-21} = \left(\frac{-2}{3}\right)^{-2x+1}$$

Comparing, we get

$$-2x + 1 = -21 \Rightarrow 2x - 1 = 21$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x = 21 + 1 = 22$$

$$x = \frac{22}{2} = 11$$

Hence, $x = 11$

19..

(i) If $5^{2x-1} = \frac{1}{(125)^{x-3}}$, find x .

(ii) If $\frac{9^n \times 3^5 \times (27)^3}{3 \times (81)^4} = 27$, find n .

Solution:



$$(i) 5^{2x-1} = \frac{1}{(125)^{x-3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow 5^{2x-1} = \frac{1}{(5^3)^{x-3}} \Rightarrow 5^{2x-1} = \frac{1}{5^{3x-9}}$$

$$\Rightarrow 5^{2x-1} = 5^{-3x+9}$$

Comparing, we get

$$2x - 1 = -3x + 9$$

$$2x + 3x = 9 + 1 \Rightarrow 5x = 10$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{10}{5} = 2$$

$$\therefore x = 2$$

$$(ii) \frac{9^n \times 3^5 \times (27)^3}{3 \times (81)^4} = 27$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(3^2)^n \times 3^5 \times (3^3)^3}{3 \times (3^4)^4} = 3^3$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3^{2n} \times 3^5 \times 3^9}{3 \times 3^{16}} = 3^3$$

$$\Rightarrow 3^{2n+5+9-1-16} = 3^3$$

$$\Rightarrow 3^{2n-3} = 3^3$$

Comparing, we get

$$2n - 3 = 3 \Rightarrow 2n = 3 + 3 = 6$$

$$n = \frac{6}{2} = 3$$

$$\therefore n = 3$$



Q20. If $(9/4)^{-4} \times (2/3)^3 = (p/q)^{11}$, then find the value of $(p/q)^{-2}$.

Solution:

$$\left(\frac{9}{4}\right)^{-4} \times \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^3 = \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^{11}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2\right]^{-4} \times \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^3 = \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^{11}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{-8} \times \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^3 = \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^{11}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^8 \times \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^3 = \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^{11}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{8+3} = \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^{11} \Rightarrow \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{11} = \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^{11}$$

Comparing, we get

$$\frac{p}{q} = \frac{2}{3}$$