

# Exponent Laws $\rightarrow$ Solutions

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } 2^3 \times 2^2 \times 2^1 \\ = 2^6 \text{ or } 64 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } (2^4)^2 \\ = 2^8 \text{ or } 256 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{c) } \frac{(4^3)^4 \times 4^{-2}}{4^8}$$

$$= \frac{4^{12} \times 4^{-2}}{4^8}$$

$$= \frac{4^{10}}{4^8}$$

$$= 4^2 \text{ or } 16$$

$$\text{d) } \frac{6^2}{6^3}$$

$$= 6^{-1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\text{e) } (4^{-1})^3$$

$$= 4^{-3}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4^3}$$

$$= \frac{1}{64}$$

$$\text{f) } \frac{5^{-2} \times 5^4}{5^2}$$

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

$$= 5^0$$

$$= 1$$

$$\text{g) } \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^{-2}$$

$$= \left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^2$$

$$= \frac{25}{16}$$

$$2. a) a^{-3} \times a^5 \times a^{10}$$

$$= a^{12}$$

$$b) (x^2 y)(2x^3 y^3)$$

$$= 2x^5 y^4$$

$$c) (3a^2 b)^3$$

$$= 3^3 (a^2)^3 b^3$$

$$= 27 a^6 b^3$$

$$d) \frac{(x^3)^{-2} \cdot x^{-2}}{x^8}$$

$$= \frac{x^{-6} x^{-2}}{x^8}$$

$$= \frac{x^{-8}}{x^8}$$

$$= x^{-16}$$

$$= \frac{1}{x^{16}}$$

$$-8 - 8 = -16$$

$$3. a) 5^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= \sqrt{5}$$

$$\approx 2.2361 \dots$$

$$b) 36^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$= (\sqrt{36})^3$$

$$= 6^3$$

$$= 216$$

$$c) 14^{\frac{2}{5}}$$

$$= \sqrt[5]{14^2}$$

$$= \sqrt[5]{196}$$

$$\approx 2.874 \dots$$

$$d) 81^{-\frac{3}{4}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{81^{\frac{3}{4}}}$$

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

$$4. a) 3^3 \times 3^2$$

$$= 3^5$$

$$= 243$$

$$b) 27^{-\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(\sqrt[3]{27})^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3^2} = \frac{1}{9}$$

$$c) \frac{9^{\frac{3}{2}}}{9^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

$$= 9^{\frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= 9^1$$

$$= 9^1 = 9$$

$$d) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-3} \times \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^6$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{8}$$

$$e) 8^{\frac{2}{3}} \times 8^{-\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$= 8^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$= \sqrt[3]{8}$$

$$= 2$$

$$f) \left(\frac{9}{16}\right)^{-\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$= \left(\frac{16}{9}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{16^{\frac{3}{2}}}{9^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

$$= \frac{(\sqrt{16})^3}{(\sqrt{9})^3} = \frac{4^3}{3^3} = \frac{64}{27}$$

$$5. \quad a) \quad \frac{(x^3)^6 x^2}{x^8}$$

$$= \frac{x^{18} \cdot x^2}{x^8}$$

$$= \frac{x^{20}}{x^8}$$

$$= x^{12}$$

$$b) \quad \frac{a^7 b^2}{a^5 b}$$

$$= a^2 b$$

$$c) \quad \frac{(4x^2 y^3)^3}{4xy^5}$$

$$= \frac{4^3 x^6 y^9}{4xy^5}$$

$$= 4^2 x^5 y^4$$

$$= 16 x^5 y^4$$