

# Indices

## Part A Practice with Integers

Work out the value of the following indices.

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|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| 1. $2^3$  | 2. $9^2$ | 3. $3^3$ | 4. $5^3$ | 5. $2^6$  |
| 6. $10^4$ | 7. $4^4$ | 8. $7^3$ | 9. $2^8$ | 10. $5^5$ |

## Part B Tricky base numbers

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|----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| 1. $(\frac{1}{2})^3$ | 2. $(-4)^2$ | 3. $(0.5)^3$          | 4. $(\frac{3}{4})^2$ | 5. $(-2)^6$ |
| 6. $(0.2)^4$         | 7. $(-3)^3$ | 8. $(-\frac{1}{4})^2$ | 9. $(-0.1)^2$        | 10. $0^3$   |

## Part C Negative indices

Remember, you should expect most of your answers to be fractions.

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|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. $4^{-2}$              | 2. $9^{-2}$     | 3. $4^{-3}$      | 4. $5^{-1}$              | 5. $2^{-7}$     |
| 6. $10^{-1}$             | 7. $4^{-1}$     | 8. $8^{-3}$      | 9. $1^{-11}$             | 10. $0^5$       |
| 11. $(\frac{1}{2})^{-2}$ | 12. $(-4)^{-1}$ | 13. $(0.5)^{-4}$ | 14. $(\frac{3}{4})^{-3}$ | 15. $(-2)^{-3}$ |

## Part D Equations

Work out the value of  $x$  in the equations below.

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| 1. $49 = 7^x$                    | 2. $25 = x^2$            | 3. $121 = 11^x$            | 4. $400 = x^2$                        |
| 5. $\frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{2}^x$ | 6. $\frac{1}{4} = 2^x$   | 7. $\frac{1}{8} = x^{-3}$  | 8. $1/49 = x^{-2}$                    |
| 9. $36 = 2^2 \times 3^x$         | 10. $250 = 2 \times 5^x$ | 11. $88 = 11^1 \times 2^x$ | 12. $200 = 2^x \times 5^2$            |
| 13. $999 = 37^1 \times 3^x$      | 14. $1024 = 2^x$         | 15. $343 = 7^x$            | 16. $480 = 2^x \times 3^1 \times 5^1$ |

## Part E Square roots and other fractional indices

Calculate the following:

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|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 1. $4^{1/2}$      | 2. $27^{1/3}$      | 3. $64^{1/2}$      | 4. $64^{1/3}$      | 5. $1000^{1/3}$  |
| 6. $125^{1/3}$    | 7. $81^{1/2}$      | 8. $81^{1/4}$      | 9. $900^{1/2}$     | 10. $8000^{1/3}$ |
| 11. $8^{2/3}$     | 12. $16^{3/4}$     | 13. $100^{3/2}$    | 14. $49^{3/2}$     | 15. $9^{5/2}$    |
| 16. $(1/4)^{1/2}$ | 17. $(0.01)^{1/2}$ | 18. $(0.36)^{1/2}$ | 19. $(9/16)^{1/2}$ | 20. $(-8)^{1/3}$ |