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### Part 1: Building a Foundation

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What is the value of  $(a^0)$  when  $(a \neq 0)$ ?

Hint: Recall the property of exponents regarding zero.

- A) 0
- B) 1
- C) a
- D) Undefined

Which of the following are true about exponents? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Consider the basic rules of exponents.

- A)  $(a^m \times a^n = a^{m+n})$
- B)  $(a^m + a^n = a^{m+n})$
- C)  $(\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n})$
- D)  $(a^{-n} = \frac{1}{a^n})$

Explain in your own words what an exponent represents in a mathematical expression.

Hint: Think about how exponents indicate repeated multiplication.

Provide the results for the following:

Hint: Calculate each expression using exponent rules.

1. a)  $2^3$

2. b)  $5^0$

3. c)  $10^{-1}$

Which expression is equivalent to  $(3^2)^3$ ?

Hint: Use the power of a power rule.

- A)  $3^5$
- B)  $3^6$
- C)  $3^9$
- D)  $3^{12}$

## Part 2: Application and Analysis

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Simplify the expression  $x^3 \times x^4$ .

Hint: Apply the product of powers rule.

- A)  $x^7$
- B)  $x^{12}$
- C)  $x^1$
- D)  $x^3$

Which of the following expressions simplify to  $a^3$ ? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Use the rules of exponents to simplify each expression.

- A)  $a^5 \div a^2$
- B)  $a \times a^2$
- C)  $a^4 \div a$
- D)  $a^3 \times a^0$

Use the rules of exponents to simplify the expression  $\frac{(3x^2y)^3}{9x^3y^2}$ .

Hint: Break down the expression using exponent rules.

If  $(a^m = a^n)$ , what can be concluded about  $(m)$  and  $(n)$  assuming  $(a \neq 0)$ ?

Hint: Consider the implications of equal bases with exponents.

- A)  $(m > n)$
- B)  $(m < n)$
- C)  $(m = n)$
- D) Cannot be determined

Analyze the following expressions and identify which are equivalent to  $(x^{-2})$ . (Select all that apply)

Hint: Consider the definition of negative exponents.

- A)  $\frac{1}{x^2}$
- B)  $(x^2)$
- C)  $\frac{x}{x^3}$
- D)  $\frac{1}{x^{-2}}$

### Part 3: Evaluation and Creation

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Which of the following statements is true about the expression  $((x^2y^{-1})^3)$ ?

Hint: Use the power of a product rule to simplify.

- A) It simplifies to  $(x^6y^{-3})$
- B) It simplifies to  $(x^5y^{-2})$
- C) It simplifies to  $(x^6y^3)$
- D) It simplifies to  $(x^3y^{-3})$

**Evaluate the correctness of the following simplifications. Which are correct? (Select all that apply)**

*Hint: Check each simplification against the rules of exponents.*

- A)  $((a^2 b^3)^2 = a^4 b^6)$
- B)  $((\frac{a}{b})^{-1} = \frac{b}{a})$
- C)  $(a^0 = 0)$
- D)  $((ab)^{-2} = a^{-2} b^{-2})$

**Create a real-world scenario where understanding exponent rules would be essential, and explain how you would apply these rules to solve a problem in that scenario.**

*Hint: Think about situations involving growth or decay.*