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Part 1: Building a Foundation

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

> The value of any non-zero number raised to the power of zero is 1.

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) \(a^{-n} = \frac{1}{a^n}\) ✓**

> The correct statements reflect the fundamental properties of exponents.

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

Hint: Think about how exponents indicate repeated multiplication.

An exponent represents the number of times a base is multiplied by itself.

Provide the results for the following:

Hint: Calculate each expression using exponent rules.

1. a) \(2^3\)

8

2. b) \(5^0\)

1

3. c) \(10^{-1}\)

0.1

Each part requires calculating the power of the base.

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) \(3^{12}\)

The expression simplifies using the rule \((a^m)^n = a^{m \cdot n}\).

Part 2: Application and Analysis

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) \(x^{3}\)

The expression simplifies by adding the exponents.

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) \(a^3 \times a^0\) ✓**

Identify expressions that can be simplified to the same base and exponent.

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

Hint: Break down the expression using exponent rules.

Simplify the numerator and denominator separately 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

If the bases are equal and non-zero, the exponents must also be equal.

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) \(\frac{1}{x^{-2}}\)

Identify expressions that can be rewritten to match the definition of negative exponents.

Part 3: Evaluation and Creation

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 \(x^3y^{-3}\)

The expression simplifies by applying the power rule to each factor.

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

Hint: Check each simplification against the rules of exponents.

- [x] **A) \((a^2 b^3)^2 = a^4 b^6\) ✓**
- [x] **B) \((\frac{a}{ b})^{-1} = \frac{ b}{ a}\) ✓**
- [ ] C) \(a^0 = 0\)
- [x] **D) \((ab)^{-2} = a^{-2} b^{-2}\) ✓**

> Identify which simplifications correctly apply the rules of exponents.

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.

> **A real-world scenario could involve exponential growth, such as population growth or compound interest.**