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### Part 1: Building a Foundation

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**What is the correct format for expressing a number in scientific notation?**

*Hint: Consider the range of the coefficient and the nature of the exponent.*

- A)  $a \times 10^n$  where  $a$  is any real number and  $n$  is any integer
- B)  $a \times 10^n$  where  $a$  is between 0 and 1 and  $n$  is a positive integer
- C)  $a \times 10^n$  where  $a$  is between 1 and 10 and  $n$  is any integer
- D)  $a \times 10^n$  where  $a$  is greater than 10 and  $n$  is a negative integer

**Which of the following numbers are correctly expressed in scientific notation?**

*Hint: Check if the coefficient is between 1 and 10.*

- A)  $3.5 \times 10^4$
- B)  $0.5 \times 10^2$
- C)  $7.89 \times 10^{-3}$
- D)  $12 \times 10^1$

**Explain why scientific notation is useful in scientific and engineering contexts.**

*Hint: Consider the size of numbers and ease of calculations.*

List the two main components of a number expressed in scientific notation and briefly describe each.

Hint: Think about the parts of the notation.

1. What is the coefficient?

2. What is the exponent?

## Part 2: Comprehension and Application

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If a number is expressed as  $4.2 \times 10^{-5}$ , what does the exponent indicate?

Hint: Think about the size of the number based on the exponent.

- A) The number is very large
- B) The number is very small
- C) The number is exactly zero
- D) The number is between 1 and 10

Convert the number 123,000 into scientific notation.

Hint: Consider how to express the number with a coefficient between 1 and 10.

- A)  $1.23 \times 10^5$
- B)  $12.3 \times 10^4$
- C)  $1.23 \times 10^4$
- D)  $123 \times 10^3$

Which of the following are correct conversions of the number 0.0078 into scientific notation?

Hint: Check if the coefficient is between 1 and 10.

- A)  $7.8 \times 10^{-3}$
- B)  $78 \times 10^{-4}$
- C)  $0.78 \times 10^{-2}$
- D)  $7.8 \times 10^{-2}$

**Convert the scientific notation  $5.67 \times 10^3$  back into standard form.**

*Hint: Multiply the coefficient by 10 raised to the exponent.*

### Part 3: Analysis, Evaluation, and Creation

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**Which of the following operations would you perform first when multiplying  $(3 \times 10^2)$  by  $(4 \times 10^3)$ ?**

*Hint: Think about the order of operations in multiplication.*

- A) Multiply the coefficients
- B) Add the exponents
- C) Subtract the exponents
- D) Divide the coefficients

**When dividing  $(6 \times 10^5)$  by  $(2 \times 10^2)$ , which steps are involved?**

*Hint: Consider how to handle coefficients and exponents in division.*

- A) Divide the coefficients
- B) Subtract the exponents
- C) Add the exponents
- D) Multiply the coefficients

**Critically evaluate the advantages and potential limitations of using scientific notation in real-world applications.**

*Hint: Consider both the benefits and drawbacks of scientific notation.*

**Create a real-world problem that involves scientific notation and solve it. Provide a brief explanation of your solution process.**

*Hint: Think of a scenario where large or small numbers are involved.*

1. What is the problem you created?

2. What is the solution to the problem?

3. What is the explanation of your solution process?