

Pre-Test: Unit 2.1 Powers and Exponent Laws

Name: Answer Key

Instructions: No Calculator. Show steps if asked.

1. Complete the table.

Power	Base	Exponent	Repeated Multiplication	Standard Form
$7^3$	7	3	$7 \times 7 \times 7$	343
$2^5$	2	5	$2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2$	32
$(-3)^4$	-3	4	$(-3) \times (-3) \times (-3) \times (-3)$	81
$10^4$	10	4	$10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10$	10000
$-4^3$	4	3	$-4 \times 4 \times 4$	-64

6  
49  
-47  
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343

2. Write the following as a power of 10, and order them from largest to smallest.

a) one billion =  $10^9$       b)  $10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10 = 10^6$

c) 10,000,000 =  $10^7$       d)  $(10^{11})^0 = 10^0$

a)  $10^9$  > c)  $10^7$  > b)  $10^6$  > d)  $10^0$

3. Evaluate the following, showing at least one step. Use power laws when possible.

a)  $(2 \times 3 - 4 \times 5^0)^2$

=  $(6 - 4)^2$

=  $4 \times 2^2$

=  $4 \times 4$

c)  $10 \div 2 + (4 - 1)^2$

=  $5 + 3^2$

=  $5 + 9$

=  $14$

b)  $3^3 - 5^2 + (-2)^3$

=  $27 - 25 + (-8)$

=  $-6$

d)  $(-4^0 \times 10)^7 \div (-10)^5$

=  $(-1 \times 10)^7 \div (-10)^5$

=  $(-10)^7 \div (-10)^5$

=  $(-10)^{7-5}$

=  $(-10)^2 = 100$



Write each expression as a single power. Predict if the answer is positive or negative. Do NOT evaluate these!

	As a single power ...	Positive or Negative?
a) $(-3)^2 \div (-3)^4 \times (-3)^6$	$(-3)^4$	+
b) $-[(-3)^4]^3$	$-(-3)^{12}$	-
c) $\frac{[(-2)^5]^3}{(-2)^6}$	$(-2)^9$	-

5. Evaluate these expression, showing at least one step.

a)  $-(-9^3)^0$   
 $= -(-1)^0(9^3)^0$   
 $= \boxed{-1}$

c)  $(3 \times 7^3)^3 \div (3+4)^3$   
 $= 3^3 \times 7^3 \div 7^3$   
 $= 3^3 = \boxed{27}$

b)  $3^2 + 3^2 - 3^2 \times 3^2 \div 3^2$   
 $= 9 + 9 - 9 \times 9 \div 9$   
 $= \boxed{9}$

d)  $\frac{72^2}{36^2}$   
 $= \frac{(36 \times 2)^2}{36^2} = \frac{36^2 \times 2^2}{36^2} = 2^2 = \boxed{4}$

Hint: write 72 as a product ?x? and write 36 as a product with one of the same factors!

6. Alice and Bob tried to evaluate this expression on a test:

$$(-3)^2 \times (-3)^6 \div (-3)^4$$

For the answer, Alice wrote down  $(-3)^3$ . Bob wrote down  $(-3)^4$ .

a) Who is correct?

Bob.  $(-3)^4$

b) What is the likely error that the other student made?

Alice probably used the wrong rule, and multiplied / divided the exponents.

7. On his last mid-unit quiz, Johnny wrote this solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 1) & \quad (-3)^3 - 3[(-4) \div (-2)]^2 \\
 2) & \quad = -9 - 3(2)^2 \\
 3) & \quad = 27(2)^2 \\
 4) & \quad = 108
 \end{aligned}$$

a) Explain all the errors that Johnny has made, and why he might have made the errors.

1)  $\rightarrow$  2) :  $(-3)^3$  is not  $-9$ . Johnny probably multiplied  $-3$  by the exponent.

2)  $\rightarrow$  3) Johnny probably thought line 2 reads  $-9$  multiplied by  $-3$ , and that  $= 27$ .

b) Show the correct solution to the problem.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (-3)^3 - 3[(-4) \div (-2)]^2 \\
 & = -27 - 3(2)^2 \\
 & = -27 - 12 \\
 & \boxed{= -39}
 \end{aligned}$$

8. Old McDonald bought another farm. The land is  $10^3$  meters in length, and  $10^5$  meters in width.

a) Write an expression for the area, in  $m^2$  and the perimeter, in meters, of the field. You do not need to evaluate them.

$$\text{Area} = 10^3 \times 10^5 = 10^8 m^2$$

$$\text{Perimeter} = 10^3 + 10^5 + 10^3 + 10^5$$

$$\boxed{= 2 \times 10^5 + 2 \times 10^3}$$

b) Suppose that Old McDonald spent one billion to buy the whole area of the land. How much does the land cost for every  $m^2$ ? (Units are  $\$/m^2$ )

$$\$ 1 \text{ Billion} = \$10^9$$

$$\text{Cost every } m^2 = \$/m^2 = \frac{10^9}{10^8}$$

$$= 10^1 =$$

$$\boxed{= 10 \text{ Dollars per } m^2}$$

