

Exponents and Powers

MATHEMATICAL REASONING

1. The value of $\frac{2^{2001} + 2^{1999}}{2^{2000} - 2^{1998}}$, is _____.
 (a) 2 (b) 10 / 3
 (c) $2^{1000} + 1$ (d) 10
2. When simplified, $(x^{-1} + y^{-1})^{-1}$ is equal to _____.
 (a) $x + y$
 (b) $\frac{xy}{x + y}$
 (c) xy
 (d) $\frac{1}{xy}$
3. The value of $x + x(x^x)$ at $x = 2$ is _____.
 (a) 10 (b) 16
 (c) 18 (d) 36
4. Simplify;

$$\left(\frac{x^a}{x^b}\right)^{(a^2+b^2+ab)} \times \left(\frac{x^b}{x^c}\right)^{(b^2+c^2+cb)} \times \left(\frac{x^c}{x^a}\right)^{(c^2+a^2+ca)}$$

 (a) 1 (b) $(a + b + c)^3$
 (c) $a^2 + b^2 + c^2$ (d) 0
5. If $((6x)^6 = 6^{23})$, then find the value of x.
 (a) 1 (b) $\sqrt{6}$
 (c) $\sqrt[3]{6}$ (d) $\sqrt[6]{6}$
6. Find the value of $(0.000064)^{\frac{5}{6}} \div (0.00032)^{\frac{6}{5}}$.
 (a) 0.2 (b) 0.4
 (c) 5 (d) 2.5
7. If $x = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 \times \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{-4}$, find the value of x^2 .
 (a) $\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^{12}$ (b) $\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{12}$
 (c) $\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{12}$ (d) $\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{12}$
8. If $a^x = b^y = c^z$ and $b^2 = ac$, then y equals
 (a) $\frac{2xz}{x + z}$ (b) $\frac{xz}{2(x - z)}$
 (c) $\frac{xz}{2(z - x)}$ (d) $\frac{2xz}{(x - z)}$
9. If $\frac{10}{3} \times 3^x - 3^{x-1} = 81$, then the value of x is _____.
 (a) 2 (b) 1
 (c) 3 (d) 0
10. Which of the following values are equal?
 (P) 1^4 (Q) 4^0
 (R) 0^4 (S) 4^1
 (a) P and Q (b) Q and R
 (c) P and R (d) P and S
11. The value of $(7^{-1} - 8^{-1})^{-1} - (3^{-1} - 4^{-1})^{-1}$ is
 (a) 56 (b) 12
 (c) 68 (d) 44
12. When $5 \times 10^{-3} - 2000 \times 10^{-6}$ is expressed in standard form, we will get
 (a) 3×10^{-2} (b) 3×10^{-3}
 (c) 3×10^3 (d) 3×10^2
13. If $3^{(x-y)} = 27$ and $3^{(x+y)} = 243$, then x is equal to _____.
 (a) 0 (b) 2
 (c) 4 (d) 6

14. Number of prime factors in $(216)^{\frac{3}{5}} \times (2500)^{\frac{2}{5}} \times (300)^{\frac{1}{5}}$ is _____.
 (a) 6 (b) 9
 (c) 8 (d) None of these
15. Find x , if $\left(\frac{5}{11}\right)^{-3} \times \left(\frac{5}{11}\right)^5 = \left(\frac{5}{11}\right)^x$
 (a) 3 (b) 4
 (c) 8 (d) 2

EVERYDAY MATHEMATICS

16. The size of a red blood cell is 0.000007 m and the size of a plant cell is 0.00001275 m. Find the ratio of the size of red blood cell to that of plant cell.
 (a) 13 : 56 (b) 28 : 51
 (c) 31 : 39 (d) 22 : 31
17. Pluto is 5913000000 km away from the Sun. Express this distance in standard form.
 (a) 5.913×10^{-11} (b) 5.913×10^{-9}
 (c) 5.913×10^6 (d) 5.913×10^9
18. The cell of bacteria doubles itself after every 1 hour. How many cells will there be after 8 hours?
 (a) 200 times of the original
 (b) 2^{10} times of the original
 (c) 2^8 times of the original
 (d) 2^6 times of the original
19. At the end of the 20th century, the world's population was approximately 6.125×10^9 . Express this population in usual form.
 (a) 6.125×10^{10} (b) 6125000000
 (c) 6125×10^5 (d) 612500000
20. Weight of moon is (7.346×10^{22}) kg and weight of Earth is $5,9724 \times 10^{24}$ kg. What is the total weight of both in standard form?
 (a) 6.04×10^{24} kg (b) 7.08×10^{22} kg
 (c) 5.98×10^{24} kg (d) 6.44×10^{24} kg

ACHIEVERS SECTION (HOTS)

21. Simplify: $\frac{\left[\frac{2}{3}\right]^3 \times \left[\frac{2}{3}\right]^{-2} \times \left[\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2\right]^{-2} \times \frac{1}{24}}{\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{-5} \times \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{-12}}$
 (a) $\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{-4}$
 (b) $\frac{32}{3}$
 (c) $\frac{243}{16}$
 (d) $\frac{243}{32}$
22. Solve for y , if $\frac{\left(\frac{1}{9}\right)^{2y-1} (.0081)^{1/3}}{\sqrt{243}} = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{2y-5} \sqrt[3]{\frac{27^{y-1}}{10000}}$
 (a) $\frac{1}{2}$
 (b) $-\frac{19}{18}$
 (c) $\frac{3}{10}$
 (d) $\frac{12}{17}$
23. Fill in the blanks.
 (i) If $m^2 = 27^{2/3} \times 16^{-3/2}$, then $m =$ P.
 (ii) If $ab = 1$, then $\frac{1}{1+a^{-1}} + \frac{1}{1+b^{-1}} =$ Q.
 (iii) If $x = (8^{2/3} \cdot 32^{-2/5})$, then $x^{-5} =$ R.

	P	Q	R
(a)	5/4	0	10/7
(b)	1	1	5/16
(c)	3/8	1	1
(d)	7/8	0	7/8

24. Match the following.

Column - I	Column - II
(P) $\left(6^{-1} + \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{-1}\right)^{-1}$	(i) $-\frac{4}{13}$
(Q) $\left\{\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{-1}\right\}^{-1}$	(ii) $\frac{9}{32}$
(R) $\left[\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{-3} - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-3}\right] \div \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{-3}$	(iii) $\frac{6}{5}$
(S) $(3^{-1} \times 4^{-1}) \times \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{-3}$	(iv) $\frac{19}{64}$

- (a) (P) $\rightarrow$ (iii); (Q) $\rightarrow$ (i); (R) $\rightarrow$ (iv); (S) $\rightarrow$ (ii)
 (b) (P) $\rightarrow$ (iv); (Q) $\rightarrow$ (i); (R) $\rightarrow$ (ii); (S) $\rightarrow$ (iii)
 (c) (P) $\rightarrow$ (ii); (Q) $\rightarrow$ (iii); (R) $\rightarrow$ (iv); (S) $\rightarrow$ (i)
 (d) (P) $\rightarrow$ (iii); (Q) $\rightarrow$ (i); (R) $\rightarrow$ (ii); (S) $\rightarrow$ (iv)

25. If $a = (2^{-2} - 2^{-3})$, $b = (2^{-3} - 2^{-4})$ and $c = (2^{-4} - 2^{-2})$ then find :

- (i) $a^3 + b^3 + c^3$ (ii) $10abc$

	(i)	(ii)
(a)	9/2048	7/2048
(b)	3/1024	5/2048
(c)	-3/1024	-10/2048
(d)	-9/2048	-15/1024

ANSWER KEY

1. B	2. B	3. A	4. A	5. C
6. C	7. B	8. A	9. C	10. A
11. D	12. B	13. C	14. D	15. D
16. B	17. D	18. C	19. B	20. A
21. D	22. B	23. C	24. A	25. D

HINTS & EXPLANATIONS

1. (b) : $\frac{2^{2001} + 2^{1999}}{2^{2000} - 2^{1998}} = \frac{2^{1999}(2^2 + 1)}{2^{1998}(2^2 - 1)}$
 $= 2^{1999-1998} \left(\frac{4+1}{4-1}\right) \left[\because \frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}\right]$
 $= 2 \left(\frac{5}{3}\right) = \frac{10}{3}$

2. (b) : $(x^{-1} + y^{-1})^{-1} = \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y}\right)^{-1} = \left(\frac{x+y}{xy}\right)^{-1}$
 $= \frac{xy}{x+y} \left[\because a^{-n} = \frac{1}{a^n}\right]$

3. (a) : At $x = 2$,
 $x + x(x^x) = 2 + 2(2^2) = 2 + 2(4) = 2 + 8 = 10$

4. (a) :
 $\left(\frac{x^a}{x^b}\right)^{a^2+b^2+ab} \times \left(\frac{x^b}{x^c}\right)^{b^2+c^2+cb} \times \left(\frac{x^c}{x^a}\right)^{c^2+a^2+ca}$
 $= (x^{a-b})^{a^2+b^2+ab} \times (x^{b-c})^{b^2+c^2+cb}$
 $\times (x^{c-a})^{c^2+a^2+ca}$
 $= x^{(a-b)(a^2+b^2+ab)+(b-c)(b^2+c^2+cb)+(c-a)(c^2+a^2+ca)}$

$= x^{(a^3-b^3+b^3-c^3+c^3-a^3)} = x^0 = 1$

5. (c) : We have, $(6x)^6 = 6^2$
 $\Rightarrow x^6 = \frac{6^8}{6^6} \Rightarrow x^6 = 6^{8-6} = 6^2$
 $\Rightarrow (x^6)^{1/6} = (6^2)^{1/6} \Rightarrow x = (6)^{1/3}$

6. (c) : We have, $(0.000064)^{5/6} \div (0.00032)^{6/5}$
 $= \left(\frac{64}{1000000}\right)^{5/6} \div \left(\frac{32}{100000}\right)^{6/5}$
 $= \frac{2^5}{10^5} \div \frac{2^6}{10^6} = \frac{2^5}{10^5} \times \frac{10^6}{2^6} = \frac{10}{2} = 5$

7. (b) : We have, $x = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 \times \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{-4}$
 $= \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 \times \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^4 = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^6$
 So, $x^{-2} = \left(\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^6\right)^{-2} = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{-12} = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{12}$

8. (a) : We have, $a^x = b^y = c^z$ and $b^2 = ac$
 For $a^x = b^y \Rightarrow a^{x/y} = b^{y/y}$
 $\Rightarrow b = a^{x/y} \dots(i)$

$$\text{Also, } c^z = a^x \Rightarrow c^{z/z} = a^{x/z}$$

$$\Rightarrow c = a^{x/z} \quad \dots (ii)$$

$$\text{Now, } b^2 = ac$$

$$\Rightarrow (a^{x/y})^2 = a \times a^{x/z} \quad [\text{From (i) and (ii)}]$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{2x/y} = a^{((x/z)+1)}$$

$$\text{On comparing, we get } \frac{2x}{y} = \frac{x}{z} + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2x}{y} = \frac{x+z}{z} \Rightarrow y = \frac{2xz}{x+z}$$

$$9. \quad (c) : \text{We have, } \frac{10}{3} \times 3^x - 3^{x-1} = 81$$

$$\Rightarrow 10 \times 3^{x-1} - 3^{x-1} = 81$$

$$\Rightarrow 3^{x-1}(10-1) = 81 \Rightarrow 3^{x-1} = 81$$

$$\Rightarrow 3^{x-1} = \frac{81}{9} = 9 \Rightarrow 3^{x-1} = 3^2$$

$$\text{On comparing, we get}$$

$$x-1=2 \Rightarrow x=2+1=3$$

$$10. \quad (a) :$$

$$11. \quad (d) : \text{We have, } (7^{-1} - 8^{-1})^{-1} - (3^{-1} - 4^{-1})^{-1}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{7} - \frac{1}{8}\right)^{-1} - \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4}\right)^{-1} = \left(\frac{8-7}{56}\right)^{-1} - \left(\frac{4-3}{12}\right)^{-1}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{56}\right)^{-1} - \left(\frac{1}{12}\right)^{-1} = 56 - 12 = 44$$

$$12. \quad (b) : \text{We have, } 5 \times 10^{-3} - 2000 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$= 5 \times 10^{-3} - 2 \times 10^3 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$= 5 \times 10^{-3} - 2 \times 10^{3-6} = 5 \times 10^{-3} - 2 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$= (5-2) \times 10^{-3} = 3 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$13. \quad (c) : \text{We have, } 3^{(x-y)} = 27 \text{ or } 3^{(x-y)} = (3)^3$$

$$\therefore x-y=3 \quad \dots (i)$$

$$\text{Also, } 3^{(x+y)} = 243 \text{ or } 3^{(x+y)} = (3)^5$$

$$\therefore x+y=5 \quad \dots (ii)$$

$$\text{On adding (i) and (ii), we get}$$

$$2x=8 \Rightarrow x=4$$

$$14. \quad (d) : (216)^{3/5} = (6^3)^{3/5} = 6^{9/5}$$

$$= (2 \times 3)^{9/5} = 2^{9/5} \times 3^{9/5}$$

$$(2500)^{2/5} = (50)^{2 \times \frac{2}{5}} = (50)^{4/5}$$

$$= (5^2 \times 2)^{4/5} = 5^{8/5} \times 2^{4/5}$$

$$(300)^{1/5} = (3 \times 10^2)^{1/5} = 3^{1/5} \times 2^{2/5} \times 5^{2/5}$$

$$\therefore (216)^{3/5} \times (2500)^{2/5} \times (300)^{1/5}$$

$$= 2^{9/5} \times 3^{9/5} \times 5^{8/5} \times 2^{4/5} \times 3^{1/5} \times 2^{2/5} \times 5^{2/5}$$

$$= 2^{15/5} \times 3^{10/5} \times 5^{10/5} = 2^3 \times 3^2 \times 5^2$$

$$15. \quad (d) : \text{We have, } \left(\frac{5}{11}\right)^{-3} \times \left(\frac{5}{11}\right)^5 = \left(\frac{5}{11}\right)^x$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{5}{11}\right)^{-3+5} = \left(\frac{5}{11}\right)^x \Rightarrow \left(\frac{5}{11}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{5}{11}\right)^x$$

$$\therefore x=2$$

$$16. \quad (b) : \text{Size of red blood cell} = 0.000007 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Size of plant cell} = 0.00001275 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Required ratio} = \frac{\text{Size of Red blood cell}}{\text{Size of Plant cell}}$$

$$= \frac{0.000007}{0.00001275} = \frac{7 \times 10^{-6}}{1.275 \times 10^{-5}}$$

$$= \frac{7}{1.275} \times 10^{-6+5} = \frac{0.7}{1.275} = \frac{28}{51}$$

$$17. \quad (d) :$$

$$18. \quad (c) : \text{Let no. of cells at present be } x$$

$$\text{No. of cells after 1 hour} = 2x$$

$$\text{No. of cells after 2 hours} = 2(2x) = 4x = 2^2 x$$

$$\text{No. of cells after 3 hours} = 2(4x) = 8x = 2^3 x$$

$$\therefore \text{No. of cells after 8 hours} = 2^8 x$$

$$19. \quad (b) :$$

$$20. \quad (a) : \text{Weight of moon} = (7.346 \times 10^{22}) \text{ kg}$$

$$\text{Weight of Earth} = (5.9724 \times 10^{24}) \text{ kg}$$

$$\text{Total weight} = 7.346 \times 10^{22} + 5.9724 \times 10^{24}$$

$$= 0.07346 \times 10^{24} + 5.9724 \times 10^{24}$$

$$= (0.07346 + 5.9724) \times 10^{24}$$

$$= 6.04586 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}$$

$$21. \quad (d) : \text{We have,}$$

$$\frac{\left[\frac{2}{3}\right]^3 \times \left[\frac{2}{3}\right]^{-2} \times \left[\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2\right]^{-2} \times \frac{1}{24}}{\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{-5} \times \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{-12}}$$

$$= \frac{\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{3-2} \times \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-4} \times \frac{1}{24}}{\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{12-5}} = \frac{\frac{2}{3} \times 2^4 \times \frac{1}{24}}{\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^7}$$

$$= \frac{2^5}{3} \times \frac{1}{2^3 \times 3} \times \frac{3^7}{2^7} = \frac{3^{7-2}}{2^{7+3-5}} = \frac{3^5}{2^5} = \frac{243}{32}$$

22. (b) : We have,

$$\frac{(3^{-2})^{2y-1} (3^4 \cdot 10^{-4})^{1/3}}{3^{5/2}} = \frac{3^{-(2y-5)} \cdot 3^{3\left(\frac{y-1}{3}\right)}}{10^{4/3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3^{-4y+2+\frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{5}{2}}}{10^{4/3}} = \frac{3^{-2y+5+y-1}}{10^{4/3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3^{-4y+\frac{5}{6}} = 3^{-y+4}$$

On comparing, we get $-4y + \frac{5}{6} = -y + 4$

$$\Rightarrow -3y = 4 - \frac{5}{6} \Rightarrow -3y = \frac{24-5}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{-19}{18}$$

23. (c) : (i) We have, $m^2 = 27^{2/3} \times 16^{-3/2}$
 $\Rightarrow m^2 = (3^3)^{2/3} \times (4^2)^{-3/2} \Rightarrow m^2 = 3^2 \times 4^{-3}$

$$\Rightarrow m^2 = \frac{3^2}{4^3} = \frac{9}{64} \Rightarrow m = \frac{3}{8}$$

(ii) We have, $\frac{1}{1+a^{-1}} + \frac{1}{1+b^{-1}}$

$$= \frac{1}{1+\frac{1}{a}} + \frac{1}{1+\frac{1}{b}} = \frac{1}{\frac{a+1}{a}} + \frac{1}{\frac{b+1}{b}}$$

$$= \frac{a}{a+1} + \frac{b}{b+1} = \frac{a(b+1) + b(a+1)}{(a+1)(b+1)}$$

$$= \frac{ab + a + ab + b}{(a+1)(b+1)} = \frac{1+a+1+b}{ab+a+b+1}$$

($\because ab = 1$)

$$= \frac{1+a+1+b}{1+a+b+1} = 1$$

(iii) We have, $x = 8^{2/3} \cdot 32^{-2/5}$

$$= (2^3)^{2/3} \cdot (2^5)^{-2/5} = 2^2 \cdot 2^{-2} = 1$$

$$\therefore x^{-5} = (1)^{-5} = 1$$

24. (a) : (P) We have,

$$\left(6^{-1} + \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{-1}\right)^{-1} = \left(\frac{1}{6} + \frac{2}{3}\right)^{-1}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1+4}{6}\right)^{-1} = \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^{-1} = \frac{6}{5}$$

(Q) We have,

$$\left\{\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^{-1} - \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{-1}\right\}^{-1} = \left(\frac{3}{4} - \frac{4}{1}\right)^{-1}$$

$$= \left(\frac{3-16}{4}\right)^{-1} = \left(\frac{-13}{4}\right)^{-1} = \frac{-4}{13}$$

(R) We have, $\left[\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{-3} - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-3}\right] \div \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{-3}$

$$= (3^3 - 2^3) \div 4^3 = (27 - 8) \div 64 = \frac{19}{64}$$

(S) We have, $(3^{-1} \times 4^{-1}) \times \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{-3}$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{4}\right) \times \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^3 = \frac{1}{12} \times \frac{27}{8} = \frac{9}{32}$$

25. (d) : We have, $a = 2^{-2} - 2^{-3}$

$$= \frac{1}{2^2} - \frac{1}{2^3} = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{8} = \frac{1}{8}$$

Also, $b = 2^{-3} - 2^{-4}$

$$= \frac{1}{2^3} - \frac{1}{2^4} = \frac{1}{8} - \frac{1}{16} = \frac{1}{16}$$

And $c = 2^{-4} - 2^{-2}$

$$= \frac{1}{2^4} - \frac{1}{2^2} = \frac{1}{16} - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{-3}{16}$$

(i) $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 = \left(\frac{1}{8}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{1}{16}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{-3}{16}\right)^3$

$$= \frac{1}{512} + \frac{1}{4096} - \frac{27}{4096} = \frac{8+1-27}{4096}$$

$$= \frac{-18}{4096} = \frac{-9}{2048}$$

(ii) $10abc = 10 \left(\frac{1}{8}\right) \left(\frac{1}{16}\right) \left(\frac{-3}{16}\right) = -\frac{15}{1024}$