

# Fractional Indices

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# Examples

Workout







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Question 1: Evaluate each of the following

- (a)  $25^{\frac{1}{2}}$  (b)  $81^{\frac{1}{2}}$  (c)  $4^{\frac{1}{2}}$  (d)  $144^{\frac{1}{2}}$  (e)  $8^{\frac{1}{3}}$  (f)  $125^{\frac{1}{3}}$

- (g)  $100^{\frac{1}{2}}$  (h)  $1000^{\frac{1}{3}}$  (i)  $49^{\frac{1}{2}}$  (j)  $225^{\frac{1}{2}}$  (k)  $64^{\frac{1}{2}}$  (l)  $27^{\frac{1}{3}}$

- (m)  $216^{\frac{1}{3}}$  (n)  $64^{\frac{1}{3}}$  (o)  $16^{\frac{1}{4}}$  (p)  $1^{\frac{1}{4}}$  (q)  $81^{\frac{1}{4}}$  (r)  $625^{\frac{1}{4}}$

Question 2: Write each of the following in index form

- (a)  $\sqrt{x}$  (b)  $\sqrt{y}$  (c)  $\sqrt[3]{a}$  (d)  $\sqrt[4]{y}$  (e)  $\sqrt[6]{x}$  (f)  $\sqrt[8]{c}$

Question 3: Evaluate each of the following

- (a)  $9^{\frac{3}{2}}$  (b)  $4^{\frac{3}{2}}$  (c)  $8^{\frac{2}{3}}$  (d)  $27^{\frac{2}{3}}$  (e)  $125^{\frac{2}{3}}$  (f)  $49^{\frac{3}{2}}$

- (g)  $4^{\frac{5}{2}}$  (h)  $64^{\frac{2}{3}}$  (i)  $9^{\frac{5}{2}}$  (j)  $100^{\frac{3}{2}}$  (k)  $16^{\frac{3}{2}}$  (l)  $1000^{\frac{2}{3}}$

- (m)  $100^{\frac{5}{2}}$  (n)  $32^{\frac{2}{5}}$  (o)  $4^{\frac{7}{2}}$  (p)  $8^{\frac{5}{3}}$  (q)  $16^{\frac{3}{4}}$  (r)  $81^{\frac{3}{4}}$

- (s)  $32^{\frac{3}{5}}$  (t)  $27^{\frac{5}{3}}$  (u)  $64^{\frac{5}{6}}$  (v)  $10000^{\frac{3}{4}}$

Question 4: Write each of the following in index form

- (a)  $\sqrt{a^3}$  (b)  $\sqrt{w^5}$  (c)  $\sqrt[3]{x^2}$  (d)  $\sqrt[3]{w^4}$  (e)  $\sqrt[5]{m^2}$  (f)  $\sqrt[9]{k^4}$

Question 5: Write each of the following in the form  $9^n$ 

- (a) 81
- (b) 3
- 27 (c)

Question 6: Write each of the following in the form  $64^n$ 

- (a) 8
- (b) 4
- (c)
  - 16



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Simplify each of the following Question 7:

(a) 
$$(9x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

(b) 
$$(4x^6)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

(c) 
$$(25x^8)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

(d) 
$$(4x^3)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

(e) 
$$(8x^3)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

(a) 
$$(9x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$
 (b)  $(4x^6)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  (c)  $(25x^8)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  (d)  $(4x^3)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  (e)  $(8x^3)^{\frac{1}{3}}$  (f)  $(125x^6)^{\frac{1}{3}}$ 

Question 8: Evaluate each of the following

(a) 
$$(64x^3)^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$(9x^4)^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

(c) 
$$(27x^6)^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

(d) 
$$(4x^6)$$

(e) 
$$(16x^8)^{\frac{3}{4}}$$

(a) 
$$(64x^3)^{\frac{2}{3}}$$
 (b)  $(9x^4)^{\frac{3}{2}}$  (c)  $(27x^6)^{\frac{2}{3}}$  (d)  $(4x^6)^{\frac{5}{2}}$  (e)  $(16x^8)^{\frac{3}{4}}$  (f)  $(32x^{20})^{\frac{3}{5}}$ 

Question 9: Write each of the following as fractions

(a) 
$$8^{-\frac{2}{3}}$$

b) 
$$25^{-\frac{3}{2}}$$

(a) 
$$8^{-\frac{2}{3}}$$
 (b)  $25^{-\frac{3}{2}}$  (c)  $64^{-\frac{2}{3}}$  (d)  $4^{-\frac{5}{2}}$  (e)  $81^{-\frac{3}{4}}$  (f)  $100000^{-\frac{2}{5}}$ 

# **Apply**

Question 1: Arrange the following in order, smallest first.

$$25^{\frac{1}{2}}, 8^{\frac{2}{3}}, 27^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

Question 2: Which is the odd one out? Explain your answer.

$$64^{\frac{1}{2}}$$
,  $16^{\frac{3}{4}}$ ,  $9^{\frac{2}{3}}$ ,  $4^{\frac{3}{2}}$ 

Question 3: Work out

(a) 
$$64^{\frac{1}{3}} \times 2^3$$

(b) 
$$27^{\frac{2}{3}} \div 9^{\frac{3}{2}}$$
 (c)  $(8^{\frac{2}{3}})^2$ 

(c) 
$$(8^{\frac{2}{3}})^2$$

Question 4: Gina has completed her homework. Can you spot any mistakes?

#### Question 1

Work out  $9^{\frac{1}{2}}$ 

#### Question 2

Work out  $27^{\frac{2}{3}}$ 

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Answers



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