

**CHAPTER – 12**  
**EXPONENTS AND POWERS**

**EXERCISE – 12.1**

**Question – 1** Evaluate.

(i)  $3^{-2}$

(ii)  $(4)^{-2}$

(iii)  $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-5}$

Answer:

(i) Formula:

$$(a)^{-m} = \frac{1}{a^m}$$

By using above formula in question:

$$(3)^{-2} = \frac{1}{3^2} = \frac{1}{9}$$

(ii) Formula:

$$(a)^{-m} = \frac{1}{a^m}$$

By using above formula in question:

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

(iii) Formula:

$$(a)^{-m} = \frac{1}{a^m}$$

By using above formula in question:

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-5} = 2^5 = 32$$

**Question – 2** Simplify and express the result in power notation with positive exponent.

(i)  $(-4)^5 \div (-4)^8$

(ii)  $\left(\frac{1}{2^3}\right)$

(iii)  $(-3)^4 \times \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^4$

(iv)  $(3^{-7} \div 3^{-10}) \times 3^{-5}$

(v)  $2^{-3} \times (-7)^{-3}$

Answer:

(i) Formula:  $a^m \div a^n = a^{(m-n)}$

By using above formula in question:

$$(-4)^5 \div (-4)^8$$

$$= (-4)^{5-8}$$

$$= (-4)^{-3}$$

$$= 1/(-4)^3$$

$$= -1/64$$

(ii) Formula:  $(a^m)^n = a^{mn}$

By using above formula in question:

$$\left(\frac{1}{2^3}\right)^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2^6}$$

$$= \frac{1}{64}$$

(iii) Formula:  $- a^m \times b^m = (a \times b)^m$

Using this formula:

$$\begin{aligned}
& (-3)^4 \times \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^4 \\
&= \left(-3 \times \frac{5}{3}\right)^4 \\
&= (-5)^4 \\
&= -5 \times (-5) \times (-5) \times (-5) \\
&= 3125
\end{aligned}$$

(iv) Formula:  $a^m \div a^n = a^{(m-n)}$

$$a^m \times a^n = a^{\{m+n\}}$$

By using above formula in question:

$$\begin{aligned}
& (3^{-7} \div 3^{-10}) \times 3^{-5} \\
&= (3^{(-7+10)}) \times 3^{-5} \\
&= 3^3 \times 3^{-5} \\
&= 3^{(3-5)} \\
&= 3^{-2} \\
&= 1/3^2 \\
&= 1/9
\end{aligned}$$

$$(v) 2^{-3} \times (-7)^{-3}$$

By using the formula,

$$\begin{aligned}
& a^m \times b^m = (a \times b)^m \\
&= (2 \times (-7))^{-3} \\
&= (-14)^{-3} \\
&= \frac{1}{(-14)^{-3}}
\end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{-14 \times (-14) \times (-14)} = -\frac{1}{2744}$$

**Question – 3** Find the value of.

(i)  $(3^0 + 4^{-1}) \times 2^2$

(ii)  $(2^{-1} \times 4^{-1}) \div 2^{-2}$

(iii)  $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-2} + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{-2} + \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{-2}$

(iv)  $(3^{-1} + 4^{-1} + 5^{-1})^0$

(v)  $\left\{\left(\frac{-2}{3}\right)^{-2}\right\}^2$

Answer:

(i) Formula:

$$A^0 = 1$$

$$(a)^{-m} = \frac{1}{a^m}$$

By using above formula in question:

$$(3^0 + 4^{-1}) \times 2^2 = (1 + 1/4) \times 2^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (3^0 + 4^{-1}) \times 2^2 = (5/4) \times 4$$

$$\Rightarrow (3^0 + 4^{-1}) \times 2^2 = 5$$

(ii) Formula:

$$(a)^{-m} = \frac{1}{a^m}$$

$$a^m \times a^n = a^{\{m+n\}}$$

By using above formula in question:

$$(2^{-1} \times 4^{-1}) \div 2^{-2} = (2^{-1} \times 2^{-2}) \div 2^{-2}$$

$$\Rightarrow (2^{-1} \times 4^{-1}) \div 2^{-2} = (2^{-1-2}) \div 2^{-2}$$

$$\Rightarrow (2^{-1} \times 4^{-1}) \div 2^{-2} = (2^{-3}) \div 2^{-2}$$

$$\Rightarrow (2^{-1} \times 4^{-1}) \div 2^{-2} = 2^{-3+2}$$

$$\Rightarrow (2^{-1} \times 4^{-1}) \div 2^{-2} = 2^{-1} = 1/2$$

(iii) Formula:

$$(a)^{-m} = \frac{1}{a^m}$$

By using above formula in question:

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-2} + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{-2} + \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{-2} = 2^2 + 3^2 + 4^2$$

$$\rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-2} + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{-2} + \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{-2} = 4 + 9 + 16 = 29$$

(iv) Formula:

$$(a)^{-m} = \frac{1}{a^m}$$

$$(a)^0 = 1$$

By using above formula in question:

$$(3^{-1} + 4^{-1} + 5^{-1})$$

Since anything raised to the power 0 = 1

(v) Formula:

$$(a^m)^n = a^{mn}$$

By using above formula in question:

$$\rightarrow \left\{\left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)^{-2}\right\}^2 = \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)^4$$

$$= \frac{-3 \times -3 \times -3 \times -3}{2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2}$$

$$= \frac{81}{16}$$

**Question – 4** Evaluate

(i)  $\frac{8^{-1} \times 5^3}{2^{-4}}$

(ii)  $(5^{-1} \times 2^{-1}) \times 6^{-1}$

Answer:

(i) Formula

$$a^m/a^n = a^{(m-n)}$$

$$a^m \times a^n = a^{(m+n)}$$

By using above formula in question:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{8^{-1} \times 5^3}{2^{-4}} \\ &= \frac{2^{-3} \times 5^3}{2^{-4}} \\ &= \frac{5^3}{2^{-1}} \frac{8^{-1} \times 5^3}{2^{-4}} \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \times \frac{1}{\frac{1}{16}} \times 5^3 \\ &= \frac{16}{8} \times 5^3 \\ &= 5^3 \times 2 \\ &= 125 \times 2 \\ &= 250 \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Formula:

$$(a)^{-m} = \frac{1}{a^m}$$

$$(a^m)^n = a^{mn}$$

By using above formula in question:

$$(5^{-1} \times 2^{-1}) \times 6^{-1} = \frac{1}{5} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\rightarrow (5^{-1} \times 2^{-1}) \times 6^{-1} = \frac{1}{60}$$

**Question – 5** Find the value of m for which  $5^m \div 5^{-3} = 5^5$ .

Answer:

Formula:

$$\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{(m-n)}$$

$$a^m \times a^n = a^{(m+n)}$$

$$a^n = a^m, \text{ then } n = m$$

By using above formula in question:

$$5^m \div 5^{-3} = 5^5$$

$$\frac{5^m}{5^{-3}} = 5^5$$

$$\Rightarrow 5^{m - (-3)} = 5^5$$

$$\Rightarrow 5^{m+3} = 5^5$$

$$\Rightarrow m + 3 = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow m = 2$$

**Question – 6** Evaluate

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

$$(ii) \left( \frac{5}{8} \right)^{-7} \times \left( \frac{8}{5} \right)^{-4}$$

Answer:

(i) Formula:

$$(a)^{-m} = \frac{1}{a^m}$$

By using above formula in question:

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

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

(ii) Formula:

$$(a)^{-m} = \frac{1}{a^m}$$

$$a^m \times a^n = a^{(m+n)}$$

By using above formula in question:

$$\left\{ \left( \frac{5}{8} \right)^{-7} \times \left( \frac{8}{5} \right)^{-7} \right\} = \left\{ \left( \frac{5}{8} \right)^{-7} \times \left( \frac{5}{8} \right)^4 \right\}$$

$$\rightarrow \left\{ \left( \frac{5}{8} \right)^{-7} \times \left( \frac{8}{5} \right)^{-7} \right\} = \left\{ \left( \frac{5}{8} \right)^{-7+4} \right\}$$

$$\rightarrow \left\{ \left( \frac{5}{8} \right)^{-7} \times \left( \frac{8}{5} \right)^{-7} \right\} = \left\{ \left( \frac{5}{8} \right)^{-3} \right\}$$

$$\rightarrow \left\{ \left( \frac{5}{8} \right)^{-7} \times \left( \frac{8}{5} \right)^{-7} \right\} = \left\{ \left( \frac{8}{5} \right)^3 \right\} = \frac{512}{125}$$

## Question - 7

Simplify

$$(i) \frac{25 \times t^{-4}}{5^{-3} \times 10 \times t^{-8}} \quad (t \neq 0)$$

$$(ii) \frac{3^{-5} \times 10^{-5} \times 125}{5^{-7} \times 6^{-5}}$$

Answer:

(i) Formula:

$$\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{(m-n)}$$

$$(a)^{-m} = \frac{1}{a^m}$$

$$a^m \times a^n = a^{(m+n)}$$

By using above formula in question:

$$= \frac{25 \times t^{-4}}{5^{-3} \times 10 \times t^{-8}} \quad (t \neq 0)$$

$$= \frac{5^2 \times t^{-4}}{5^{-3} \times 2 \times 5 \times t^{-8}}$$

$$= \frac{5^{2+3-1} \times t^{-4+8}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{5^4 \times t^4}{2} = \frac{625}{2} t^4$$

(ii) Formula:

$$\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{(m-n)}$$

$$(a)^{-m} = \frac{1}{a^m}$$

$$a^m \times a^n = a^{(m+n)}$$

By using above formula in question:

$$\frac{3^{-5} \times 10^{-5} \times 125}{5^{-7} \times 6^{-5}}$$

$$= \frac{3^{-5} \times (2 \times 5)^{-5} \times 5^3}{5^{-7} \times (2 \times 3)^{-5}}$$

$$= \frac{3^{-5+5} \times (5)^{5+7+3}}{(2)^0}$$

$$= 5^5$$

$$= 3125$$

## EXERCISE – 12.2

**Question – 1** Express the following numbers in standard form.

(i) 0.00000000000085

(ii) 0.000000000000942

(iii) 6020000000000000

(iv) 0.00000000837

(v) 31860000000

Answer:

(i)  $0.00000000000085 = 85 \times 10^{-13} = 8.5 \times 10^{-12}$

(ii)  $0.000000000000942 = 942 \times 10^{-14} = 9.42 \times 10^{-12}$

(iii)  $6020000000000000 = 602 \times 10^{13} = 6.02 \times 10^{15}$

(iv)  $0.00000000837 = 837 \times 10^{-11} = 8.37 \times 10^{-9}$

(v)  $31860000000 = 3186 \times 10^7 = 3.186 \times 10^{10}$

**Question – 2** Express the following numbers in usual form.

(i)  $3.02 \times 10^{-6}$

(ii)  $4.5 \times 10^4$

(iii)  $3 \times 10^{-8}$

(iv)  $1.0001 \times 10^9$

(v)  $5.8 \times 10^{12}$

(vi)  $3.61492 \times 10^6$

Answer:

We know by simple indices that:

$a^m = a \times a \times a \times a \dots \dots \dots m \text{ times}$

So,  $2^5 = 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2$

And also that

$$(a)^{-m} = \frac{1}{a \times a \times a \dots m \text{ times}}$$

(i)

$$3.02 \times 10^{-6} = 3.02 \times \frac{1}{1000000}$$

*Place the decimal behind the digit of 3.02 up to how many zeroes are there in denominator*

$$3.02 \times 10^{-6} = 0.00000302$$

(ii)

$$4.5 \times 10^4 = 4.5 \times 10000$$

*Now place the decimal after the digits up to the number of zeroes*

$$4.5 \times 10^4 = 45000$$

$$(iii) \quad 3 \times 10^{-8} = 3/100000000 = .00000003$$

$$(iv) \quad 1.001 \times 10^9 = 1.0001 \times 1000000000 = 1000100000$$

$$(v) \quad 5.8 \times 10^{12} = 5.8 \times 1000000000000 = 5800000000000$$

$$(vi) \quad 3.61492 \times 10^6 = 3.61492 \times 1000000 = 3614920$$

**Question – 3** Express the number appearing in the following statements in standard form.

$$(i) \quad 1 \text{ micron is equal to } \frac{1}{10000000} m$$

$$(ii) \quad \text{Charge of an electron is } 0.000,000,000,000,000,000,16 \text{ coulomb.}$$

$$(iii) \quad \text{Size of a bacteria is } 0.0000005 m$$

$$(iv) \quad \text{Size of a plant cell is } 0.00001275 m$$

$$(v) \quad \text{Thickness of a thick paper is } 0.07 \text{ mm}$$

Answer:

(i)  $1 \text{ Micron} = 10^{-6} \text{ m}$

(ii)  $0.000,000,000,000,000,000,16 \text{ Coulomb}$

$$= 16/1000000000000000000$$

$$= 16 \times 10^{-18} = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ Coulomb}$$

(iii)  $0.0000005 \text{ m}$

$$= 5/10000000 = 5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}$$

(iv)  $0.00001275 \text{ m}$

$$= 1275/100000000 = 1275 \times 10^{-8}$$

$$= 1.275 \times 10^{-5}$$

(v)  $0.07 \text{ mm}$

$$= 7/100 \text{ mm} = 7 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mm}$$

**Question – 4** In a stack there are 5 books each of thickness 20 mm and 5 paper sheets each of thickness 0.016 mm. What is the total thickness of the stack?

Answer:

Thickness of 1 book = 20 mm

Thickness of 5 books =  $5 \times 20 \text{ mm} = 100 \text{ mm}$

Thickness of 1 page = 0.016 mm

Thickness of 5 pages =  $5 \times 0.016 = 0.08 \text{ mm}$

Total Thickness = Thickness of 5 books + Thickness of 5 pages

Total Thickness =  $100 + 0.08$

Total Thickness = 100.08 mm