Class 7-Mathematics

Instructions for students: The notes provided must be copied to the Maths copy and then do the homework in the same copy.

Chapter 4

EXPONENTS

LAWS OF EXPONENTS:

1. If 'a' is any natural number and 'm' and 'n' are natural numbers, then $a^m \times a^n = a^{m+n}$

e.g. $3^6 \times 3^4 = 3^{6+4} = 3^{10}$

2. If 'a' is any (non- zero) natural number and 'm' and 'n' are natural numbers, then

$$\frac{\frac{a^m}{a^n}}{a^n} = a^{m-n}$$
e. g. $\frac{3^6}{3^4} = 3^{6-4} = 3^2$

3. If 'a' is any (non-zero) natural number then

a⁰ = 1 e.g. 4⁰ = 1

If 'a' is any (non- zero) natural number and 'm' and 'n' are natural numbers, then

 $(a^m)^n = a^{m \times n}$ e.g. $(3^2)^3 = 3^{2 \times 3} = 3^6$

5. If a and b are rational numbers and n is a natural number, then

$$a^n \times b^n = (ab)^n$$

e.g $2^5 \times 3^5 = (2 \times 3)^5 = 6^5$

6. If a and b are rational numbers and n is a natural number, then

$$\frac{a^n}{b^n} = \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^n$$

e.
$$g \frac{2^5}{3^5} = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^5$$

7. If 'a' is any (non-zero) natural number and 'n' is a natural number, then

$$a^{-n} = \frac{1}{a^n}$$

e.g. $3^{-5} = \frac{1}{3^5}$

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

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

$$a^{0} = 1$$

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

$$a^{n} \times b^{n} = (ab)^{n}$$

$$\frac{a^{n}}{b^{n}} = \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{n}$$

$$a^{-n} = \frac{1}{a^{n}}$$

Exercise 4.2

4. iii) Simplify and write in the exponential form:

$$[(6^{2})^{3} \div 6^{3}] \times 6^{3} = [6^{2\times3} \div 6^{3}] \times 6^{3} \quad ((a^{m})^{n} = a^{m\times n})$$

$$= [6^{6} \div 6^{3}] \times 6^{3}$$

$$= [6^{6-3}] \times 6^{3} \qquad (\frac{a^{m}}{a^{n}} = a^{m\cdot n})$$

$$= 6^{3} \times 6^{3}$$

$$= 6^{6}$$
6. ii) $\frac{(3^{2})^{3} \times (-2)^{5}}{(-2)^{3}} = \frac{(3)^{2\times3} \times (-2)^{5}}{(-2)^{3}}$

$$= \frac{(3)^{6} \times (-2)^{5}}{(-2)^{3}}$$

$$= (3)^{6} \times (-2)^{2}$$

$$= (3)^{6} \times (-2)^{2}$$

$$= (3)^{6} \times 2^{2}$$
v) $(2^{0} + 3^{0}) 4^{0} = (1+1) \times 1 \qquad (a^{0} = 1)$

$$= 2 \times 1 = 2$$

7. iii) Express $-\frac{343}{729}$ in the exponential form.

$$\frac{343}{729} = -\frac{7^3}{9^3} = \left(-\frac{7}{9}\right)^3$$

8. i) Simplify: $\frac{(2^5)^2 \times 7^3}{8^3 \times 7}$

$$\frac{(2^5)^2 \times 7^3}{8^3 \times 7} = \frac{2^{5 \times 2} \times 7^3}{(2^3)^3 \times 7}$$
$$2^{5 \times 2} \times 7^3$$

$$-2^{3\times3}\times7$$

$$= \frac{2^{29} \times 7^{6}}{2^{9} \times 7}$$

 $= 2^{10-9} \times 7^{3-1}$

$$= 2^1 \times 7^2$$

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Complete Exercise 4.2 Questions 1 to 8 in the Maths copy.