

## Fractional Exponents Regents Practice

**For Multiple Choice, Use Multiple Choice Strategy!!!!!!**

*\*put parenthesis around the root*

1. Given  $y > 0$ , the expression  $\sqrt{3x^2y} \cdot \sqrt[3]{27x^3y^2}$  is equivalent to

- 1)  $81x^5y^3$  *2.7E10*      3)  $3^{\frac{5}{2}}x^2y^{\frac{5}{3}}$  *142218...*  
 2)  $3^{15}x^2y$  *7744...*      4)  $3^{\frac{3}{2}}x^2y^{\frac{7}{6}}$  *12240...*

2. The expression  $\left(\frac{m^2}{m^{\frac{1}{3}}}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$  is equivalent to

- 1)  $-\sqrt[6]{m^5}$  *-6.81...*      3)  $-m\sqrt[5]{m}$  *-15.84...*  
 2)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt[6]{m^5}}$  *.146...*      4)  $\frac{1}{m\sqrt[5]{m}}$  *.063...*

3. Which equation is equivalent to  $P = 210x^{\frac{4}{3}}y^{\frac{7}{3}}$

- 1)  $P = \sqrt[3]{210x^4y^7}$  *71059...*      3)  $P = 210xy^2(\sqrt[3]{xy})$  *2510530.87*  
 2)  $P = 70xy^2(\sqrt[3]{xy})$  *836843...*      4)  $P = 210xy^2(\sqrt[3]{x^3y^5})$  *431076066.4*

4. For  $x \geq 0$ , which equation is false?

- 1)  $(x^{\frac{3}{2}})^2 = \sqrt[4]{x^3}$  *1000 = 5.6... X*  
 2)  $(x^3)^{\frac{1}{4}} = \sqrt[4]{x^3}$  *5.6 = 5.6... ✓*  
 3)  $(x^{\frac{3}{2}})^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt[4]{x^3}$  *5.6 = 5.6... ✓*  
 4)  $(x^{\frac{2}{3}})^2 = \sqrt[3]{x^4}$  *21 = 21... ✓*

5. For  $x \neq 0$ , which expressions are equivalent to one divided by the sixth root of  $x$ ?

$\frac{1}{\sqrt[6]{x}} = .68...$

- .68...*  
 I.  $\frac{\sqrt[6]{x}}{\sqrt[3]{x}}$     II.  $\frac{x^{\frac{1}{6}}}{x^{\frac{1}{3}}}$     III.  $x^{-\frac{1}{6}}$  *.68...*

- 1) I and II, only      3) II and III, only  
 2) I and III, only      4) I, II, and III

Express the following in simplest form, with a rational exponent.

6.  $a^5 \sqrt{a^4}$

$1 + \frac{4}{5} = \frac{9}{5}$   
 $a(a^{\frac{4}{5}})$   
 $a^{\frac{9}{5}}$

7.  $2xy^2 \sqrt[3]{x^2y}$

$2xy^2(x^{\frac{2}{3}}y^{\frac{1}{3}})$   
 $(2x^{\frac{5}{3}}y^{\frac{7}{3}})$

Radicals are Fractional Exponents  
 Get rid of parentheses  
 Negative exponents are fractions

Clean it up  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{multiply} \\ \text{divide/reduce} \\ \text{evaluate} \end{array} \right.$

8.  $\frac{\sqrt[3]{x^2} \cdot \sqrt[2]{x^5}}{\sqrt[6]{x^1}}$

$\frac{x^{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot x^{\frac{5}{2}}}{x^{\frac{1}{6}}}$   
 $\frac{x^{\frac{14}{6}}}{x^{\frac{1}{6}}} = x^3$

9.  $\frac{x \sqrt{x^3}}{\sqrt[3]{x^5}}$

$1 + \frac{2}{3} = \frac{5}{3}$   
 $2 + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{7}{3}$   
 $\frac{x^{\frac{5}{3}}(x^{\frac{3}{3}})}{x^{\frac{7}{3}}}$   
 $\frac{x^{\frac{8}{3}}}{x^{\frac{7}{3}}} = x^{\frac{1}{3}}$   
 $\frac{5}{2} - \frac{5}{3} = \frac{5}{6}$

$\frac{2}{3} + \frac{5}{2}$   
 $\frac{14}{6} + \frac{15}{6}$   
 $\frac{29}{6}$

Express the following in simplest radical form:

10.  $\frac{x^{\frac{1}{5}}}{x^{\frac{1}{2}}}$

$\frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{2} = -\frac{3}{10}$

$= x^{-\frac{3}{10}}$

$\frac{1}{x^{\frac{3}{10}}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt[10]{x^3}}$

11.  $\left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right)^{\frac{3}{4}}$

$\frac{1}{x^{\frac{3}{2}}}$   
 $\frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{x^{\frac{3}{2}}}}$   
 $\frac{1}{x^{\frac{3}{2}}}$   
 $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x^3}}$

12.  $\frac{2x^{\frac{3}{2}}}{(16x^4)^{\frac{1}{4}}}$

$\sqrt[4]{16} = 2$

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

13.  $\frac{(x^2y^4)^{\frac{1}{3}}}{xy}$

$\frac{x^{\frac{2}{3}}y^{\frac{4}{3}}}{x^1y^1}$   
 $\frac{x^{-\frac{1}{3}}y^{\frac{1}{3}}}{1}$

$\frac{y^{\frac{1}{3}}}{x^{\frac{1}{3}}}$   
 $\frac{2}{3} - 1 = -\frac{1}{3}$   
 $\frac{4}{3} - 1 = \frac{1}{3}$   
 $\frac{\sqrt[3]{y}}{\sqrt[3]{x}}$

$$4 - \frac{2}{3} = \frac{10}{3}$$

$$5 - \frac{17}{2} = -\frac{7}{2}$$

Determine the value of n in each of the following equations:

14.  $\frac{\sqrt[3]{x^8}}{(x^4)^{\frac{1}{3}}} = x^n$

15.  $\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{y^2}}\right)y^4 = y^n$

16.  $\left(\frac{y^{\frac{17}{8}}}{y^{\frac{5}{4}}}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = y^n$

$$\frac{8}{3} - \frac{4}{3} = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\frac{x^{\frac{8}{3}}}{x^{\frac{4}{3}}} = x^n$$

$$\frac{4}{3} = n$$

$$x^{\frac{4}{3}} = x^n$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{y^{\frac{2}{3}}}\right)(y^4) = y^n$$

$$y^{\frac{10}{3}} = y^n$$

$$\frac{10}{3} = n$$

$$\frac{y^{-\frac{17}{8}}}{y^{-\frac{5}{4}}} = y^n$$

$$\frac{y^5}{y^{\frac{17}{4}}} = y^n$$

$$y^{\frac{7}{4}} = y^n$$

$$\frac{7}{4} = n$$

17. Kenzie believes that for  $x \geq 0$ , the expression  $(\sqrt[7]{x^2})(\sqrt[5]{x^3})$  is equivalent to  $\sqrt[35]{x^6}$ . Is she correct? Justify your response algebraically.

$$\frac{2}{7} + \frac{3}{5} = \frac{31}{35}$$

$$(x^{\frac{2}{7}})(x^{\frac{3}{5}}) \neq x^{\frac{6}{35}}$$

$$x^{\frac{31}{35}} \neq x^{\frac{6}{35}}$$

No!

18. Justify why  $\frac{\sqrt[3]{x^2y^5}}{\sqrt[4]{x^3y^4}}$  is equivalent to  $x^{\frac{-1}{12}}y^{\frac{2}{3}}$  using properties of rational exponents, where  $x \neq 0$  and  $y \neq 0$ .

$$\frac{2}{3} - \frac{3}{4} = \frac{-1}{12}$$

$$\frac{5}{3} - 1 = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\frac{(x^2y^5)^{\frac{1}{3}}}{(x^3y^4)^{\frac{1}{4}}} = \frac{x^{\frac{2}{3}}y^{\frac{5}{3}}}{x^{\frac{3}{4}}y^1} = x^{-\frac{1}{12}}y^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

19. For  $n$  and  $p > 0$ , is the expression  $\left(p^2n^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)^8 \sqrt[2]{p^5n^4}$  equivalent to  $p^{18}n^6\sqrt[2]{p}$ ? Justify your answer.

$$(p^2n^{\frac{1}{2}})^8 (p^5n^4)^{\frac{1}{2}} = p^{18}n^6p^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$(p^{16}n^4)(p^{\frac{5}{2}}n^2) = p^{18}n^6p^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$p^{\frac{37}{2}}n^6 = p^{\frac{37}{2}}n^6 \text{ yes!}$$

$$16 + \frac{5}{2} = \frac{37}{2}$$

$$18 + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{37}{2}$$

