

**Section A:** Place the letter which corresponds to the correct answer in the space at the right. (5 Marks)

1. Evaluate:  $8^{-\frac{1}{3}}$  1. C

- (A)  $-\frac{8}{3}$  (B)  $-2$  (C)  $\frac{1}{2}$  (D)  $-\frac{1}{2}$

2. Which is equivalent to  $\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{-4}$ ? 2. A

- (A)  $\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^4$  (B)  $\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^4$  (C)  $\left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}}$  (D)  $\left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}}$

3. Simplify:  $(6xy^3)(3x^5y^2)$  3. D

- (A)  $9x^5y^6$  (B)  $9x^6y^5$  (C)  $18x^5y^6$  (D)  $18x^6y^5$

4. What is  $5x^{-1}$  written with positive exponents? 4. C

- (A)  $5x$  (B)  $\frac{1}{5x}$  (C)  $\frac{5}{x}$  (D)  $-5x$

5. Simplify:  $\frac{15y^7}{5y^{-2}}$  5. D

- (A)  $12y^9$  (B)  $12y^5$  (C)  $3y^5$  (D)  $3y^9$

**Section B:** Constructed Response (28 Marks)

Answer all of the following questions showing all work.

6. Evaluate each power without using a calculator: (3 Marks)

<p>A) <math>49^{-\frac{1}{2}}</math></p> $\left(\frac{1}{49}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{49}} = \frac{1}{7}$	<p>B) <math>16^{-\frac{5}{4}}</math></p> $\left(\frac{1}{16}\right)^{\frac{5}{4}} = \left(\sqrt[4]{\frac{1}{16}}\right)^5 = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^5 = \frac{1}{32}$	<p>C) <math>\left(\frac{25}{36}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}</math></p> $\left(\frac{36}{25}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{36}{25}} = \frac{6}{5}$
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7. Simplify the following, writing all answers with positive exponents. (20 Marks)

(A)  $\left(\frac{x^{-2}y^5}{xy^7}\right)^3$  [4]

$$= \frac{1}{x^9y^6}$$

(B)  $\frac{(6x^3)^2}{3x^{-1}}$  [3]

$$= 12x^7$$

$$(C) \frac{12x^{\frac{1}{2}}}{18x^{-\frac{5}{2}}} \quad [3]$$

$$= \frac{2}{3}x^3$$

$$(D) m^4 n^{-2} \cdot m^2 n^3 \quad [2]$$

$$= m^6 n$$

$$(E) \frac{9^{\frac{7}{4}} \cdot 9^{-\frac{1}{4}}}{9^{\frac{3}{2}}} \quad [4]$$

$$= 1$$

$$(F) \left( \frac{c^{10} m^6}{36c^{-8} m^{-2}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad [4]$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} c^9 m^4$$

8. Use the formula  $v = 0.155s^{\frac{5}{3}}f^{-\frac{7}{6}}$  to estimate the speed of a dinosaur when  $s = 1.5$  and  $f = 0.3$ . (2 Marks)

$$v = 1.2$$

9. Identify any errors in the solution below and then write a correct solution. (3 marks)

$$\frac{10x^2y^3}{2x^5y^{-2}} = 8x^{2-5}y^{3-2}$$

errors

$$= 8x^{-3}y^1$$

$$= \frac{8y}{x^3}$$

Correct Answer:

$$= 5x^{2-5}y^{3+2}$$

$$= 5x^{-3}y^5$$

$$= \frac{5y^5}{x^3}$$