# TB(2B) Ch. 8 Laws of integral indices Conventional Questions

# 1. [11-12 S. Test 2]

Solve 
$$5^x - 3 = \frac{16}{5^x + 3}$$
. (3 marks)

#### 2. [11-12 S. Test 2]

Simplify the followings and express your answers with positive indices.

(a) 
$$\frac{(a^{10}b^8)^0}{(a^2b^3)^{-1}\times(ab)^2}$$
 (3 marks)

**(b)** 
$$\frac{1^n}{2n} \div \left(\frac{2n^2m^{-5}}{m^2}\right)^{-2}$$
 (3 marks)

# 3. [11-12 Final exam #3]

Simplify 
$$4a^0 \times \left(\frac{a^{-3}}{b}\right)^2$$
. Express your answer with positive indices. (3 marks)

# 4. [11-12 Final exam #9]

(a) Show that 
$$2\sqrt{6}(3+\sqrt{6})^2 = 30\sqrt{6}+72$$
. (1 mark)

**(b)** Hence, or otherwise, solve 
$$\left(3 + \sqrt{6}\right)^{n+1} = \frac{2\sqrt{6}}{30\sqrt{6} + 72}$$
 for  $n$ . (3 marks)

# 5. [12-13 S6 Mid-year Exam, 1]

Simplify  $\frac{a^3b^{-4}}{(2a^{-2}b)^3}$  and express your answer with positive indices. (3 marks)

# 6. [12-13 S2 S. Test 2, 2]

Express 13.1<sub>16</sub> as a denary number with working steps. (2 marks)

#### 7. [12-13 S2 S. Test 2, 3]

How many seconds are there in 10 weeks? Express your answer in scientific notation and correct it to 3 significant figures. (2 marks)

#### 8. [12-13 S2 S. Test 2, 6]

Simplify the following expressions and express your answers with positive indices.

(a) 
$$\frac{\left(a^2b^5\right)^{-3}}{-a^{-4}b^{-1}} \div \left(\frac{a^3b^{-2}}{3}\right)^2$$
 (3 marks)

**(b)** 
$$\left(\frac{2^{3n+1}}{8^{-n} \cdot 4^{2+n}}\right)^{-2}$$
, where *n* is a negative integer. (3 marks)

### [12-13 S2 S. Test 2, 8]

Solve 
$$\begin{cases} 3^{2y-x} - \frac{1}{3} = 0 \\ 5^{2x-y+3} = \sqrt{5} \end{cases}$$
 for  $x$  and  $y$ . (3 marks)

#### 10. [12-13 S.2 Final Exam, 2]

(a) Solve 
$$8^{x-3} = \frac{1}{2}$$
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# 11. [13-14 S.2 S.Test, 2]

Without using a calculator, find the value of  $60 \times 10^{-2014} - 2 \times 10^{-2013}$  and express your answer in scientific notation. (2 marks)

#### 12. [13-14 S.2 S.Test, 5]

Simplify 
$$\frac{(-5x^{-2}y^3)^{-2}}{(x-y)^0(2x^2y^{-3})^3}$$
 and express the answer with positive indices. (3 marks)

# 13. [13-14 S.2 S.Test, 7]

Solve 
$$(3^{2^{n-1}}+1)(3^{2^{n-1}}-1)=80$$
 for  $n$ . (3 marks)

## 14. [13-14 Final Exam, #3]

(a) Simplify 
$$\frac{(a^2b^{-3})^2}{(2a^{-2}b^2)^{-3}}$$
 and express the answer with positive indices. (2 marks)

**(b)** Solve 
$$5^{n+1} \cdot 5^{3n} = 1$$
 for  $n$ . **(2 marks)**

#### **15.** [14-15 Standardized Test #4]

It is given that the storage of the harddisk is 2 TB and a digital song occupies 4 MB. Assume that 1 TB =  $2^{20}$  MB, how many digital songs can the harddisk store? Round off your answer to 3 significant figures and express it in scientific notations. (2 marks)

#### **16.** [14-15 Standardized Test #8]

Solve 
$$\left(-3^{2n-3}\right)^{-1} + \frac{21}{9^{n-1}} = 2$$
. (3 marks)

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# 17. [14-15 S.6 Mock Exam #1]

Simplify 
$$b^{12} \left( \frac{3a^{-4}}{b^5} \right)^{-2}$$
 and express your answer with positive indices. (3 marks)

#### 18. [14-15 Final Exam #12]

(a) Simplify 
$$\left(\frac{-2a^3b}{3ab^3}\right)^{-4}$$
 and express the answer with positive indices. (2 marks)

**(b)**Solve 
$$9 \cdot 2^{2x} + 4^x = 40$$
. **(2 marks)**

# 19. [15-16 Final Exam #9]

Simplify 
$$\left(\frac{4x^{-2}y}{-7x^0y^{-5}}\right)^{-4}$$
 and express the answer with positive indices. (2 marks)

# 20. [15-16 S.6 Mock Exam #1]

Simplify 
$$\frac{b^{-4}}{(a^{-3}b^4)^2}$$
 and express your answer with positive indices. (3 marks)

# **21.** [15-16 Standardized Test #2]

Simplify 
$$\frac{a^{-3}b^{-1} \times (-2a^2b^{-3})^2}{(3a^{-1}b^2)^{-1}}$$
 and express the answer with positive indices. (3 marks)

#### **22.** [15-16 Standardized Test #3]

Find the value of  $3 \times 10^{2013} + 6 \times 10^{2015}$  without using a calculator, and express the answer in scientific notation. (2 marks)

# 23. [15-16 Standardized Test #6]

Solve the equation 
$$9^x + 26 \times 9^{-1} = 3^{2x+3}$$
. (2 marks)

#### 24. [16-17 S.6 Mock Exam #1]

Simplify 
$$\frac{\left(a^{-4}b^{3}\right)^{5}}{a^{3}b^{-4}}$$
 and express your answer with positive indices. (3 marks)