



# O Level Maths

## Topic: Laws of Indices

### Instructions

Answer all questions. Show working where necessary. Use the laws of indices to simplify and solve the given expressions.

### Practice Problems

Use the laws of indices to simplify the following expressions:

1.  $x^3 \times x^2$

2.  $\frac{y^4}{y^2}$

3.  $(2a^3)^2$

4.  $\frac{5x^6}{x^3}$

5.  $(x^2 \times y^3)^2$

6.  $\frac{a^5}{a^2} \times a^3$

7.  $\frac{(3x^2)^3}{x^4}$

8.  $(2x^3)^2 \times x^4$

### Word Problems

1. Simplify the expression for the volume  $V$  of a cube where  $V = s^3$ , and  $s = 2x^2$ .
2. A population of bacteria grows according to the equation  $P = P_0 \times 2^t$ , where  $P_0$  is the initial population and  $t$  is the time in hours. If  $P_0 = 5$ , find the population after 3 hours.
3. The area of a square is given by the expression  $A = s^2$ , where  $s = 3x$ . Find the area in terms of  $x$ .

## Multiple-Choice Questions

1. Simplify the expression:  $x^4 \times x^2$ .
  - A.  $x^6$
  - B.  $x^2$
  - C.  $x^8$
  - D.  $x^3$
2. Simplify:  $\frac{2x^5}{x^2}$ .
  - A.  $2x^3$
  - B.  $2x^7$
  - C.  $2x^2$
  - D.  $2x^5$
3. Simplify the expression:  $(3x^2)^3$ .
  - A.  $9x^6$
  - B.  $27x^6$
  - C.  $27x^3$
  - D.  $6x^6$
4. Which of the following is the simplified form of  $\frac{y^3 \times y^2}{y^4}$ ?
  - A.  $y$
  - B.  $y^6$
  - C.  $y^5$
  - D. 1

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