

## EXERCISE 5A

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## 1. Write each of the following in power notation:

i.  $(5/7) \times (5/7) \times (5/7) \times (5/7)$

**Solution:-**

The product of rational number multiplied several times by itself can be expressed in the power notations as,

$$(5/7)^4$$

ii.  $(-4/3) \times (-4/3) \times (-4/3) \times (-4/3) \times (-4/3)$

**Solution:-**

The product of rational number multiplied several times by itself can be expressed in the power notations as,

$$(-4/3)^5$$

iii.  $(-1/6) \times (-1/6) \times (-1/6)$

**Solution:-**

The product of rational number multiplied several times by itself can be expressed in the power notations as,

$$(-1/6)^3$$

iv.  $(-8) \times (-8) \times (-8) \times (-8) \times (-8)$

**Solution:-**

The product of rational number multiplied several times by itself can be expressed in the power notations as,

$$(-8)^5$$

## 2. Express each of the following in power notation:

i.  $(25/36)$

**Solution:-**

We have,

$$25 = 5 \times 5 = (5)^2$$

$$36 = 6 \times 6 = (6)^2$$

Then,

$$= (5^2/6^2)$$

$$\therefore (5/6)^2$$

ii.  $(-27/64)$

**Solution:-**

We have,

$$-27 = -3 \times -3 \times -3 = (-3)^3$$

$$64 = 4 \times 4 \times 4 = (4)^3$$

Then,

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$$= (-3^3/4^3)$$

$$\therefore (-3/4)^3$$

iii. **(-32/243)****Solution:-**

We have,

$$-32 = -2 \times -2 \times -2 \times -2 \times -2 = (-2)^5$$

$$243 = 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 = (3)^5$$

Then,

$$= (-2^5/3^5)$$

$$\therefore (-2/3)^5$$

iv. **(-1/128)****Solution:-**

We have,

$$-1 = -1 \times -1 \times -1 \times -1 \times -1 \times -1 \times -1 = (-1)^7$$

$$128 = 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 = (2)^7$$

Then,

$$= (-1^7/2^7)$$

$$\therefore (-1/2)^7$$

**3. Express each of the following a rational number:**i. **(2/3)<sup>5</sup>****Solution:-**

We have,

$$(2/3)^5 = (2^5/3^5)$$

$$= (2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2) / (3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3)$$

$$= (32/243)$$

ii. **(-8/5)<sup>3</sup>****Solution:-**

We have,

$$(-8/5)^3 = (-8^3/5^3)$$

$$= (-8 \times -8 \times -8) / (5 \times 5 \times 5)$$

$$= (-512/125)$$

iii. **(-13/11)<sup>2</sup>****Solution:-**

We have,

$$(-13/11)^2 = (-13^2/11^2)$$

$$= (-13 \times -13) / (11 \times 11)$$

$$= (169/121)$$

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iv.  $(1/6)^3$

**Solution:-**

We have,

$$\begin{aligned}(1/6)^3 &= (1^3/6^3) \\ &= (1 \times 1 \times 1) / (6 \times 6 \times 6) \\ &= (1/216)\end{aligned}$$

v.  $(-1/2)^5$

**Solution:-**

We have,

$$\begin{aligned}(-1/2)^5 &= (-1^5/2^5) \\ &= (-1 \times -1 \times -1 \times -1 \times -1) / (2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2) \\ &= (-1/32)\end{aligned}$$

vi.  $(-4/7)^3$

**Solution:-**

We have,

$$\begin{aligned}(-4/7)^3 &= (-4^3/7^3) \\ &= (-4 \times -4 \times -4) / (7 \times 7 \times 7) \\ &= (-64/343)\end{aligned}$$

vii.  $(-1)^9$

**Solution:-**

We have,

$$\begin{aligned}(-1)^9 &= (-1^9) \\ &= (-1 \times -1 \times -1 \times -1 \times -1 \times -1 \times -1 \times -1 \times -1) \\ &= (-1)\end{aligned}$$

## 4. Express each of the following as a rational number:

i.  $(4)^{-1}$

**Solution:-**

We have:

$$\begin{aligned}(4)^{-1} &= (4/1)^{-1} \\ &= (1/4)^1 \\ &= (1/4)\end{aligned}$$

... [ $\because (a/b)^{-n} = (b/a)^n$ ]

ii.  $(-6)^{-1}$

**Solution:-**

We have:

$$\begin{aligned}(-6)^{-1} &= (-6/1)^{-1} \\ &= (1/-6)^1 \\ &= (-1/6)\end{aligned}$$

... [ $\because (a/b)^{-n} = (b/a)^n$ ]

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iii.  $(1/3)^{-1}$

**Solution:-**

We have:

$$\begin{aligned}(1/3)^{-1} &= (-6/1)^{-1} \\ &= (3/1)^1 \\ &= 3\end{aligned}$$

... [ $\because (a/b)^{-n} = (b/a)^n$ ]

iv.  $(-2/3)^{-1}$

**Solution:-**

We have:

$$\begin{aligned}(-2/3)^{-1} &= (-2/3)^{-1} \\ &= (3/-2)^1 \\ &= (-3/2)\end{aligned}$$

... [ $\because (a/b)^{-n} = (b/a)^n$ ]

## 5. Find the reciprocal of each of the following:

i.  $(3/8)^4$

**Solution:-**We know that the reciprocal of  $(a/b)^m$  is  $(b/a)^m$ 

Then,

Reciprocal of  $(3/8)^4$  is  $(8/3)^4$ 

ii.  $(-5/6)^{11}$

**Solution:-**We know that the reciprocal of  $(a/b)^m$  is  $(b/a)^m$ 

Then,

Reciprocal of  $(-5/6)^{11}$  is  $(-6/5)^{11}$ 

iii.  $(6)^7$

**Solution:-**We know that the reciprocal of  $(a/b)^m$  is  $(b/a)^m$ 

Then,

Reciprocal of  $(6)^7$  is  $(1/6)^7$ 

iv.  $(-4)^3$

**Solution:-**We know that the reciprocal of  $(a/b)^m$  is  $(b/a)^m$ 

Then,

Reciprocal of  $(-4)^3$  is  $(-1/4)^3$ 

## 6. Find the value of each of the following:

i.  $8^0$

**Solution:-**By definition, we have  $a^0 = 1$  for every integer.

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$$\therefore 8^0 = 1$$

ii.  $(-3)^0$

**Solution:-**

By definition, we have  $a^0 = 1$  for every integer.

$$\therefore (-3)^0 = 1$$

iii.  $4^0 + 5^0$

**Solution:-**

By definition, we have  $a^0 = 1$  for every integer.

$$\therefore 4^0 + 5^0$$

$$= 1 + 1$$

$$= 2$$

iv.  $6^0 \times 7^0$

**Solution:-**

By definition, we have  $a^0 = 1$  for every integer.

$$\therefore 6^0 \times 7^0$$

$$= 1 \times 1$$

$$= 1$$

7. Simplify each of the following and express each as a rational number:

i.  $(3/2)^4 \times (1/5)^2$

**Solution:-**

We have,

$$(3^4/2^4) = (3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3) / (2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2) = (81/16)$$

$$(1^2/5^2) = (1 \times 1) / (5 \times 5) = (1/25)$$

Then,

$$= (81/16) \times (1/25)$$

$$= (81 \times 1) / (16 \times 25)$$

$$= (81/400)$$

ii.  $(-2/3)^5 \times (-3/7)^3$

**Solution:-**

We have,

$$(-2^5/3^5) = (-2 \times -2 \times -2 \times -2 \times -2) / (3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3) = (-32/243)$$

$$(-3^3/7^3) = (-3 \times -3 \times -3) / (7 \times 7 \times 7) = (-27/343)$$

Then,

$$= (-32/243) \times (-27/343)$$

$$= (-32 \times -27) / (243 \times 343)$$

By simplifying,

$$= (-32 \times -1) / (9/343)$$

$$= (32/3087)$$

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iii.  $(-1/2)^5 \times 2^3 \times (3/4)^2$

**Solution:-**

We have,

$$(-1^5/2^5) = (-1 \times -1 \times -1 \times -1 \times -1) / (2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2) = (-1/32)$$

$$(2)^3 = (2 \times 2 \times 2) = 8$$

$$(3^2/4^2) = (3 \times 3) / (4 \times 4) = (9/16)$$

Then,

$$= (-1/32) \times 8 \times (9/16)$$

$$= (-1 \times 8 \times 9) / (32 \times 1 \times 16)$$

By simplifying,

$$= (-1 \times 1 \times 9) / (32 \times 1 \times 2)$$

$$= (-9/64)$$

iv.  $(2/3)^2 \times (-3/5)^3 \times (7/2)^2$

**Solution:-**

We have,

$$(2^2/3^2) = (2 \times 2) / (3 \times 3) = (4/9)$$

$$(-3/5)^3 = (-3 \times -3 \times -3) / (5 \times 5 \times 5) = (-27/125)$$

$$(7^2/2^2) = (7 \times 7) / (2 \times 2) = (49/4)$$

Then,

$$= (4/9) \times (-27/125) \times (49/4)$$

$$= (4 \times -27 \times 49) / (9 \times 125 \times 4)$$

On simplifying,

$$= (1 \times -3 \times 49) / (1 \times 125 \times 1)$$

$$= (-147/125)$$

v.  $\{(-3/4)^3 - (-5/2)^3\} \times 4^2$

**Solution:-**

We have,

$$= \{(-3^3/4^3) - (-5^3/2^3)\} \times 16$$

$$= \{(-27/64) - (-125/8)\} \times 16$$

First we find the difference of  $\{(-27/64) - (-125/8)\}$ 

LCM of 64 and 8 is 64

$$= (-27 \times 1) / (64 \times 1) = (-27/64)$$

$$= (125 \times 8) / (8 \times 8) = (1000/64)$$

$$= (1000 - (-27))/64$$

$$= (1000 + 27)/64$$

$$= (973/64)$$

$$= (973/64) \times 16$$

$$= (973/4)$$

**8. Simplify and express each as a rational number:**

i.  $(4/9)^6 \times (4/9)^{-4}$

RS Aggarwal Solutions for Class 7 Maths chapter 5  
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We have,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (4/9)^{(6+(-4))} \\
 &= (4/9)^{(6-4)} \\
 &= (4/9)^2 \\
 &= (4^2/9^2) \\
 &= (16/81)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\dots [(a/b)^m \times (a/b)^n] = (a/b)^{m+n}$$

ii.  $(-7/8)^{-3} \times (-7/8)^2$

**Solution:-**

We have,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (-7/8)^{(-3+2)} \\
 &= (-7/8)^{(-1)} \\
 &= (-8/7)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\dots [(a/b)^m \times (a/b)^n] = (a/b)^{m+n}$$

iii.  $(4/3)^{-3} \times (4/3)^{-2}$

**Solution:-**

We have,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (4/3)^{(-3+(-2))} \\
 &= (4/3)^{(-3-2)} \\
 &= (4/3)^{-5} \\
 &= (3/4)^5 \\
 &= (3^5/4^5) \\
 &= 243/1024
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\dots [(a/b)^m \times (a/b)^n] = (a/b)^{m+n}$$

**9. Express each of the following as a rational number:**

i.  $5^{-3}$

**Solution:-**

We know that,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (5)^{-3} = (1/5)^3 \\
 &= (1^3/5^3) \\
 &= (1/125)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\dots [\because (a/b)^{-n} = (b/a)^n]$$

ii.  $(-2)^{-5}$

**Solution:-**

We know that,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (-2)^{-5} = (-1/2)^5 \\
 &= (-1^5/2^5) \\
 &= (-1/32)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\dots [\because (a/b)^{-n} = (b/a)^n]$$

iii.  $(1/4)^{-4}$

**Solution:-**

We know that,

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (1/4)^{-4} = (4/1)^4 \\
 &= (4^4/1^4) \\
 &= (256/1) \\
 &= 256
 \end{aligned}$$

... [ $\because (a/b)^{-n} = (b/a)^n$ ]

iv.  $(-3/4)^{-3}$

**Solution:-**

We know that,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (-3/4)^{-3} = (-4/3)^3 \\
 &= (-4^3/3^3) \\
 &= (-64/27)
 \end{aligned}$$

... [ $\because (a/b)^{-n} = (b/a)^n$ ]

v.  $(-3)^{-1} \times (1/3)^{-1}$

**Solution:-**

We know that,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (-3)^{-1} = (-1/3)^1 \\
 &= (1/3)^{-1} = (3/1)^1 \\
 &= (-1/3) \times (3/1) \\
 &= (-1 \times 3) / (3 \times 1) \\
 &= (-3/3) \\
 &= -1
 \end{aligned}$$

... [ $\because (a/b)^{-n} = (b/a)^n$ ]

... [ $\because (a/b)^{-n} = (b/a)^n$ ]

vi.  $(5/7)^{-1} \times (7/4)^{-1}$

**Solution:-**

We know that,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (5/7)^{-1} = (7/5)^1 \\
 &= (7/4)^{-1} = (4/7)^1 \\
 &= (7/5) \times (4/7) \\
 &= (7 \times 4) / (5 \times 7)
 \end{aligned}$$

... [ $\because (a/b)^{-n} = (b/a)^n$ ]

... [ $\because (a/b)^{-n} = (b/a)^n$ ]

On simplifying,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (1 \times 4) / (5 \times 1) \\
 &= 4/5
 \end{aligned}$$

vii.  $(5^{-1} - 7^{-1})^{-1}$

**Solution:-**

We know that,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (5)^{-1} = (1/5)^1 \\
 &= (7)^{-1} = (1/7)^1
 \end{aligned}$$

... [ $\because (a/b)^{-n} = (b/a)^n$ ]

... [ $\because (a/b)^{-n} = (b/a)^n$ ]

Now subtract,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \{(1/5) - (1/7)\}^{-1} \\
 &= \{(7-5)/35\}^{-1} \\
 &= \{2/35\}^{-1} \\
 &= \{35/2\}
 \end{aligned}$$

... [LCM of 5 and 7 is 35]



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viii.  $\{(4/3)^{-1} - (1/4)^{-1}\}^{-1}$

**Solution:-**

We know that,

$$= (4/3)^{-1} = (3/4)^1$$

$$= (1/4)^{-1} = (4/1)^1$$

Now subtract,

$$= \{(3/4) - (4/1)\}^{-1}$$

$$= \{(3-16)/4\}^{-1}$$

$$= \{-13/4\}^{-1}$$

$$= \{-4/13\}$$

$$\dots [\because (a/b)^{-n} = (b/a)^n]$$

$$\dots [\because (a/b)^{-n} = (b/a)^n]$$

$$\dots [\text{LCM of 4 and 1 is 4}]$$

ix.  $\{(3/2)^{-1} \div (-2/5)^{-1}\}$

**Solution:-**

We know that,

$$= (3/2)^{-1} = (2/3)^1$$

$$= (-2/5)^{-1} = (-5/2)^1$$

Now divide,

$$= \{(2/3) \div (-5/2)\}^{-1}$$

$$= \{(2/3) \times (-2/5)\}^{-1}$$

$$= \{(2 \times -2) / (3 \times 5)\}^{-1}$$

$$= \{-4/15\}$$

$$\dots [\because (a/b)^{-n} = (b/a)^n]$$

$$\dots [\because (a/b)^{-n} = (b/a)^n]$$

x.  $(23/25)^0$

**Solution:-**

$$= (23/25)^0 = 1$$

Because, by definition, we have  $a^0 = 1$  for every integer.

## EXERCISE 5B

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## 1. Express each of the following numbers in standard form:

i. 538

**Solution:-**

A given number is said to be in standard form if it can be expressed as  $k \times 10^n$ , where  $k$  is a real number such that  $1 \leq k < 10$  and  $n$  is a positive integer.

Then,

$$538 = 5.38 \times 10^2$$

ii. 6428000

**Solution:-**

A given number is said to be in standard form if it can be expressed as  $k \times 10^n$ , where  $k$  is a real number such that  $1 \leq k < 10$  and  $n$  is a positive integer.

Then,

$$6428000 = 6.428 \times 10^6$$

iii. 82934000000

**Solution:-**

A given number is said to be in standard form if it can be expressed as  $k \times 10^n$ , where  $k$  is a real number such that  $1 \leq k < 10$  and  $n$  is a positive integer.

Then,

$$82934000000 = 8.2934 \times 10^{10}$$

iv. 940000000000

**Solution:-**

A given number is said to be in standard form if it can be expressed as  $k \times 10^n$ , where  $k$  is a real number such that  $1 \leq k < 10$  and  $n$  is a positive integer.

Then,

$$940000000000 = 9.4 \times 10^{11}$$

v. 23000000

**Solution:-**

A given number is said to be in standard form if it can be expressed as  $k \times 10^n$ , where  $k$  is a real number such that  $1 \leq k < 10$  and  $n$  is a positive integer.

Then,

$$23000000 = 2.3 \times 10^7$$

## 2. Express each of the following numbers in standard form:

i. Diameter of Earth = 12756000 m

**Solution:-**

A given number is said to be in standard form if it can be expressed as  $k \times 10^n$ , where  $k$  is a real number such that  $1 \leq k < 10$  and  $n$  is a positive integer.

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Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Diameter of Earth} &= 12756000 \text{ m} \\ &= (1.2156 \times 10^7) \text{ m} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{in standard form})$$

ii. **Distance between Earth and Moon = 384000000 m**

**Solution:-**

A given number is said to be in standard form if it can be expressed as  $k \times 10^n$ , where  $k$  is a real number such that  $1 \leq k < 10$  and  $n$  is a positive integer.

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Distance between Earth and Moon} &= 384000000 \text{ m} \\ &= (3.84 \times 10^8) \text{ m} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{in standard form})$$

iii. **Population of India in March 2001 = 1027000000**

**Solution:-**

A given number is said to be in standard form if it can be expressed as  $k \times 10^n$ , where  $k$  is a real number such that  $1 \leq k < 10$  and  $n$  is a positive integer.

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Population of India in March 2001} &= 1027000000 \\ &= (1.027 \times 10^9) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{in standard form})$$

iv. **Number of stars in a galaxy = 100000000000**

**Solution:-**

A given number is said to be in standard form if it can be expressed as  $k \times 10^n$ , where  $k$  is a real number such that  $1 \leq k < 10$  and  $n$  is a positive integer.

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Number of stars in a galaxy} &= 100000000000 \\ &= (1 \times 10^{11}) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{in standard form})$$

v. **The present age of universe = 12000000000 years**

**Solution:-**

A given number is said to be in standard form if it can be expressed as  $k \times 10^n$ , where  $k$  is a real number such that  $1 \leq k < 10$  and  $n$  is a positive integer.

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{The present age of universe} &= 12000000000 \\ &= (1.2 \times 10^{10}) \text{ years} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{in standard form})$$

## EXERCISE 5C

Mark tick against the correct answer in each of the following:

1.  $(6^{-1} - 8^{-1})^{-1} = ?$

- (a)
- $(-1/2)$
- (b)
- $-2$
- (c)
- $(1/24)$
- (d)
- $24$

Solution:-

(D)  $24$

We know that,

$$= (6)^{-1} = (1/6)^1$$

$$= (8)^{-1} = (1/8)^1$$

... [ $\because (a/b)^{-n} = (b/a)^n$ ]

... [ $\because (a/b)^{-n} = (b/a)^n$ ]

Now subtract,

$$= \{(1/6) - (1/8)\}^{-1}$$

$$= \{(4-3)/24\}^{-1}$$

$$= \{1/24\}^{-1}$$

$$= \{24/1\}$$

$$= 24$$

... [LCM of 6 and 8 is 24]

2.  $(5^{-1} \times 3^{-1})^{-1}$

- (a)
- $(1/15)$
- (b)
- $(-1/15)$
- (c)
- $15$
- (d)
- $-15$

Solution:-

(c)  $15$

We know that,

$$= (5)^{-1} = (1/5)^1$$

$$= (3)^{-1} = (1/3)^1$$

... [ $\because (a/b)^{-n} = (b/a)^n$ ]

... [ $\because (a/b)^{-n} = (b/a)^n$ ]

Now multiply,

$$= \{(1/5) \times (1/3)\}^{-1}$$

$$= \{(1 \times 1) / (5 \times 3)\}^{-1}$$

$$= \{1/15\}^{-1}$$

$$= \{15/1\}$$

$$= 15$$

3.  $(2^{-1} - 4^{-1})^2$

- (a)
- $4$
- (b)
- $-4$
- (c)
- $(1/16)$
- (d)
- $(-1/16)$

Solution:-

(c)  $(1/16)$

We know that,

$$= (2)^{-1} = (1/2)^1$$

$$= (4)^{-1} = (1/4)^1$$

... [ $\because (a/b)^{-n} = (b/a)^n$ ]

... [ $\because (a/b)^{-n} = (b/a)^n$ ]

Now subtract,

$$= \{(1/2) - (1/4)\}^2$$

$$= \{(2-1)/4\}^2$$

$$= \{1/4\}^2$$

$$= \{1^2/4^2\}$$

... [LCM of 2 and 4 is 4]

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$$= \{1/16\}$$

4.  $(1/2)^{-2} + (1/3)^{-2} + (1/4)^{-2} = ?$   
(a) 61/144                      (b) 29

Solution:-

(b) 29

We know that,

$$= (1/2)^{-2} = (2/1)^2$$

$$= (1/3)^{-2} = (3/1)^2$$

$$= (1/4)^{-2} = (4/1)^2$$

Now add,

$$= (2)^2 + (3)^2 + (4)^2$$

$$= 4 + 9 + 16$$

$$= 29$$

(c) (144/61)

(d) none of these

$$\dots [\because (a/b)^{-n} = (b/a)^n]$$

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$$\dots [\because (a/b)^{-n} = (b/a)^n]$$

5.  $\{6^{-1} + (3/2)^{-1}\}^{-1}$   
(a) 2/3                              (b) 5/6

Solution:-

(c) 6/5

We know that,

$$= (6)^{-1} = (1/6)$$

$$= (3/2)^{-1} = (2/3)$$

Now add,

$$= \{(1/6) + (2/3)\}^{-1}$$

$$= \{(1+4)/6\}^{-1}$$

$$= \{5/6\}^{-1}$$

$$= \{6/5\}$$

(c) 6/5

(d) None of these

$$\dots [\because (a/b)^{-n} = (b/a)^n]$$

$$\dots [\because (a/b)^{-n} = (b/a)^n]$$

... [LCM of 6 and 3 is 6]

6.  $(-1/2)^{-6} = ?$   
(a) -64                              (b) 64

Solution:-

(b) 64

We know that,

$$= (-1/2)^{-6} = (-2/1)^6$$

$$= (-2)^6$$

$$= 64$$

(c) (1/64)

(d) (-1/64)

$$\dots [\because (a/b)^{-n} = (b/a)^n]$$

7.  $\{(3/4)^{-1} - (1/4)^{-1}\}^{-1} = ?$   
(a) 3/8                              (b) -3/8

Solution:-

(b) -3/8

We know that,

$$= (3/4)^{-1} = (4/3)^1$$

(c) 8/3

(d) -8/3

$$\dots [\because (a/b)^{-n} = (b/a)^n]$$

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$$= (1/4)^{-1} = (4/1)^1$$

Now subtract,

$$= \{(4/3) - (4/1)\}^{-1}$$

$$= \{(4-12)/3\}^{-1}$$

$$= \{-8/3\}^{-1}$$

$$= \{-3/8\}$$

$$\dots [\because (a/b)^{-n} = (b/a)^n]$$

\dots [LCM of 3 and 1 is 3]

8.  $\{[(-1/2)^2]^{-2}\}^{-1}=?$

(a)  $(1/16)$

(b) 16

(c)  $(-1/16)$

(d) -16

Solution:-

$$\{[(-1/2)^2]^{-2}\}^{-1} = \{[(-1^2/2^2)]^{-2}\}^{-1}$$

$$= \{[1/4]^{-2}\}^{-1}$$

$$= \{[4]^{-2}\}^{-1}$$

$$= [16]^{-1}$$

$$= [1/16]$$

9.  $(5/6)^0=?$

(a)  $5/6$

(b) 0

(c) 1

(d) none of these

Solution:-

$$(5/6)^0 = 1$$

By definition, we have  $a^0 = 1$  for every integer.

10.  $(2/3)^{-5}=?$

(a)  $(32/243)$

(b)  $(243/32)$

(c)  $(-32/243)$

(d)  $(-243/32)$

Solution:-

$$(2/3)^{-5} = (3/2)^5$$

$$= (3^5/2^5)$$

$$= (243/32)$$