



CREST Mathematics Olympiad (CMO) Worksheet *for*

Class 8



Topic

Exponents and Powers



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Worksheet on Exponents and Powers

1. What is the multiplicative inverse of the following expression?

$$\left[\left(-\frac{2}{3} \right)^{-\frac{4}{3}} \right]^{\frac{9}{2}}$$

- a. $\frac{64}{729}$
- b. $\frac{128}{729}$
- c. $\frac{729}{64}$
- d. $\frac{729}{128}$

2. Which of the following exponents in expanded form represents the number 5629.354?

- a. $5 \times 10^4 + 6 \times 10^3 + 2 \times 10^2 + 9 \times 10^1 + 3 \times 10^{-1} + 5 \times 10^{-2} + 4 \times 10^{-3}$
- b. $5 \times 10^4 + 6 \times 10^3 + 2 \times 10^2 + 9 \times 10^{-1} + 3 \times 10^{-2} + 5 \times 10^{-3} + 4 \times 10^{-4}$
- c. $5 \times 10^3 + 6 \times 10^2 + 2 \times 10^1 + 9 \times 10^0 + 3 \times 10^{-1} + 5 \times 10^{-2} + 4 \times 10^{-3}$
- d. $5 \times 10^3 + 6 \times 10^2 + 2 \times 10^1 + 9 \times 10^{-1} + 3 \times 10^{-2} + 5 \times 10^{-3} + 4 \times 10^{-4}$

3. Simplify the following expression: $(-\frac{7}{3})^{-2} \times (\frac{7}{9})^2 \div (\frac{2}{7})^{-2} \times 42$

- a. $\frac{4}{21}$
- b. $\frac{21}{4}$
- c. $\frac{8}{21}$
- d. $\frac{21}{8}$

4. What is the value of 'p' if $11^{2p+11} = \frac{1}{1331}$?

- a. 7
- b. -7
- c. 11
- d. -11


5. What is the area of a rectangle in standard form whose length is 17×10^5 m and breadth is 1.7×10^4 m?

- a. $2.89 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}^2$
- b. $2.89 \times 10^9 \text{ m}^2$
- c. $2.89 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}^2$
- d. $2.89 \times 10^{10} \text{ m}^2$

Answer Key

1. $a^{-64/729}$

Explanation:



$$\begin{aligned} &= \left[\left(-\frac{2}{3} \right)^{-\frac{4}{3}} \right]^{\frac{9}{2}} \\ &= \left(-\frac{2}{3} \right)^{-\frac{4}{3} \times \frac{9}{2}} \\ &= \left(-\frac{2}{3} \right)^{-6} \\ &= \left(-\frac{3}{2} \right)^6 \\ &= \frac{(-3)^6}{2^6} \\ &= \frac{(-3) \times (-3) \times (-3) \times (-3) \times (-3) \times (-3)}{2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2} \\ &= \frac{729}{64} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the multiplicative inverse of $\frac{729}{64}$ is $\frac{64}{729}$

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2. $c - 5 \times 10^3 + 6 \times 10^2 + 2 \times 10^1 + 9 \times 10^0 + 3 \times 10^{-1} + 5 \times 10^{-2} + 4 \times 10^{-3}$

Explanation: The expanded form of 5629.354

$$= 5 \times 10^3 + 6 \times 10^2 + 2 \times 10^1 + 9 \times 10^0 + 3 \times 10^{-1} + 5 \times 10^{-2} + 4 \times 10^{-3}$$


3. $c - \frac{8}{21}$

Explanation:


$$\begin{aligned} &= \left(-\frac{7}{3}\right)^{-2} \times \left(\frac{7}{9}\right)^2 \div \left(\frac{2}{7}\right)^{-2} \times 42 \\ &= \left(-\frac{3}{7}\right)^2 \times \left(\frac{7}{9}\right)^2 \div \left(\frac{7}{2}\right)^2 \times 2 \times 3 \times 7 \\ &= \left(-\frac{3}{7}\right)^2 \times \left(\frac{7}{9}\right)^2 \div \left(\frac{2}{7}\right)^2 \times 2 \times 3 \times 7 \\ &= \frac{(-3)^2 \times 7^2 \times 2^2}{7^2 \times (3^2)^2 \times 7^2} \times 2 \times 3 \times 7 \\ &= \frac{3^2 \times 7^2 \times 2^2 \times 2 \times 3 \times 7}{7^2 \times (3^4) \times 7^2} \\ &= 3^{2+1-4} \times 7^{2+1-2-2} \times 2^{2+1} \\ &= 3^{-1} \times 7^{-1} \times 2^3 \\ &= \frac{2^3}{3 \times 7} \\ &= \frac{8}{21} \end{aligned}$$


4. $b - (-7)$

Explanation:


$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow 11^{2p+11} &= \frac{1}{1331} \\ \Rightarrow 11^{2p+11} &= \left(\frac{1}{11}\right)^3 \\ \Rightarrow 11^{2p+11} &= 11^{-3} \\ \Rightarrow 2p + 11 &= -3 \\ \Rightarrow 2p &= -3 - 11 \\ \Rightarrow 2p &= -14 \\ \Rightarrow p &= \frac{-14}{2} \\ \Rightarrow p &= -7 \end{aligned}$$

5. d - $2.89 \times 10^{10} \text{ m}^2$

Explanation:



Length = $17 \times 10^5 \text{ m}$
Breadth = $1.7 \times 10^4 \text{ m}$
Area of a rectangle = Length \times Breadth
 $= 17 \times 10^5 \text{ m} \times 1.7 \times 10^4 \text{ m}$
 $= 17 \times 1.7 \times 10^5 \times 10^4 \text{ m}^2$
 $= 17 \times \frac{17}{10} \times 10^{5+4} \text{ m}^2$
 $= \frac{17^2}{10} \times 10^9 \text{ m}^2$
 $= 289 \times 10^{9-1} \text{ m}^2$
 $= 289 \times 10^8 \text{ m}^2$

The standard form of a number is a representation where the number is expressed as the product of a decimal number between 1.0 and 10.0 (including 1.0 and excluding 10.0) multiplied by a power of 10.

Area of a rectangle in standard form = $289 \times 10^8 \text{ m}^2 \times \frac{100}{100}$
 $= \frac{289}{100} \times 10^8 \times 10^2 \text{ m}^2$
 $= 2.89 \times 10^{8+2} \text{ m}^2$
 $= 2.89 \times 10^{10} \text{ m}^2$

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