

Exponential Expressions and Equations

Level 1 – 2

1. Complete the following by writing on the dotted line

a) $4^x = 2$

b) $\frac{1}{6^x} = 6$

c) $5^{.....} = 1$

d) $7^x \cdot 7^2 = 7$

e) $3^2 \div 3^x = 3$

f) $(2^x)^3 = 2$

g) $3^{.....} \cdot 4^x = 12^x$

h) $2^x + 2^x = 2^{.....}$

i) $\frac{1}{4^x} = 2$

2. Expand and simplify

a) $3^x(3^{x+1} - 1)$

b) $3^x(3^{-x} - 3)$

c) $(3^x - 2)(3^x + 1)$

Level 3 – 4

3. Simplify the following

a) $4^x + 2^{2x}$

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b) $3^{6x} + 9^{3x} + 27^{2x}$

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4. Solve the following

a) $3^{x+1} = 27$

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b) $2^x = 1/4$

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c) $7^{2-x} = 1$

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5. Factorise the following

a) $3^{x+2} + 3^x$

b) $2^x - 4^x$

c) $5^{3x+2} + 5^{2x+1} + 5^{x+1}$

Level 5 – 6

6. Factorise the following

a) $25^x - 9^x$

b) $1 - 4^x$

c) $3^{2x} + 5 \cdot 3^x - 14$

7. Simplify the following

a) $\frac{2^x - 4^x}{1 - 2^x}$

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b) $\frac{3^{x+1} - 3^{x-1}}{3^x + 3^{x+1}}$

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c) $\frac{7^{x+1} - 21^x}{7^x}$

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8. Solve the following

a) $3^{x+1} = 9^{2-x}$

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b) $4^x = 2 \cdot 8^x$

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c) $\left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^{1-x} = 25^x$
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Level 7 – 8

9. Solve the following

a) $16^x + 2^{2x+1} - 24 = 0$
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b) $6^x - 2^{x+1} - 3^x - 2 = 0$
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c) $2^x + 2^{-x} = \frac{5}{2}$
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10. For the following cases what can you say about the values of A and B ? Clearly justify your answers.

a) $4^x + A \cdot 2^x + B = 0$ has no solutions
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b) $4^x + A \cdot 2^x + B = 0$ has one solution
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c) $4^x + A \cdot 2^x + B = 0$ has two solutions
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