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Class



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# Powers and roots

(9 – 1) Topic booklet

## Foundation

These questions have been collated from previous years GCSE Mathematics papers.

**You must have:** Ruler graduated in centimetres and millimetres, protractor, pair of compasses, pen, HB pencil, eraser.

Total Marks

### Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- Fill in the **boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided  
– *there may be more space than you need.*
- Diagrams are NOT accurately drawn, unless otherwise indicated.
- You must **show all your working out**.
- If the question is a 1F question you are not allowed to use a calculator.
- If the question is a 2F or a 3F question, you may use a calculator to help you answer.

### Information

- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets  
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

### Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

**Answer ALL questions**  
**Write your answers in the space provided.**  
**You must write down all the stages in your working.**

1 Work out the value of  $2^4$

$$2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2$$

16

June 2017 – Paper 1F

(Total for Question 1 is 1 mark)

2 Work out  $3^2$

$$3 \times 3$$

9

November 2022 – 1F

(Total for Question 2 is 1 mark)

3 Find  $\sqrt{1.44}$



1.2

November 2018 – Paper 3F

(Total for Question 3 is 1 mark)

3 Work out the value of  $3^5$



$$3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3$$

243

May 2018 – Paper 2F

(Total for Question 3 is 1 mark)

3 Here is a list of numbers

4 7 9 25 27 31 64

$3^3$



From the numbers in the list, write down a cube number.

27

Sample 1 – Paper 2F

(Total for Question 3 is 1 mark)

4 Work out  $2.5^2$



6.25

May 2020 – Paper 3F

(Total for Question 4 is 1 mark)

4 Here is a list of numbers.

4 6 9 10 15 27 30 40

$3^2$

$3^3$



From the list, write down all the numbers that are powers of 3

27, 9

June 2019 – Paper 3F

(Total for Question 4 is 1 mark)

4 Find the value of  $5^4$



$5 \times 5 \times 5 \times 5$

625

Specimen 2 – Paper 2F

(Total for Question 4 is 1 mark)

4 Work out the cube root of 64



4

November 2018 – Paper 2F

(Total for Question 4 is 1 mark)

4 Find the value of  $\sqrt{17.64}$



4.2

November 2019 – Paper 2F

(Total for Question 4 is 1 mark)

5 Write down the value of  $7^2$

$7 \times 7$

49

November 2021 – Paper 1F

(Total for Question 5 is 1 mark)

5 Work out  $2^3$

$2 \times 2 \times 2$

8

(1)

November 2018 – Paper 1F

(Total for Question 5 is 1 mark)

5 Find the square root of 64

8

May 2024 – Paper 1F

(Total for Question 5 is 1 mark)

5 Here is a list of numbers.

3   4   9   18   27   30   36

$3^3$

From the numbers in the list, write down a cube number.



27

May 2020 – Paper 2F

(Total for Question 5 is 1 mark)

5 Find the value of  $6^5$

$6 \times 6 \times 6 \times 6 \times 6$



7776

November 2019 – Paper 2F

(Total for Question 5 is 1 mark)

5 Find  $\sqrt{1.69}$



1.3

June 2022 – Paper 3F

(Total for Question 5 is 1 mark)



6 Here is a list of whole numbers from 21 to 30

21      22      23      24      25      26      27      28      29      30

(a) From the list, write down a square number.

25

(1)

(b) From the list, write down a multiple of 8

24

(1)

November 2021 – Paper 1F

(Total for Question 6 is 2 marks)

8 Here is a list of numbers.

21      22      23      24      25      26      27      28      29



(a) From the numbers in the list, write down a square number.

25

(1)

June 2017 – Paper 2F

(Total for Question 8 is 1 mark)

- 9 Nidah writes down two different prime numbers.

She adds together her two numbers.

Her answer is a square number less than 30

Find two prime numbers that Nidah could have written down.



$$2 + 7 = \boxed{9}$$

$$11 + 5 = \boxed{16}$$

$$13 + 3 = \boxed{16}$$

$$23 + 2 = \boxed{25}$$

23 2

November 2017 – Paper 3F

(Total for Question 9 is 2 marks)

- 11 Work out  $4^4$

$$4 \times 4 \times 4 \times 4$$



256

(1)

Specimen 1 – Paper 3F

(Total for Question 11 is 1 mark)

15 (a) Write down the value of  $\sqrt{64}$

8 or -8

(1)

(b) Work out the value of  $5^3$

125

(1)

June 2019 – Paper 1F

(Total for Question 15 is 2 marks)

22 Write down the value of  $2^{-3}$

$\frac{1}{2^3}$

$\frac{1}{8}$

(1)

November 2017 – Paper 1F

(Total for Question 22 is 1 mark)