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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  $2^4$

June 2017 – Paper 1F

**(Total for Question 1 is 1 mark)**

**2** Work out  $3^2$

November 2022 – 1F

**(Total for Question 2 is 1 mark)**

**3** Find  $\sqrt{1.44}$



November 2018 – Paper 3F

**(Total for Question 3 is 1 mark)**

**3** Work out the value of  $3^5$



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



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

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Sample 1 – Paper 2F

**(Total for Question 3 is 1 mark)**

4 Work out  $2.5^2$



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



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

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June 2019 – Paper 3F

**(Total for Question 4 is 1 mark)**

4 Find the value of  $5^4$



Specimen 2 – Paper 2F

**(Total for Question 4 is 1 mark)**

4 Work out the cube root of 64



November 2018 – Paper 2F

**(Total for Question 4 is 1 mark)**

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



November 2019 – Paper 2F

**(Total for Question 4 is 1 mark)**

5 Write down the value of  $7^2$

November 2021 – Paper 1F

**(Total for Question 5 is 1 mark)**

5 Work out  $2^3$

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November 2018 – Paper 1F

**(Total for Question 5 is 1 mark)**

5 Find the square root of 64

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



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

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May 2020 – Paper 2F

**(Total for Question 5 is 1 mark)**

5 Find the value of  $6^5$



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November 2019 – Paper 2F

**(Total for Question 5 is 1 mark)**

5 Find  $\sqrt{1.69}$



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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.

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(1)

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

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(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.

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(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.

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November 2017 – Paper 3F

**(Total for Question 9 is 2 marks)**

11 Work out  $4^4$



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(1)

Specimen 1 – Paper 3F

**(Total for Question 11 is 1 mark)**

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

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(1)

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

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(1)

June 2019 – Paper 1F

**(Total for Question 15 is 2 marks)**

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

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(1)

November 2017 – Paper 1F

**(Total for Question 22 is 1 mark),**