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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.

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

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.



May 2020 – Paper 2F

(Total for Question 5 is 1 mark)

5 Find the value of 6^5



November 2019 – Paper 2F

(Total for Question 5 is 1 mark)

5 Find $\sqrt{1.69}$



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.



November 2017 – Paper 3F

(Total for Question 9 is 2 marks)

11 Work out 4^4



(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),