

Indices 2008-13

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| 2. | (a) 2 (b) x^9 seen, or $(\text{answer to (a)})^3$ seen, or $(2x^3)^3$ seen. $8x^9$ | B1 (1) M1 A1 (2) 3 |
| | <p>(b) M: Look for x^9 first... if seen, this is M1.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">If not seen, look for $(\text{answer to (a)})^3$, e.g. 2^3... this would score M1 even if it does not subsequently become 8. (Similarly for other answers to (a)).</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">In $(2x^3)^3$, the 2^3 is implied, so this scores the M mark.</p> <p><u>Negative answers:</u></p> <p>(a) Allow -2. Allow ± 2. Allow '2 or -2'.</p> <p>(b) Allow $\pm 8x^9$. Allow '$8x^9$ or $-8x^9$'.</p> <p>N.B. If part (a) is wrong, it is possible to 'restart' in part (b) and to score full marks in part (b).</p> | |

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| 1 | <p>(a) 5 (± 5 is B0)</p> <p>(b) $\frac{1}{(\text{their } 5)^2}$ or $\left(\frac{1}{\text{their } 5}\right)^2$ $= \frac{1}{25}$ or 0.04 ($\pm \frac{1}{25}$ is A0)</p> | <p>B1 (1)</p> <p>M1</p> <p>A1 (2) [3]</p> |
| (b) | <p>M1 follow through their value of 5. Must have reciprocal and square. 5^{-2} is <u>not</u> sufficient to score this mark, unless $\frac{1}{5^2}$ follows this. A negative introduced at any stage can score the M1 but not the A1, e.g. $125^{-2/3} = \left(-\frac{1}{5}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{25}$ scores M1 A0 $125^{-2/3} = -\left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^2 = -\frac{1}{25}$ scores M1 A0. Correct answer with no working scores both marks.</p> <p><u>Alternative:</u> $\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{125^2}}$ or $\frac{1}{(125^2)^{1/3}}$ M1 (reciprocal and the correct number squared) $\left(= \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{15625}} \right)$ $= \frac{1}{25}$ A1</p> | |

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| 1. (a) | $16^{\frac{1}{4}} = 2$ or $\frac{1}{16^{\frac{1}{4}}}$ or better $\left(16^{-\frac{1}{4}} = \right) \frac{1}{2}$ or 0.5 (ignore \pm) | M1 A1 (2) |
| (b) | $\left(2x^{-\frac{1}{4}}\right)^4 = 2^4 x^{-\frac{4}{4}}$ or $\frac{2^4}{x^{\frac{4}{4}}}$ or equivalent $x\left(2x^{-\frac{1}{4}}\right)^4 = 2^4$ or 16 | M1 A1 cao (2) 4 |
| Notes | | |
| (a) | M1 for a correct statement dealing with the $\frac{1}{4}$ or the $-$ power This may be awarded if 2 is seen or for reciprocal of their $16^{\frac{1}{4}}$ s.c $\frac{1}{4}$ is M1 A0 , also 2^{-1} is M1 A0 $\pm \frac{1}{2}$ is not penalised so M1 A1 | |
| (b) | M1 for correct use of the power 4 on both the 2 and the x terms A1 for cancelling the x and simplifying to one of these two forms. Correct answers with no working get full marks | |

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| 1. (a) | 5 (or ± 5) | B1 (1) |
| (b) | $25^{-\frac{3}{2}} = \frac{1}{25^{\frac{3}{2}}}$ or $25^{\frac{3}{2}} = 125$ or better $\frac{1}{125}$ or 0.008 (or $\pm \frac{1}{125}$) | M1 A1 (2) 3 |
| <u>Notes</u> | | |
| <p>(a) Give B1 for 5 or ± 5 Anything else is B0 (including just -5)</p> <p>(b) M: Requires reciprocal OR $25^{\frac{3}{2}} = 125$ Accept $\frac{1}{5^3}$, $\frac{1}{\sqrt{15625}}$, $\frac{1}{25 \times 5}$, $\frac{1}{25\sqrt{25}}$, $\frac{1}{\sqrt{25^3}}$ for M1</p> <p>Correct answer with no working (or notation errors in working) scores both marks i.e. M1 A1</p> <p>M1A0 for $-\frac{1}{125}$ without $+\frac{1}{125}$</p> | | |

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| 2. (a) | $\left\{ (32)^{\frac{3}{5}} \right\} = \left(\sqrt[5]{32} \right)^3 \text{ or } \sqrt[5]{(32)^3} \text{ or } 2^3 \text{ or } \sqrt[5]{32768}$ $= 8$ | M1 A1 [2] |
| | Notes | |
| (b) | $\left\{ \left(\frac{25x^4}{4} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right\} = \left(\frac{4}{25x^4} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \text{ or } \left(\frac{5x^2}{2} \right)^{-1} \text{ or } \frac{1}{\left(\frac{25x^4}{4} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$ $= \frac{2}{5x^2} \text{ or } \frac{2}{5}x^{-2}$ | <i>See notes below</i> M1 <i>See notes for other alternatives</i> A1 [2] 4 |
| (a) | <p>M1: for a full correct interpretation of the fractional power. Note: $5 \times (32)^3$ is M0.</p> <p>A1: for 8 only.</p> <p>Note: Award M1A1 for writing down 8.</p> | |
| (b) | <p>M1: For use of $\frac{1}{2}$ OR use of -1</p> <p>Use of $\frac{1}{2}$: Candidate needs to demonstrate they have rooted all three elements in their bracket.</p> <p>Use of -1: Either Candidate has $\frac{1}{\text{Bracket}}$ or $\left(\frac{Ax^c}{B} \right)$ becomes $\left(\frac{B}{Ax^c} \right)$.</p> <p>Allow M1 for...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • $\left(\frac{4}{25x^4} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ or $\left(\frac{5x^2}{2} \right)^{-1}$ or $\frac{1}{\left(\frac{25x^4}{4} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$ or $\sqrt{\left(\frac{4}{25x^4} \right)}$ or $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{25x^4}{4} \right)}}$ or $\left(\frac{1}{\frac{25x^4}{4}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ or $\frac{1}{\frac{5x^2}{2}}$ or $\frac{1}{5}x^{-2}$ or $-\left(\frac{5x^2}{2} \right)$ or $\left(\frac{-5x^{-2}}{-2} \right)$ or $-\left(\frac{5x^{-2}}{2} \right)$ or $\frac{5x^{-2}}{2}$ • $\left(\frac{4}{25x^4} \right)^K$ or $\left(\frac{5x^2}{2} \right)^C$ where K, C are any powers including 1. <p>A1: for either $\frac{2}{5x^2}$ or $\frac{2}{5}x^{-2}$ or $0.4x^{-2}$ or $\frac{0.4}{x^2}$.</p> <p>Note: $\left(\sqrt{\left(\frac{25x^4}{4} \right)} \right)^{-1}$ is not enough work by itself for the method mark.</p> <p>Note: A final answer of $\frac{1}{\frac{5}{2}x^2}$ or $\frac{1}{2\frac{1}{2}x^2}$ or $\frac{1}{2.5x^2}$ is A0.</p> <p>Note: Also allow $\pm \frac{2}{5x^2}$ or $\pm \frac{2}{5}x^{-2}$ or $\pm 0.4x^{-2}$ or $\pm \frac{0.4}{x^2}$ for A1.</p> | |

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| 2. | $(8^{2x+3} = (2^3)^{2x+3}) = 2^{3(2x+3)}$ or 2^{ax+b} with $a = 6$ or $b = 9$ $= 2^{6x+9}$ or $= 2^{3(2x+3)}$ as final answer with no errors or $(y =)6x + 9$ or $3(2x + 3)$ | M1 |
| | | A1 [2] |
| | | 2 marks |
| | Notes | |
| | M1: Uses $8 = 2^3$, and multiplies powers $3(2x + 3)$. Does not add powers. (Just $8 = 2^3$ or $8^{\frac{1}{3}} = 2$ is M0) A1: Either 2^{6x+9} or $= 2^{3(2x+3)}$ or $(y =)6x + 9$ or $3(2x + 3)$ | |
| | Note: Examples: 2^{6x+3} scores M1A0 : $8^{2x+3} = (2^3)^{2x+3} = 2^{3+2x+3}$ gets M0A0 Special case: : $= 2^{6x} 2^9$ without seeing as single power M1A0 Alternative method using logs: $8^{2x+3} = 2^y \Rightarrow (2x+3)\log 8 = y \log 2 \Rightarrow y = \frac{(2x+3)\log 8}{\log 2}$ So $(y =)6x + 9$ or $3(2x + 3)$ | M1 A1 [2] |

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| 3(a) | $8^{\frac{1}{3}} = 2$ or $8^{\frac{5}{3}} = 32768$ | A correct attempt to deal with the $\frac{1}{3}$ or the 5. $8^{\frac{1}{3}} = \sqrt[3]{8}$ or $8^{\frac{5}{3}} = 8 \times 8 \times 8 \times 8 \times 8$ | M1 |
| | $\left(8^{\frac{5}{3}} = \right) 32$ | Cao | A1 |
| A correct answer with no working scores full marks | | | |
| Alternative $8^{\frac{5}{3}} = 8 \times 8^{\frac{2}{3}} = 8 \times 2^2 = M1$ (Deals with the 1/3) $= 32$ A1 | | | |
| | | | (2) |
| (b) | $\left(2x^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)^3 = 2^3 x^{\frac{3}{2}}$ | One correct power either 2^3 or $x^{\frac{3}{2}}$. $\left(2x^{\frac{1}{2}}\right) \times \left(2x^{\frac{1}{2}}\right) \times \left(2x^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)$ on its own is not sufficient for this mark. | M1 |
| $\frac{8x^{\frac{3}{2}}}{4x^2} = 2x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ or $\frac{2}{\sqrt{x}}$ | | M1: Divides coefficients of x and subtracts their powers of x . Dependent on the previous M1 | dM1A1 |
| | | A1: Correct answer | |
| Note that unless the power of x implies that they have subtracted their powers you would need to see evidence of subtraction. E.g. $\frac{8x^{\frac{3}{2}}}{4x^2} = 2x^{\frac{1}{2}}$ would score dM0 unless you see some evidence that $3/2 - 2$ was intended for the power of x . | | | |
| Note that there is a misconception that $\frac{\left(2x^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)^3}{4x^2} = \left(\frac{2x^{\frac{1}{2}}}{4x^2}\right)^3$ - this scores 0/3 | | | |
| | | | (3) |
| | | | [5] |