

Bidmas, Powers & Roots (F)

A collection of 9-1 Maths GCSE Sample and Specimen questions from AQA, OCR, Pearson-Edexcel and WJEC Eduqas.

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Total Marks:	

1. Work out the value of $5^2 \times 10^2$.

..... ^{25 × 10}250 [2]

2. Work out.

$$7^{-2}$$

$$\frac{1}{7^2}$$

..... ¹49 [1]

3. Put brackets in these calculations to make them correct.

(i) $(5 - 3) \times (12 \div 4) = 6$
^{2 × 3}

[1]

(ii) $6 \times (4 + 3)^2 - 5 = 289$

$$6 \times 7^2 - 5$$

[1]

4. Work out.

B
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x
x
x
✓

$$4 \times 2^{-1}$$

..... ^{8 - 1}7 [1]

5. (i) $4 + 6 \times 3 - 5$

$$4 + 18 - 5$$

(i) ¹⁷ [1]

(ii) $30 \div (3 + 2)$
⁵

(ii) ⁶ [1]

$$1+8$$

(iii) $1 + 2^3$

(iii) 9 [1]

6. Work out the square root of 100 million.

Circle your answer.

$$100,000,000$$

$$10,000 \times 10,000$$

[1]

1000

10 000

100 000

1 000 000

7. Work out

$$\sqrt[3]{27} + \sqrt{25}$$

8

..... [2]

8. Find the value of 5^4

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

625

..... [1]

9. Calculate.

a) $\sqrt{3136}$

56

..... [1]

b) $\sqrt[4]{625}$

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

5

..... [1]

c) 5^{-2}

$$\frac{1}{5^2}$$

$\frac{1}{25}$

..... [1]

10. Work out $(-3)^3$

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

-27

..... [1]

11. Work out the reciprocal of 0.125

$$\frac{1}{\frac{1}{8}} = 1 \div \frac{1}{8} \quad 1 \div \frac{1}{8} = 1 \times \frac{8}{1} = 8$$

12. The same number is missing from each box.

$$\boxed{7} \times \boxed{7} \times \boxed{7} = 343$$

(a) Find the missing number.

7

..... [1]

(b) Work out 4^4

256

..... [1]

13. Work out $25.8 + 12.6 \div 2$

6.3

$$\begin{array}{r} 25.8 \\ 6.3 \\ \hline 32.1 \end{array}$$

32.1

[2]

14. Work out 81 as a power of 3 Circle your answer.

3^3

3^4

3^5

3^6

$$\underline{3} \times \underline{3} = 9$$

$$9 \times \underline{3} = 27$$

$$27 \times \underline{3} = 81$$

[1]

CREDITS AND NOTES

Question	Awarding Body	Question	Awarding Body
1	OCR	13	AQA
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3	OCR		
4	OCR		
5	OCR		
6	AQA		
7	OCR		
8	Pearson Edexcel		
9	OCR		
10	Pearson Edexcel		
11	Pearson Edexcel		
12	Pearson Edexcel		

Notes:

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Please also note that the layout in terms of fonts, answer lines and space given to each question does not reflect the actual papers to save space.

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Links:

AQA <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/mathematics/gcse/mathematics-8300>

OCR <http://ocr.org.uk/gcsemaths>

Pearson Edexcel <http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/mathematics-2015.html>

WJEC Eduqas <http://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/mathematics/gcse/>

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