

Class –IX

Topic – INDICES

1. Evaluate :

(i) $9^{\frac{3}{2}}$

(ii) $8^{\frac{2}{3}}$

(iii) $8^{-\frac{4}{3}}$

(iv) $(243)^{\frac{3}{5}}$

Solution:

$$(i) 9^{\frac{3}{2}} = (3 \times 3)^{\frac{3}{2}} = (3^2)^{\frac{3}{2}} = 3^{2 \times \frac{3}{2}} = 3^{1 \times 3} \quad [\because (a^m)^n = a^{mn}]$$
$$= 3^3 = 3 \times 3 \times 3 = 27$$

$$(ii) 8^{\frac{2}{3}} = (2 \times 2 \times 2)^{\frac{2}{3}} = (2^3)^{\frac{2}{3}} = 2^{3 \times \frac{2}{3}} \quad [\because (a^m)^n = a^{mn}]$$
$$= 2^2 = 4$$

$$(iii) 8^{-\frac{4}{3}} = (2 \times 2 \times 2)^{-\frac{4}{3}} = (2^3)^{-\frac{4}{3}} = 2^{3 \times -\frac{4}{3}} \quad [\because (a^m)^n = a^{mn}]$$
$$= 2^{-4} = \frac{1}{2^4} = \frac{1}{2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2} = \frac{1}{16} \quad \left[\because a^{-n} = \frac{1}{a^n} \right]$$

$$(iv) (243)^{-\frac{3}{5}} = (3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3)^{-\frac{3}{5}} = (3^5)^{-\frac{3}{5}} = 3^{5 \times -\frac{3}{5}}$$
$$= (3)^{-3} = \frac{1}{3^3} = \frac{1}{3 \times 3 \times 3} = \frac{1}{27} \quad \left[\because a^{-n} = \frac{1}{a^n} \right]$$

2. Simplify :

(i) $\frac{3^n \times 9^{n+1}}{3^{n-1} \times 9^{n-1}}$

(ii) $\frac{3^{n+1}}{3^{n(n-1)}} \div \frac{9^{n+1}}{(3^{n+1})^{n-1}}$

(iii) $(a + b)^{-1} \cdot (a^{-1} + b^{-1})$

(iv) $\frac{5^{n+3} - 6 \times 5^{n+1}}{9 \times 5^n - 5^n \times 2^2}$

Solution:

$$(i) \frac{3^n \times 9^{n+1}}{3^{n-1} \times 9^{n-1}} = \frac{3^n \times (3^2)^{n+1}}{3^{n-1} \times (3^2)^{n-1}} = \frac{3^n \times 3^{2n+2}}{3^{n-1} \times 3^{2n-2}}$$

$$= \frac{3^{n+2n+2}}{3^{n-1+2n-2}} = \frac{3^{3n+2}}{3^{3n-3}}$$

$$= 3^{3n+2-3n+3} = 3^5$$

$$(ii) \frac{3^{n+1}}{3^{n(n-1)}} \div \frac{9^{n+1}}{(3^{n+1})^{n-1}} = \frac{3^{n+1}}{3^{n(n-1)}} \times \frac{(3^{n+1})^{n-1}}{9^{n+1}} = \frac{3^{n+1}}{3^{n^2-n}} \times \frac{3^{(n+1)(n-1)}}{(3 \times 3)^{n+1}}$$

$$= \frac{3^{n+1}}{3^{n^2-n}} \times \frac{3^{(n)^2-(1)^2}}{(3^2)^{n+1}} = \frac{3^{n+1}}{3^{n^2-n}} \times \frac{3^{n^2-1}}{3^{2(n+1)}} = \frac{3^{n+1}}{3^{n^2-n}} \times \frac{3^{n^2-1}}{3^{2n+2}} = 3^{n+1+n^2-1-(n^2-n)-(2n+2)}$$

$$= 3^{n+1+n^2-1-n^2+n-2n-2} = 3^{-2} = \frac{1}{3^2} = \frac{1}{3 \times 3} = \frac{1}{9}$$

$$(iii) (a+b)^{-1} \cdot (a^{-1} + b^{-1}) = \frac{1}{(a+b)} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{(a+b)} \cdot \left(\frac{1 \times b + 1 \times a}{ab}\right) = \frac{1}{(a+b)} \cdot \frac{(b+a)}{ab} = \frac{1}{(a+b)} \cdot \frac{(a+b)}{ab} = \frac{1}{ab}$$

$$(iv) \frac{5^{n+3} - 6 \times 5^{n+1}}{9 \times 5^n - 5^n \times 2^2} = \frac{5^{n+1} \cdot 5^2 - 6 \times 5^{n+1}}{9 \times 5^n - 5^n \times 4} = \frac{5^{n+1}(5^2 - 6)}{5^n(9 - 4)}$$

$$= \frac{5^n \cdot 5^1(25 - 6)}{5^n(5)} = \frac{5^n \cdot 5(19)}{5^n(5)} = 19$$

3. If $1960 = 2^a \cdot 5^b \cdot 7^c$, calculate the value of $2^{-a} \cdot 7^b \cdot 5^{-c}$

Solution:

$$1960 = 2^a \cdot 5^b \cdot 7^c \Rightarrow 2^a \cdot 5^b \cdot 7^c = 1960 \Rightarrow 2^a \cdot 5^b \cdot 7^c = 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 5 \times 7 \times 7 \Rightarrow 2^a \cdot 5^b \cdot 7^c$$

$$= 2^3 \times 5^1 \times 7^2 \quad \dots (1) \text{Comparing powers of 2, 5 and 7 on both sides of equation (1), we get}$$

$$= 3, b = 1, c = 2 \text{ Hence, the value of : } 2^{-a} \cdot 7^b \cdot 5^{-c} = 2^{-3} \cdot 7^1 \cdot 5^{-2} = \frac{1}{2^3} \times 7 \times \frac{1}{5^2} = \frac{7}{2^3 \times 5^2}$$

$$= \frac{7}{2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 5 \times 5} = \frac{7}{8 \times 25} = \frac{7}{200}$$

4. Evaluate :

$$\left(\sqrt[3]{\frac{2}{3}}\right)^{x-1} = \frac{27}{8}$$

Solution:

$$\left(\sqrt[3]{\frac{2}{3}}\right)^{x-1} = \frac{27}{8} = \frac{(3)^3}{(2)^3} = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^3 \Rightarrow \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{\frac{x-1}{3}} = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{-3} \text{ Comparing both sides, we get } \frac{x-1}{3} = -3$$

$$\Rightarrow x - 1 = -9$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -9 + 1 = -8 \text{ Hence, } x = -8$$

5. Solve for x:

(i) $4^{x-2} - 2^{x+1} = 0$

(ii) $3^{x^2} : 3^x = 9 : 1$

(iii) $8 \times 2^{2x} + 4 \times 2^{x+1} = 1 + 2^x$

Solution:

(i) $4^{x-2} - 2^{x+1} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 4^{x-2} = 2^{x+1} \Rightarrow 4^{x-2} = 2^{x+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow (2 \times 2)^{x-2} = 2^{x+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{2(x-2)} = 2^{x+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{2x-4} = 2^{x+1} \Rightarrow 2x - 4 = x + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x - x = 1 + 4$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 5$$

(ii) $3^{x^2} : 3^x = 9 : 1$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3^{x^2}}{3^x} = \frac{9}{1} \Rightarrow 3^{x^2-x} = 9 \quad \left[\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}\right] \Rightarrow 3^{x^2-x} = 3 \times 3 \Rightarrow 3^{x^2-x} = 3^2 \Rightarrow x^2 - x$$

$$= 2 \Rightarrow x^2 - x - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 - 2x + x - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow x(x-2) + 1(x-2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x+1)(x-2) = 0.$$

If $(x-2) = 0$ then $x = 2$. If $(x+1) = 0$ then $x = -1$

(iii) $8 \times 2^{2x} + 4 \times 2^{x+1} = 1 + 2^x \Rightarrow 8 \times (2^x)^2 + 4 \times 2^x \times 2^1 = 1 + 2^x$

$$\Rightarrow 8 \times (2^x)^2 + 8 \times 2^x = 1 + 2^x \Rightarrow 8 \times (2^x)^2 + 8 \times 2^x - 2^x - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow 8 \times (2^x)^2 + 2^x(8 - 1) - 1 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow 8(2^{x^2}) + 7 \times 2^x - 1 = 0 & [\text{Putting } 2^x = y] \Rightarrow 8 \times (y^2) + 7 \times y - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow 8y^2 + 7y - 1 = 0 \\ \Rightarrow 8y^2 + 8y - y - 1 = 0 & \Rightarrow 8y(y + 1) - 1(y + 1) = 0 \Rightarrow (y + 1)(8y - 1) = 0 \\ \Rightarrow (y + 1) = 0 \text{ and } 8y - 1 = 0 & \Rightarrow 2^x + 1 = 0 \text{ and } 8 \times 2^x - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow 2^x = -1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{and } 8 \times 2^x = 1 \Rightarrow 2^x = \frac{1}{8} \Rightarrow 2^x = -1 \text{ and } 2^x = \frac{1}{2^3} \Rightarrow 2^x = -1 \text{ and } 2^x = 2^{-3}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -3$$

6. Prove that :

$$(i) \left(\frac{x^a}{x^b}\right)^{a+b} \cdot \left(\frac{x^b}{x^c}\right)^{b+c} \cdot \left(\frac{x^c}{x^a}\right)^{c+a} = 1$$

$$(ii) \left(\frac{x^a}{x^b}\right)^{\frac{1}{ab}} \cdot \left(\frac{x^b}{x^c}\right)^{\frac{1}{bc}} \cdot \left(\frac{x^c}{x^a}\right)^{\frac{1}{ca}} = 1 \quad (iii) \left(\frac{x^a}{x^b}\right)^{(a+b-c)} \cdot \left(\frac{x^b}{x^c}\right)^{(b+c-a)} \cdot \left(\frac{x^c}{x^a}\right)^{(c+a-b)} = 1$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} (i) \text{ LHS} &= \left(\frac{x^a}{x^b}\right)^{a+b} \cdot \left(\frac{x^b}{x^c}\right)^{b+c} \cdot \left(\frac{x^c}{x^a}\right)^{c+a} \\ &= x^{(a-b)(a+b)} \cdot x^{(b-c)(b+c)} \cdot x^{(c-a)(c+a)} = x^{a^2-b^2} \cdot x^{b^2-c^2} \cdot x^{c^2-a^2} = x^{a^2-b^2+b^2-c^2+c^2-a^2} = x^0 = 1 \\ &= \text{RHS} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (ii) \text{ LHS} &= \left(\frac{x^a}{x^b}\right)^{\frac{1}{ab}} \cdot \left(\frac{x^b}{x^c}\right)^{\frac{1}{bc}} \cdot \left(\frac{x^c}{x^a}\right)^{\frac{1}{ca}} \\ &= x^{(a-b)\frac{1}{ab}} \cdot x^{(b-c)\frac{1}{bc}} \cdot x^{(c-a)\frac{1}{ca}} = x^{\frac{a-b}{ab} + \frac{b-c}{bc} + \frac{c-a}{ca}} = x^{\frac{c(a-b)+a(b-c)+b(c-a)}{abc}} = x^{\frac{ca-bc+ab-ca+bc-ab}{abc}} = x^0 \\ &= 1 = \text{RHS} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (iii) \text{ LHS} &= \left(\frac{x^a}{x^b}\right)^{(a+b-c)} \cdot \left(\frac{x^b}{x^c}\right)^{(b+c-a)} \cdot \left(\frac{x^c}{x^a}\right)^{(c+a-b)} \\ &= x^{(a-b)(a+b-c)} \cdot x^{(b-c)(b+c-a)} \cdot x^{(c-a)(c+a-b)} = x^{a^2-b^2-ac+bc+b^2-c^2-ab+ca+c^2-a^2-bc+ab} = x^0 = 1 \\ &= \text{RHS} \end{aligned}$$

7. If $a^x = b^y = c^z$ and $b^2 = ac$, prove that: $y = \frac{2xz}{x+z}$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } a^x = b^y = c^z = k \therefore a = k^{\frac{1}{x}}, b = k^{\frac{1}{y}} \text{ and } c = k^{\frac{1}{z}} \text{ Now, } b^2 = ac &\Rightarrow \left(k^{\frac{1}{y}}\right)^2 = k^{\frac{1}{x}} \times k^{\frac{1}{z}} \Rightarrow k^{\frac{2}{y}} \\ &= k^{\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{z}} \text{ Comparing both sides, we get } \frac{2}{y} = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{z} \Rightarrow \frac{2}{y} = \frac{x+z}{xz} \Rightarrow y(x+z) \\ &= 2xz \text{ Hence, } y = \frac{2xz}{x+z} \end{aligned}$$

8. If $2^x = 3^y = 12^z$, show that: $\frac{1}{z} = \frac{1}{y} + \frac{2}{x}$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } 2^x = 3^y = 12^z = k, \text{ then } 2^x = k \Rightarrow 2 = k^{\frac{1}{x}}, 3^y = k \Rightarrow 3 = k^{\frac{1}{y}}, 12^z = k \Rightarrow 12 = k^{\frac{1}{z}}. \text{ Now, } 12 \\ &= 2 \times 2 \times 3 = 2^2 \times 3 \Rightarrow k^{\frac{1}{z}} = \left(k^{\frac{1}{x}}\right)^2 \times k^{\frac{1}{y}} \Rightarrow k^{\frac{1}{z}} = k^{\frac{2}{x}} \times k^{\frac{1}{y}} \Rightarrow k^{\frac{1}{z}} \\ &= k^{\frac{2}{x} + \frac{1}{y}} \text{ Comparing both sides, we get } \frac{1}{z} = \frac{2}{x} + \frac{1}{y} \end{aligned}$$

9. If $2^x = 3^y = 6^{-z}$, show that: $\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} = 0$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } 2^x = 3^y = 6^{-z} = k, \text{ then } 2 = k^{\frac{1}{x}}, 3 = k^{\frac{1}{y}}, 6 = k^{-\frac{1}{z}} \text{ Now } 2 \times 3 = 6 \Rightarrow k^{\frac{1}{x}} \times k^{\frac{1}{y}} = k^{-\frac{1}{z}} \Rightarrow k^{\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y}} \\ &= k^{-\frac{1}{z}} \text{ Comparing both sides, we get } \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} = -\frac{1}{z} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

10. If $a^x = b, b^y = c$ and $c^z = a$, prove that: $xyz = 1$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We are given that } a^x = b, b^y = c \text{ and } c^z = a \Rightarrow a^{xyz} \\ &= b^{yz} \quad (\text{Raising to the power } yz \text{ both sides}) \Rightarrow a^{xyz} = (b^y)^z \\ &= c^z \quad (\because b^y = c) \Rightarrow a^{xyz} = a \quad (\because c^z = a) \Rightarrow a^{xyz} \\ &= a^1 \text{ Comparing both sides, we get } \Rightarrow xyz = 1 \text{ or } a = c^z = (b^y)^z \\ &= b^{yz} \quad (\because c = b^y) = (a^x)^{yz} = a^{xyz} \quad (\because b \\ &= a^x \text{ Comparing both sides, we get } xyz = 1 \end{aligned}$$