

# Simplifying Algebraic Expressions Using Properties of Exponents

## Answer Key

1. Without a calculator, compute the exact value of each of the following.		
a. $1/9$	b. 125	c. 9
d. $1/4$	e. 18	f. 2
g. $2/3$	h. 20	i. 1
2. Simplify each of the following expressions as much as possible.		
a. $a^{5/3}$	b. $b^2/a$	c. $y^2z^4/x^2$
d. $8pq^3r^6$	e. $1/s^3$	f. $xy^4$
3. Simplify each of the following as much as possible. Do not leave negative exponents in your answer.		
a. $1/12^{5/2}$	b. $125xy^4$	c. 216
d. $c^3/(a^2b)$	e. 27	f. $b^2/3a^4$
4. Rewrite each of the following using fractional exponents instead of radicals and then simplify as much as possible.		
a. $x^{3/2}$	b. $y^{2/3}z^{1/3}$	c. $x^{1/2}y^{1/6}$
d. $x^2$	e. $x^{1/4}$	f. $x^{7/9}$