Indices. Standard Form and Financial Mathematics

Laws of Indices

•
$$a^m \times a^n = a^{m+n}$$

•
$$a^m \div a^n = a^{m-n}$$

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$$a^{-n} = \frac{1}{a^n}$$

$$\bullet \left(\frac{a}{h}\right)^n = \frac{a^n}{h^n}$$

$$\bullet \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{-n} = \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^{n} = \frac{b^{n}}{a^{n}}$$

$$\bullet \frac{ab^{-n}}{c^{-m}d} = \frac{ac^{m}}{b^{n}d}$$

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•
$$a^0 = 1$$

$$\bullet \ a^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{a}$$

$$\bullet \ a^{\frac{1}{3}} = \sqrt[3]{a}$$

•
$$a^{\frac{2}{3}} = \sqrt[3]{a^2}$$

•
$$a^m \times b^m = (ab)^m$$

Common powers to take note for Indices

n =	1	2	3	4	5
2^n	2	4	8	16	32
3 ⁿ	3	9	27	81	243
4 ⁿ	4	16	64	256	-
5 ⁿ	5	25	125	625	-
6 ⁿ	6	36	216	ı	-
7^n	7	49	343	-	-

Note: For higher powers like 7^5 use your calculator; the figures above are good to have at your fingertips

Standard Form

$$A \times 10^b$$
 where $1 \le A < 10$

 $12345 = 1.2345 \times 10^4 \rightarrow \text{Shifting the decimal to the}$ left brings about a positive power of 10

 $0.0012345 = 1.2345 \times 10^{-3}$ Shifting the decimal to the right brings about a negative power of 10

Power	SI	Prefix
10^{12}	Tera	T
10 ⁹	Giga	G
10^{6}	Mega	M
10^{3}	Kilo	k
10^{-3}	Milli	m
10^{-6}	Micro	μ
10^{-9}	Nano	n
10^{-12}	Pico	p

4 Types of Standard Form Questions:

Divide-

$$\frac{a \times 10^n}{b \times 10^m} = \frac{a}{b} \times 10^{n-m}$$

Multiply-

$$(a\times10^m)\times(b\times10^n) = ab\times10^{m+n}$$

Addition or Subtraction-

Factorise out the common factor before simplifying:

Example:

$$2.3 \times 10^{5} - 0.16 \times 10^{6} = 10^{5} (2.3 - 0.16 \times 10^{1})$$

$$= 10^{5} (2.3 - 1.6)$$

$$= 10^{5} \times 0.7$$

$$= 7.0 \times 10^{4}$$

Financial Mathematics

Profit = *Selling Price* − *Cost Price*

$$Loss = Cost Price - Selling Price$$

$$\% Profit = \frac{Profit}{Cost Price} \times 100\%$$

$$\%Loss = \frac{Loss}{Cost\ Price} \times 100\%$$

Simple Interest

$$I = PRT$$

Where,

I = Interest

P = Original Principal

R = Interest Rate per annum (in %)

T = Time in years

For questions involving hire purchase,

 $Loan\ Amount = Cash\ Price - Downpayment$

$$Monthly\ Repayment = \frac{Loan + Total\ Interest}{Number\ of\ Periods}$$

Compound Interest

$$A = P\left(1 + \frac{I}{100}\right)^n$$

Where,

A = Total Amount

P = Original Principal

I = Interest Rate per compounding period (in %)

T = Number of compounding periods