

Work the following problems on a separate piece of paper. Choose the correct answer.

1. For all $a > 1$, the expression $\frac{3a^4}{3a^6}$ equals:

- A. $\frac{1}{2}$ B. $-a^2$ C. a^2 D. $-\frac{1}{a^2}$ E. $\frac{1}{a^2}$

2. $(3x^3)^3$ is equivalent to:

- A. x B. $9x^6$ C. $9x^9$ D. $27x^6$ E. $27x^9$

3. For any nonzero value of y , $(y^{-5})^3 = ?$

- A. $\frac{1}{y^{15}}$ B. $\frac{1}{y^2}$ C. y^8 D. y^{15} E. y^{125}

4. Which of the following is equivalent to $(3x^3)^{-2}$?

- A. $\frac{1}{9x^6}$ B. $\frac{1}{9x^9}$ C. $\frac{3}{x^6}$ D. $-6x^3$ E. $-9x^6$

5. The average distance from Earth to the Sun, which is 9.3×10^7 miles, is about how many times the average distance from Earth to the Moon, which is 2.4×10^5 miles?

- A. 4×10^2 B. 7×10^2 C. 4×10^{12} 1×10^{13} E. 2×10^{13}

6. If $\frac{x^a}{x^b} = x^3$ for all $x \neq 0$, which of the following must be true?

- A. $a - b = 3$
B. $a + b = 3$
C. $a \div b = 3$
D. $a \times b = 3$
E. $\sqrt{ab} = 3$

7. Which of the following is the least common denominator for the expression below?

$$\frac{1}{13^2 \cdot 17 \cdot 23} + \frac{1}{17^2 \cdot 23} + \frac{1}{17 \cdot 23^3}$$

- A. $17 \cdot 23$
B. $13 \cdot 17 \cdot 23$
C. $13^2 \cdot 17 \cdot 23$
D. $13^2 \cdot 17^2 \cdot 23^3$
E. $13^2 \cdot 17^4 \cdot 23^5$

8. For all x and y , $(2x - y)(x^2 + y) = ?$

- A. $2x^2 - y^2$
B. $2x^3 - y^2$
C. $2x^3 + xy - y^2$
D. $2x^3 + 2xy - x^2y^2$
E. $2x^3 - x^2y + 2xy - y^2$