

**Instructions:** Show all work. Partial credit can only be given where work is shown. Be sure to answer all parts of each question. You may not use a calculator on this quiz.

1. If  $a$  is an integer and  $a \neq 0$ , which expressions are always positive, and which always negative?

(It's possible neither is a response.)

a.  $a^3$

c.  $a^4$

e.  $(-a)^3$

b.  $(-a)^4$

d.  $-(a)^3$

f.  $-(a)^4$

2. Express 0.00000000000008071 in scientific notation.

3. Simplify and express  $\frac{(1.38 \times 10^{12})(4.5 \times 10^{-16})}{1.15 \times 10^{10}}$  in scientific notation.

4. Simplify each expression.

a.  $\frac{24}{-35} + -\frac{15}{49}$

c.  $-\frac{15}{22} - -\frac{31}{48}$

b.  $\left(-\frac{9}{7} \cdot \frac{23}{-27}\right) \cdot \left(-\frac{7}{9}\right)$

d.  $-\frac{13}{24} \div -\frac{39}{48}$