

**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.  $a^3$

*either*

c.  $a^4$

*always pos.*

e.  $(-a)^3$

*either*

b.  $(-a)^4$

*always positive*

d.  $(-a)^3$

*either*

f.  $(-a)^4$

*always negative*

2. Express 0.000000000000008071 in scientific notation.

$$8.071 \times 10^{-14}$$

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

$$5.4 \times 10^{-16}$$

4. Simplify each expression.

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

$$-\frac{168}{245} + \frac{-75}{245} = -\frac{243}{245}$$

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

$$-\frac{360}{528} + \frac{341}{528} = -\frac{19}{528}$$

b.  $\left(\frac{1}{7} \cdot \frac{23}{-27}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{9}\right)$

$$-\frac{23}{27}$$

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

$$\frac{1}{24} \times \frac{48}{39} = \frac{2}{3}$$