

Algebra 1 Bellwork Monday, March 21, 2016

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a) $\frac{5^{-2}a^{-4}b^5}{2c^0d^{-6}}$

b) $(2m^6n^{-4}p)^3(6^{-1}m^{-2}n^3p^2)^{-2}$

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$$2(\pi)(9.3 \times 10^7) = 584336233.6 \text{ miles} \rightarrow 5.843 \times 10^8 \text{ miles}$$

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a) $\frac{5^{-2}a^{-4}b^5}{2c^0d^{-6}}$

$$= \frac{b^5 d^6}{5^2 a^4} = \frac{b^5 d^6}{50 a^4}$$

b) $(2m^6n^{-4}p)^3(6^{-1}m^{-2}n^3p^2)^{-2}$

$$\begin{aligned} & (2^3 m^{18} n^{-12} p^3)(6^2 m^{-4} n^{-6} p^{-4}) \\ & 8 m^{22} n^{-18} p^{-1} 36 \\ & = \frac{288 m^{22}}{n^{18} p} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & = \left(\frac{3e^7}{g^9}\right)^3 \left(\frac{6e^5g^8}{1}\right)^{-1} \\ & = \left(\frac{3^3 e^{21}}{g^{27}}\right) \left(\frac{1}{6e^5g^8}\right) = \frac{27 e^{16}}{6 g^{35}} = \frac{9 e^{16}}{2 g^{35}} \end{aligned}$$