## Radicals and Exponents

## Laws of exponents:

If a and b are positive numbers, and x and y are any real numbers, then

1. 
$$a^{x+y} = a^x a^y$$

**2.** 
$$a^{x-y} = \frac{a^x}{a^y}$$

$$\mathbf{3.} \ (a^x)^y = a^{xy}$$

$$\mathbf{4.} \ (ab)^x = a^x b^x$$

Simplify the following expressions:

1. 
$$\frac{8x^{n+2}}{6x^3} =$$

**2.** 
$$(x^{r+2})(x^{r+3}) =$$

3. 
$$\sqrt[2]{b^7} =$$

4. 
$$\frac{x^7}{x^5} =$$

5. 
$$\sqrt{49b^6} + \sqrt{\frac{b^4}{4a^2}} =$$

**6.** 
$$x^5y^5 =$$

7. 
$$(x^2)^3 =$$

8. 
$$(x^2)(x^3) =$$

Simplify the following expressions:

**9.** 
$$\sqrt[3]{a^2b^6} =$$

10. 
$$\frac{3r^{k-1}}{r^{k+4}} =$$

11. 
$$\left(\frac{-2x^{\frac{1}{3}}}{y^{\frac{1}{2}}}\right)^3 =$$

12. 
$$16^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot 27^{-\frac{2}{3}} =$$

13. 
$$125^{-\frac{1}{3}} \cdot 8^{\frac{2}{3}} =$$

**14.** 
$$4^{-\frac{3}{2}} \cdot 16^{-\frac{1}{4}} =$$

15. 
$$64^{\frac{1}{3}} =$$

16. 
$$\frac{5r^{k-1}}{r^{k+3}} =$$