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 - (3) The first 10 prime numbers are.....
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- (d) 16
- (e) 25
- (f) 36
- (g) 26
- (h) 17
- (i) 36
- (j) 120
- (k) 81
- (l) 500
- (m) 74
- (n) 160
- (o) 200

(6) Using your answer to question (5) part (j) for the number 120, write down the product of prime factors of each number below. Use index notation in your answer:

- (a) 240
- (b) 120^2
- (c) 1200

(7) Which number can be expressed by the following product of prime factors?

- (a) $2^2 \times 7$
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- (a) $18 = 2 \times 9$
- (b) $64 = 2^3 \times 8$

(9) Find the HCF of 36 and 120 using the product of prime factors for each number.

(10) The number N as a product of its prime factors is $N = 2^3 \times 7^8 \times 17$. Without using a calculator:

- (a) Explain why $14N = 2^4 \times 7^9 \times 17$
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