

(f) $2^{x-3} = 5^{2x+1}$

(g) $4^{2x} - 4^x - 6 = 0$

Let $y = 4^x$

$y^2 - y - 6 = 0$

$(y - 3)(y + 2) = 0$

$y = 3$ or $y = -2$

$4^x = 3$

$x \log 4 = \log 3$

$x = \frac{\log 3}{\log 4}$

(h) $5e^{2-x} = 100$

$e^{2-x} = 20$

$(2-x) \ln e = \ln 20$

$2-x = \ln 20$

$x = 2 - \ln 20$



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Question One: [2, 2, 2, 2 = 8 marks]

CF

Express each of the following as a single logarithm:

(a) $2 \log 3 + \log 2 - \log 6$

(b) $2 \log_x y - 3 \log_x y + 6$

(c) $3 \log_a m + 4 \log_a n - 5 \log_a t$

(d) $(\log x)^3 \div (\log x)^2 + \log x^2$

Question Two: [3, 3, 3 = 9 marks] CF

Evaluate each of the following showing full working:

(a) $3\log_2 6 - \log_2 27$

(b) $1.5\log_8 4$

(c) $\frac{\log 135 - \log 5}{\log 3^2}$

Question Three: [1, 3 = 4 marks] CFIf $\log x = y$, where x is positive, express each of the following in terms of y .

(a) $\log x^2$

(b) $\log xm^3 - 3\log m$

Question Four: [2, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 4, 3 = 24 marks] CF

Solve each of the following equations, showing all working.

(a) $\log_3 64 = 2$

$$y^2 = 64 \quad \checkmark$$

$$y = 8 \ (y > 0) \quad \checkmark$$

(b) $8x^{\frac{1}{3}} + 12x^{\frac{1}{3}} = 40$

$$20x^{\frac{1}{3}} = 40 \quad \checkmark$$

$$x^{\frac{1}{3}} = 2 \quad \checkmark$$

$$x = 8 \quad \checkmark$$

(c) $\log_5 x + \log_2 8 = 0$

$$\log_5 x + 3\log_2 2 = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\log_5 x = -3$$

$$x = 5^{-3} \quad \checkmark$$

$$x = \frac{1}{125} \quad \checkmark$$

(d) $\frac{10^{x+2}}{100^{4x}} = 10000^{x-1}$

$$\frac{10^{x+2}}{10^{8x}} = 10^{4x-4} \quad \checkmark$$

$$10^{2-7x} = 10^{4x-4} \quad \checkmark$$

$$2 - 7x = 4x - 4 \quad \checkmark$$

$$6 = 11x$$

$$x = \frac{6}{11} \quad \checkmark$$

(e) $3^{x+1} = 12$

$$(x+1)\log 3 = \log 12 \quad \checkmark$$

$$x+1 = \frac{\log 12}{\log 3} \quad \checkmark$$

$$x = \frac{\log 12}{\log 3} - 1 \quad \checkmark$$

Question Two: [3, 3, 3 = 9 marks] CF

Evaluate each of the following showing full working:

(a) $3\log_2 6 - \log_2 27$

$= \log_2 8$ ✓

$= \log_2 2^3$ ✓

$= 3\log_2 2$

$= 3$ ✓

$1.5\log_8 4$

(b) $\log_8 \left(\sqrt[4]{4} \right)^3$ ✓

$= \log_8 8$ ✓

$= \log_8 8$ ✓

$= 1$ ✓

$\frac{\log 3^2}{\log 1.35 - \log 5}$

$= \frac{\log 27}{\log 3}$ ✓

$= \frac{2\log 3}{\log 3^3}$ ✓

$= \frac{2\log 3}{3\log 3}$

$= \frac{2}{3}$ ✓

(b) $\log xm^3 - 3\log m$ ✓

$= \log x + 3\log m - 3\log m$ ✓

$= \log x$ ✓

$= 2\log x$ ✓

$\log x^2$

If $\log x = y$, where x is positive, express each of the following in terms of y .

Question Three: [1, 3 = 4 marks] CF

Question Four: [2, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 4, 3 = 24 marks] CF

Solve each of the following equations, showing all working.

(a) $\log_7 64 = 2$

(b) $8x^{\frac{1}{3}} + 12x^{\frac{1}{3}} = 40$

(c) $\log_5 x + \log_5 8 = 0$

(d) $\frac{10^{x+2}}{100^{x+1}} = 10000^{x-1}$

(e) $3^{x+1} = 12$

(f) $2^{x-3} = 5^{2x+1}$

(g) $4^{2x} - 4^x - 6 = 0$

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(a) $2\log 3 + \log 2 - \log 6$

$= \log 9 + \log 2 - \log 6$ ✓

$= \log 18 - \log 6$

$= \log 3$ ✓

(b) $2\log_x y - 3\log_x y + 6$

$= \log_x y^2 - \log_x y^3 + 6\log_x x$ ✓

$= \log_x \frac{1}{y} + \log_x x^6$

$= \log_x \frac{x^6}{y}$ ✓

(c) $3\log_a m + 4\log_a n - 5\log_a t$

$= \log_a m^3 + \log_a n^4 - \log_a t^5$ ✓

$= \log_a \frac{m^3 n^4}{t^5}$ ✓

(d) $(\log x)^3 \div (\log x)^2 + \log x^2$

$= \log x + \log x^2$ ✓

$= \log x^3$ ✓