


Light Questions

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Q.1 Compute the following without log tables:

(A) $\log_{\sqrt{2}} 16$

Ans. (8)

Sol. $\log_{2^{\frac{1}{2}}} 16$ $\left(\log_{b^c} a = \frac{1}{c} \log_b a\right)$

$$= 2 \log_2 16$$

$$= 2 \log_2 2^4 \quad (\log_a^b = b \log_a)$$

$$= 2 \times 4 (\log_2 2)$$

$$= 8$$

(B) $\log_{\sqrt{2}} (32^5 \sqrt{4})$

Ans. $\frac{54}{5}$

Sol. $\log_{2^{1/2}} 2^5 (2^2)^{1/5} = \log_{2^{1/2}} 2^5 \cdot 2^{2/5}$

$$= \log_{2^{1/2}} 2^{5+2/5} = \left(5 + \frac{2}{5}\right) \cdot 2 (\log_2 2)$$

$$= \left(5 + \frac{2}{5}\right) 2 = \frac{27}{5} \cdot 2 = \frac{54}{5}$$

(C) $\log_{125} 625$

Ans. $\frac{4}{3}$

Sol. $= \log_{5^3} 5^4 = 4 \times \frac{1}{3} (\log_5 5) = \frac{4}{3}$

(D) $\log_{\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{3}-\sqrt{2}$


Ans. -1

Sol. $\log_{\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{2}} (1/\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{2}) = -1$

$$\because (\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2}) \cdot (\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2}) = 1$$

$$\therefore (\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2}}$$

$$\& \log_{\frac{1}{a}} a = -1 = \log_a \frac{1}{a}$$

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(E) $\log_2 \left(\frac{1}{512} \right)$

Ans. -9

Sol. $\log_2 \left(\frac{1}{2^9} \right) \Rightarrow \log_2 2^{-9} = (-9)(\log_2 2) = -9$

(F) $\log_{(\cot 45^\circ)} (\operatorname{cosec} 45^\circ)$

Ans. **Not possible**

Sol. $\log_{(1)} (1/\sqrt{2})$

But Base Can not be equal to "1"

\therefore Not possible

Q.2 Evaluate:

(A) $\log_{3^{-9}} 27 - 2\log_{3^{-4}} 9$

Ans. $\frac{2}{3}$

Sol. $\log_{3^{-9}} 3^3 - 2\log_{3^{-4}} 3^2$

$$\frac{(3)}{(-9)} - 2 \frac{(2)}{(-4)} - \frac{1}{3} + 1 = \frac{2}{3}$$

(B) $\log_3 \log_5 125$

Ans. **1**

Sol. $\log_3 (\log_5 5^3) = \log_3 (3 \log_5 5) = \log_3 3 = 1$

Q.3 Evaluate:

(A) $4^{\log_2 6}$

Ans. **36**

Sol. $6^{\log_2 4} = 6^{\log_2 2} = 6^{2(\log_2 2)} = 6^{2(1)} = 6^2 = 36$

(B) $4^{\log_{10} 100} + 100^{\log_{10} 4}$


Ans. **32**

Sol. \because (i) $a^{\log_a b} = b$

(ii) $a \log_c^b = b^{\log_c a}$

$$= 4^{\log_{10} 100} + 4^{\log_{10} 100} = 2 \cdot (4^{\log_{10} 100})$$

$$= 2(4^{\log_{10} 10^2}) = 2 \cdot (4^{2\log_{10} 10}) = 2(4^2) = 32$$

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Q.4 The value of $\log_{99}(0.\bar{9})$ is = _____

Ans. 0

Sol. Let

$$x = 0.\bar{9}$$

$$x = 0.999999 \dots (1)$$

$$10(x) = 10 \cdot (0.999999 \dots)$$

$$10x = 9.999999 \dots (2)$$

$$(2) - (1)$$

$$10x = 9.999999 \dots$$

$$\underline{x = 0.999999 \dots}$$

$$9x = 9 \Rightarrow x = 1$$

$$\therefore \log_{99}(0.\bar{9}) = \log_{99} 1 = 0$$

Q.5 (i) $4^{\log_1 3} =$ _____

Ans. $\frac{1}{9}$

Sol. $= 4^{\log_2 3 - 1} = 4^{-\log_2 3} = (2^2)^{-\log_2 3} = 2^{-2\log_2 3} = 2^{\log_2 3^{-2}} = 3^{-2} = \frac{1}{9}$

(ii) $8^{\frac{1}{\log_3 2}} =$ _____

Ans. 27


Sol. $= 8^{\log_2 3} = (2^3)^{\log_2 3} = 2^{3\log_2 3} = 2^{\log_2 3^3} = 3^3 = 27$

(iii) $2^{\log_3 7} + 5^{\log_8 11} - 7^{\log_3 2} - 11^{\log_8 5}$

Ans. 0

Sol. ($\because a \log_c b = b^{\log_c a}$)

$$2^{\log_3 7} + 5^{\log_8 11} - 7^{\log_3 2} - 11^{\log_8 5} = 0$$

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(iv) $\log_4 (\sqrt{4\sqrt{4}\sqrt{4}})$

Ans. 1

Sol. $\log_4 (4^{1/2} \cdot 4^{1/4} 4^{1/4}) = \log_4 4^{(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4})} = \log_4 4^1 = 1$

(v) $\log_5 (\log_5 (\sqrt{5\sqrt{5}\sqrt{5}}))$

Ans. 0

Sol. $\log_5 \{ \log_5 (5^{1/2} 5^{1/4} 5^{1/4}) \} = \log_5 \{ \log_5 (5^{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}}) \} = \log_5 (\log_5 5^1) = \log_5 1 = 0$

(vi) $\log_{\frac{1}{3}} \left(\sqrt[4]{729 \cdot \sqrt[3]{9^{-1} \cdot 27^{\frac{-4}{3}}}} \right)$

Ans. -1

Sol. $= \log_{1/3} \left\{ \sqrt[4]{3^6 \sqrt[3]{(3^2)^{-1} (3^3)^{-4/3}}} \right\} = \log_{1/3} \{ 3^6 (3^{-2} 3^{-4})^{1/3} \}^{1/4} = \log_{1/3} [3^6 (3^{-6})^{1/3}]^{1/4}$
 $= \log_{1/3} (3^6 \cdot 3^{-2})^{1/4} = \log_{1/3} (3^4)^{1/4} = \log_{1/3} 3 = -1$

Q.6 Prove that:

(A) $7 \log \frac{16}{15} + 5 \log \frac{25}{24} + 3 \log \frac{81}{80} = \log 2$

Ans.

Sol. $\left[\begin{array}{l} \log \left(\frac{a}{b} \right) = \log a - \log b \\ \log_a b = b \log a \\ \log a \cdot b = \log a + \log b \end{array} \right]$

$$7(\log 16 - \log 15) + 5(\log 25 - \log 24) + 3(\log 81 - \log 80)$$


$$7[\log 2^4 - \log (3 \cdot 5)] + 5[\log 5^2 - \log (2^3 \cdot 3)] + 3[\log 3^4 - \log (2^4 \cdot 5)]$$

$$7[(4 \log 2) - (\log 3 + \log 5)] + 5[2 \log 5 - (\log 2^3 + \log 3)] + 3[(4 \log 3) - (\log 2^4 + \log 5)]$$

$$7(4 \log 2 - \log 3 - \log 5) + 5(2 \log 5 - 3 \log 2 - \log 3) + 3(4 \log 3 - 4 \log 2 - \log 5)$$

$$(28 \log 2 - 15 \log 2 - 12 \log 2) + (-7 \log 3 - 5 \log 3 + 12 \log 3) + (-7 \log 5 + 10 \log 5 - 3 \log 5)$$

$$= \log 2$$

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(B) $\log(1+2+3) = \log 1 + \log 2 + \log 3$

Ans.

Sol. $\text{LHS} = \log(1+2+3) = \log 6 = \log(1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3) = \log 1 + \log 2 + \log 3 = \text{R.H.S}$

Q.7 Evaluate:

(A) $\log_{10} \sin 1^\circ \log_{10} \sin 2^\circ \log_{10} \sin 3^\circ \dots \log_{10} \sin 179^\circ$

Ans. 0

Sol. $\log_{10}(\sin 1^\circ) \cdot \log_{10}(\sin 2^\circ) \dots \log_{10}(\sin 89^\circ) \cdot \log_{10}(\sin 90^\circ) \cdot \log_{10}(\sin 91^\circ) \dots \log_{10}(\sin 179^\circ)$

$$\log_{10}(\sin 1^\circ) \dots \log_{10}(\sin 89^\circ) \cdot \log_{10}(1) \dots \log_{10}(\sin 179^\circ) = 0$$

(B) $\log_2(\tan 1^\circ) \log_2(\tan 2^\circ) \log_2(\tan 3^\circ) \dots \log_2(\tan 89^\circ)$

Ans. 0

Sol. $\log_2(\tan 1^\circ) \cdot \log_2(\tan 2^\circ) \dots \log_2(\tan 45^\circ) \cdot \log_2(\tan 46^\circ) \dots \log_2(\tan 89^\circ)$

$$\log_2(\tan 1^\circ) \cdot \log_2(\tan 2^\circ) \dots (\log_2 1)^0 \dots - \log_2(\tan 89^\circ) = 0$$

(C) $\log_{10}(\log_2 3) + \log_{10}(\log_3 4) + \dots + \log_{10}(\log_{1023} 1024) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

Ans. 1

Sol. $\log_{10}(\log_2 3) + \log_{10}(\log_3 4) + \log_{10}(\log_4 5) + \dots + \log_{10}(\log_{1023} 1024)$

$$\left[\because \log_b a = \frac{\log a}{\log b} \right] \& \left[\frac{\log a + \log b + \log c}{\log(a \cdot b \cdot c)} \right]$$

$$\log_{10}(\log_2 3 \cdot \log_3 4 \cdot \log_4 5 \dots \log_{1023} 1024)$$

$$\log_{10} \left(\frac{\log 3}{\log 2} \cdot \frac{\log 4}{\log 3} \cdot \frac{\log 5}{\log 4} \dots \frac{\log 1023}{\log 1022} \cdot \frac{\log 1024}{\log 1023} \right)$$

$$\log_{10} \left(\frac{\log^{1024} 2}{\log 2} \right) = \log_{10}(\log_2 1024)$$

$$= \log_{10}(\log_2 2^{10}) = \log_{10}(10 \log_2 2)$$

$$= \log_{10}(10(1)) = \log_{10} 10 = 1$$