

Question number	Scheme	Marks
1	$3\log_3 x - 8\log_x 3 = 10 \Rightarrow 3\log_3 x - 8\frac{\log_3 3}{\log_3 x} - 10 = 0$ $\Rightarrow 3(\log_3 x)^2 - 10(\log_3 x) - 8 = 0$ OR : $3\frac{\log_x x}{\log_x 3} - 8\log_x 3 = 10 \Rightarrow 3 - 8(\log_x 3)^2 = 10\log_x 3$ $(3\log_3 x + 2)(\log_3 x - 4) = 0 \Rightarrow \log_3 x = -\frac{2}{3}, 4$ OR: $(4\log_x 3 - 1)(2\log_x 3 + 3) = 0 \Rightarrow \log_x 3 = \frac{1}{4}, -\frac{3}{2}$ $x = 3^4 = 81 \quad x = 3^{-\frac{2}{3}} \left[ = \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{9}} = \frac{\sqrt[3]{9}}{9} \approx 0.4807... \right]$	M1 M1 M1A1 M1A1 [6]
<b>M1</b>	Use correct change of base formula so that all logs have the same base. May have 1 instead of $\log_3 3$ or $\log_x x$	
<b>M1</b>	Obtain a corresponding 3TQ, brackets here can be implied by subsequent working	
<b>M1</b>	Solve their 3TQ to $\log_3 x = \dots$ or $\log_x 3 = \dots$ If a substitution has been used it must be reversed before this mark can be awarded.	
<b>A1</b>	Either correct answer obtained	
<b>M1</b>	“Undo” at least one log correctly and obtain at least one value for $x$	
<b>A1</b>	2 correct values for $x$ . These can be in any form inc decimals (min 3 sf)	
<b>NB</b>	This question can be solved using any base. For the first M mark all logs must have the same base and at least one change of base must be correct. If in doubt about the marking, send to review.	