

Practice the following problems related to general exponential and logarithmic functions.

## Section 2.5

1. Find the derivative of the following functions

22.  $y = 4^{x^2+5}$

32.  $y = 8 \log_3 (2x - x^3)$

40.  $y = \frac{3x + 2}{\log_6 x}$

2. Applications

50. **Recycling aluminum cans.** It is known that 49.4% of all aluminum cans distributed are recycled each year. A beverage company uses 250,000 lb of aluminum cans. After recycling, the amount of aluminum, in pounds, still in use after  $t$  years is given by

$$N(t) = 250,000(0.494)^t.$$

(Source: aluminum.org, 2017.)

- a) Find  $N(3)$ , and explain its meaning.
- b) Find  $N'(3)$ , and explain its meaning.
- c) When will 10% of the original amount of aluminum still be in use?

- 60. Growth of an investment.** Suppose  $A(t) = 2500e^{0.0255t}$  gives the amount,  $A(t)$ , in Jerry's account  $t$  years after his original investment.
- a)** Rewrite the function in the form  $P(t) = 2500 \cdot 3^{t/T}$ .
  - b)** Rewrite the function in the form  $P(t) = 2500 \cdot 9^{t/T}$ .
  - c)** How do the two  $T$  values in parts (a) and (b) compare?
  - d)** Without using a calculator, find  $T$  if the model is written as  $P(t) = 2500 \cdot 27^{t/T}$ .