

# 7. LOGARITHMS

## SYNOPSIS

1. If  $a \neq 1$ ,  $N$  are two positive real numbers and  $a^x = N$ , then  $x$  is called logarithm of  $N$  to the base  $a$  and we write  $x = \log_a N$
2. Logarithms are defined only for positive numbers.
3.  $\log_a a = 1$
4.  $\log_a 1 = 0$
5.  $\log_a (xy) = \log_a x + \log_a y$
6.  $\log_a \left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = \log_a x - \log_a y$
7.  $\log_a (x^n) = n \log_a x$
8.  $\log_{a^n} x = \frac{1}{n} \log_a x$
9.  $a^{\log_a M} = M$
10.  $\log_b a \log_c b = \log_c a$
11.  $\log_b a \log_a b = 1$
12.  $\log_a x = \frac{\log_b x}{\log_b a}$
13.  $\log_b a = \frac{1}{\log_a b}$
14.  $a^{\log_c b} = b^{\log_c a}$
15.  $a^{\sqrt{\log_a b}} = b^{\sqrt{\log_b a}}$
16. If  $x, y, z$  are in G.P., then  $\log_a x, \log_a y, \log_a z$  are in A.P.
17.  $\log_a x$  is a decreasing function of  $x$  if  $0 < a < 1$ . i.e.,  $x > y \Leftrightarrow \log_a x < \log_a y$
18.  $\log_a x$  is an increasing function of  $x$  if  $a > 1$ . i.e.,  $x > y \Leftrightarrow \log_a x > \log_a y$
19.  $\log_b a$  is positive if  $a > 1$  &  $b > 1$  or  $0 < a < 1$  &  $0 < b < 1$
20.  $\log_b a$  is negative if  $0 < a < 1$  &  $b > 1$  or  $a > 1$  &  $0 < b < 1$

## LECTURE SHEET

### LEVEL-I (MAIN)

#### Single answer type questions

1.  $\frac{1}{\log_3 \pi} + \frac{1}{\log_4 \pi}$ 
  - 1) is equal to 2
  - 2) is less than 2
  - 3) is greater than 2
  - 4) cannot be determined
2. If  $\frac{1}{\log_2 a} + \frac{1}{\log_4 a} + \frac{1}{\log_8 a} + \frac{1}{\log_{16} a} + \dots$  to  $n$  terms  $= \frac{n(n+1)}{2k}$ , then  $k =$ 
  - 1)  $\log_a 2$
  - 2)  $\log_a 4$
  - 3)  $\log_2 a$
  - 4)  $\log_4 a$
3. If  $\log(x+y) = \log\left(\frac{3x-3y}{2}\right)$ , then  $\log x - \log y =$ 
  - 1)  $\log 2$
  - 2)  $\log 3$
  - 3)  $\log 4$
  - 4)  $\log 5$
4. If  $x, y, z$  are three consecutive natural numbers then  $\log(1+xz) =$ 
  - 1) 0
  - 2)  $y$
  - 3)  $\log y$
  - 4)  $2 \log y$

5. If  $a^x = b^y = c^z$  and  $x, y, z$  are in G.P., then  
 1)  $\log_c b = \log_a c$       2)  $\log_a c = \log_b a$       3)  $\log_a b = \log_c b$       4)  $\log_b a = \log_c b$
6. If  $x = \log_a bc, y = \log_b ca, z = \log_c ab$  then  $xyz =$   
 1)  $x + y + z$       2)  $x + y + z + 1$       3)  $x + y + z + 2$       4)  $x + y + z + 3$
7. If  $\log_a abc = x + 1, \log_b abc = y + 1, \log_c abc = z + 1$ , then  $x + y + z + 2 =$   
 1) 0      2)  $xyz$       3)  $2yz$       4)  $3yz$
8. If  $\log_{30} 3 = a, \log_{30} 5 = b$ , then  $\log_{30} 8 =$   
 1)  $3(1 + a + b)$       2)  $3(1 - a + b)$       3)  $3(1 - a - b)$       4)  $3(1 + a - b)$
9. If  $\frac{\log a}{b - c} = \frac{\log b}{c - a} = \frac{\log c}{a - b}$ , then  $a^{b+c} b^{c+a} c^{a+b} =$   
 1) 0      2) 2      3) 1      4) 4
10. If  $\frac{\log a}{y - z} = \frac{\log b}{z - x} = \frac{\log c}{x - y}$ , then  $a^{y^2 + yz + z^2} b^{z^2 + zx + x^2} c^{x^2 + xy + y^2} =$   
 1) 0      2) 1      3) -1      4) 2
11. If  $\frac{xy \log(xy)}{x + y} = \frac{yz \log(yz)}{y + z} = \frac{zx \log(zx)}{z + x}$  then  
 1)  $x^x = y^y = z^z$       2)  $x = y = z$       3)  $x + y + z = 0$       4) none
12. If  $\log_{12} 81 = x$ , then  $\log_6 3 =$   
 1)  $\frac{x}{x + 4}$       2)  $\frac{x + 4}{x}$       3)  $\frac{2x}{x + 4}$       4)  $\frac{x + 4}{2x}$
13. If  $(4.2)^x = (0.42)^y = 100$ , then  $\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{y} =$   
 1)  $1/2$       2)  $1/3$       3)  $1/4$       4)  $1/5$
14. If  $\frac{\log_a n}{\log_c n} = \frac{\log_a n - \log_b n}{\log_b n - \log_c n}$  then  $a, b, c$  are in  
 1) A.P.      2) H.P.      3) G.P.      4) A.G.P.
15. If  $\frac{1}{2} \log_{10} 2 + \log_{10} \sqrt{x^2 + 4x + 5} - \frac{1}{2} \log_{10} (x^2 - 4x + 5) = \frac{1}{2}$ , then  $x =$   
 1) 0 or 1      2) 1 or 5      3) 0 or 5      4) 0 or 1 or 5
16. If  $\log 2 = a, \log 3 = b, \log 7 = c$  and  $6^x = 7^{x+4}$  then  $x =$   
 1)  $\frac{4b}{c + ab}$       2)  $\frac{4c}{a + b - c}$       3)  $\frac{4b}{c - a - b}$       4)  $\frac{4b}{a + b - c}$
17.  $0.0001 < n < 0.001 \Rightarrow$   
 1)  $-4 < \log n < -3$       2)  $-3 < \log n < -2$       3)  $-2 < \log n < -1$       4)  $-5 < \log n < -4$
18.  $\frac{\log_a (\log_b a)}{\log_b (\log_a b)} =$   
 1)  $\log_b a$       2)  $\log_a b$       3)  $-\log_a b$       4)  $-\log_b a$
19. If  $\log 2 = a, \log 3 = b, \log 7 = c$  and  $2^x \cdot 3^{x+4} = 7^x$ , then the value of  $x$  in terms of  $a, b, c$  is  
 1)  $\frac{4b}{(c - a - b)}$       2)  $\frac{4b}{(c + a + b)}$       3)  $\frac{4}{(c + a + b)}$       4)  $\frac{4}{(c - a - b)}$

20. The solution set of  $\log_{1/2}(x^2 - 1) > 0$  is:

- 1)  $(1, \sqrt{2})$       2)  $(-\sqrt{2}, -1)$       3)  $(-\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2})$       4)  $(-\sqrt{2}, -1) \cup (1, \sqrt{2})$

21. The set of all  $x$  satisfying the equation,  $x^{\log_3 x^2 + (\log_3 x)^2 - 10} = \frac{1}{x^2}$  is :

- 1)  $\{1, 9\}$       2)  $\left\{1, 9, \frac{1}{81}\right\}$       3)  $\left\{1, 4, \frac{1}{81}\right\}$       4)  $\left\{9, \frac{1}{81}\right\}$

22. The set of all the solutions of the inequality,  $\log_{1-x}(x-2) \geq -1$  is:

- 1)  $(-\infty, 0)$       2)  $(2, \infty)$       3)  $(-\infty, 1)$       4)  $\phi$

### Numerical value type questions

23.  $\log_2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\right) + \log_2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{3}\right) + \dots + \log_2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{31}\right) =$

24. If  $\log_{10} \left[ \frac{1}{2^x + x - 1} \right] = x [\log_{10} 5 - 1]$  then  $x =$

25. If  $\log_{10} 3 = 0.4771$ , then the number of digits in  $3^{40}$  is

26. Number of solution to the equation  $[x] = \log x$ .

27. The number of solution to (Real solutions)  $x^{\frac{3}{4}(\log_2 x)^2 + \log_2 x - \frac{5}{4}} = \sqrt{2}$

28. If  $x = \log_{2a}^a : y = \log_{3a}^{2a} : z = \log_{4a}^{3a}$  then  $(x-2)yz =$

29.  $a > 0 (a \neq 1), b > 0 (b \neq 1)$  such that  $a^{(\log_b^b)^x} = b^{(\log_a^a)^x}$  then  $x =$

30. There exist positive integers  $A, B$  and  $C$  with no common factors greater than 1, such that  $A \log_{200} 5 + B \log_{200} 2 = C$ . The sum  $A + B + C$  equals

### LEVEL-II (ADVANCED)

#### Single answer type questions

1. If  $c^2 = (ca)^{\log_a b}$  conditions  $a, b, c > 0, b > a \Rightarrow \ln a, \ln b, \ln c$  are in (natural logarithms)

- a) A.P      b) G.P      c) H.P      d) None

2. Given real numbers  $a, b, c > 0$  ( $\neq 1$ ) such that  $\log_{\log_c a} e, \log_{\log_{(a^{c/2})} e}, \log_{\log_b c} e$  are in H.P. then  $c$  equal to

- a)  $\log_a (\log_a b)$       b)  $\log_a (\log_b a)$       c)  $\log_b (\log_b a)$       d)  $\log_b (\log_a b)$

3. For  $x \in R; x > 1$  and  $n \in I > 1$ . Let  $f_n(x) = \frac{n}{\frac{1}{\log_2 x} + \frac{1}{\log_3 x} + \dots + \frac{1}{\log_n x}}$ , then  $(5!)^{f_5(x)}$

- a)  $5^x$       b)  $5^5$       c)  $x^5$       d)  $5^{5x}$

4. Define a real valued function of a real variable  $x$  given by  $f(x) = a \sin x + b \sqrt[3]{x} + 6$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are real numbers. If  $f(\log_{30}(\log_{15} 30)) = 7$ , the the value of  $f(\log_{30}(\log_{30} 15))$  is.

- a) 5      b) 7      c) -5      d) -7



5. If  $a_n = \sum_{r=1}^n \log_e a^r$ ,  $a > 0$  and  $S_n = \sum_{r=1}^n a_r$ , then minimum number of terms of  $S_n$  to be taken so that the sum is greater than  $1335 \log_e a$  is  
 a) 88                                      b) 89                                      c) 91                                      d) 92
6. If the equation  $\frac{\log_{12}(\log_8(\log_4 x))}{\log_5(\log_4(\log_y(\log_2 x)))} = 0$  has a solution for 'x' when  $c < y < b$ ,  $y \neq a$ , where 'b' is as large as possible and 'c' is as small as possible, then the value of  $(a + b + c)$  is equal to  
 a) 18                                      b) 19                                      c) 20                                      d) 21
7. If  $x > 1$ ,  $y > 1$ ,  $z > 1$  are in G.P., then  $\log_{ex} e$ ,  $\log_{ey} e$ ,  $\log_{ez} e$  are in  
 a) A.P                                      b) H.P                                      c) G.P                                      d) A.G.P
8. Which of the following is/are true  
 a)  $\log_2^3 < \log_5^{17}$                                       b)  $\log_2^{24}(\log_{96}^2)^{-1} - \log_2^{192}(\log_{12}^2)^{-1} = 3$   
 c)  $(\log_2^5)^2 > \log_2^{20}$                                       d)  $\log_{10}^5 \cdot \log_{10}^{20} + (\log_{10}^2)^2 = 1$

**More than one answer type questions**

9. If  $\frac{\log_2 x}{4} = \frac{\log_2 y}{6} = \frac{\log_2 z}{3k}$  and  $x^3 y^2 z = 1$ , then  $k$  is equal to  
 a) -8                                      b) -4                                      c) 0                                      d)  $\log_2 \left( \frac{1}{256} \right)$
10. A line  $x = k$  intersects the graph of  $y = \log_5 x$  and  $y = \log_5(x + 4)$ . The distance between the points of intersection is 0.5 given that  $k = a + \sqrt{b}$ , where  $a, b \in N$ , then  
 a)  $a = 2, b = 4$                                       b)  $a = 1, b = 5$                                       c)  $a + b = 6$                                       d)  $a = b = 3$
11. A line  $x = k$  intersects the graph of  $y = \log_5 x$  and the graph of  $y = \log_5(x + 4)$ . The distance between the point of intersection is 0.5. Given that  $k = a + \sqrt{b}$  where  $a, b \in N$  then  
 a)  $a = 2, b = 4$                                       b)  $a = 1, b = 5$                                       c)  $a + b = 6$                                       d)  $a = b = 3$
12. Given  $x^{2 \log x} = 10x^2$  ( $\log x$  is to base 10) solve for  $x$   
 a)  $10^{\sqrt{3}+1}$                                       b)  $10^{-\sqrt{3}-1}$                                       c)  $10^{-\sqrt{3}+1}$                                       d)  $10^{\sqrt{3}-1}$

**Linked comprehension type questions****Passage - I :**

An equation of the form  $2m \log_a f(x) = \log_a g(x)$ ,  $a > 0, a \neq 1, m \in N$  is equivalent to the system

$$\begin{cases} f(x) > 0 \\ f^{2m}(x) = g(x) \end{cases}$$

13. The number of solutions of  $2 \log_e 2x = \log_e(7x - 2 - 2x^2)$  is  
 a) 1                                      b) 2                                      c) 3                                      d) infinite
14. The number of solutions of  $\ln 2x = 2 \ln(4x - 15)$  is  
 a) 0                                      b) 1                                      c) 2                                      d) infinite
15. The number of solutions of  $\log(3x^2 + x - 2) = 3 \log(3x - 2)$  is  
 a) 1                                      b) 2                                      c) 3                                      d) 0

## Passage - II :

Equations of the form (i)  $f(\log_a x) = 0, a > 0, a \neq 1$  and (ii)  $g(\log_x A) = 0, A > 0$ , then eq. (i) is equivalent to  $f(t) = 0$ , where  $t = \log_a x$

If  $t_1, t_2, t_3, \dots, t_k$  are the roots of  $f(t) = 0$ , then  $\log_a x = t_1, \log_a x = t_2, \dots, \log_a x = t_k$  and eq. (ii) is equivalent to  $f(y) = 0$ , where  $y = \log_x A$ . If  $y_1, y_2, y_3, \dots, y_k$  are the roots of  $f(y) = 0$ , then  $\log_x A = y_1, \log_x A = y_2, \dots, \log_x A = y_k$ .

16. The solution set of  $(\log_5 x)^2 + \log_5 x + 1 = \frac{7}{\log_5 x - 1}$  contains  
 a) (1, 3)                      b) {1}                      c) {25}                      d) {1, 25}
17. The set of all  $x$  satisfying the equation  $x^{\log_3 x^3 + (\log_3 x)^2 - 10} = \frac{1}{x^2}$  is  
 a) {1, 9}                      b)  $\left\{9, \frac{1}{81}\right\}$                       c)  $\left\{1, 4, \frac{1}{81}\right\}$                       d)  $\left\{1, 9, \frac{1}{81}\right\}$
18. If  $\frac{(\ln x)^2 - 3 \ln x + 3}{\ln x - 1} < 1$ , then  $x$  belongs to  
 a) (0, e)                      b) (1, e)                      c) (1, 2e)                      d) (0, 3e)

## Passage - III :

If  $\frac{\log x}{b-c} = \frac{\log y}{c-a} = \frac{\log z}{a-b}$ ,  $l = \log_{2k} k$ ,  $m = \log_{3k} 2k$ ,  $n = \log_{4k} 3k$  and  $\log_{12} 27 = p$  then

19.  $xyz =$   
 a) 1                      b)  $abc$                       c) 0                      d) -1
20.  $x^a \cdot y^b \cdot z^c =$   
 a) 0                      b) 2                      c) 3                      d) 1
21.  $x^{b^2+bc+c^2} \cdot y^{c^2+ca+a^2} \cdot z^{a^2+ab+b^2} =$   
 a) 0                      b) 1                      c) -1                      d) 2

## Passage - IV :

If  $f(x) = \log x$ ,  $g(x) = x^3$ ,  $h(x) = \cos x$ ;  $w(x) = \frac{1-x}{1+x}$ ,

$T(x) = (f \circ w)(x)$ ,  $u(x) = \frac{1+x}{1-x}$  and

$V(x) = (f \circ u)(x)$

22.  $V(x) + V(y) =$   
 a)  $V(x+y)$                       b)  $V(x) + \frac{V(y)}{1+xy}$                       c)  $(x+y)V\left(\frac{1}{1+xy}\right)$                       d)  $V\left(\frac{x+y}{1+xy}\right)$
23.  $u\left(\frac{3x+x^3}{1+3x^2}\right) =$  ----  
 a)  $3v(x)$                       b)  $v(x)$                       c)  $2v(x)$                       d) none of 1,2,3

**Matrix matching type questions**

**24. COLUMN - I**

- A) If  $\log_{34} 5$  lies in the interval  $(a, b)$ , then  
 B) If  $\log_{300} 4$  lies in the interval  $(a, b)$ , then  
 C) If  $\log_{400} 4$  lies in the interval  $(a, b)$ , then

**COLUMN - II**

- p)  $[10a + 10b] = 8$ , where  $[.]$  denotes the greatest integer function  
 q)  $(10a + 10b) = 5$  where  $(.)$  denotes the least integer function  
 r)  $[6b - 3a] = 2$  where  $[.]$  denotes the greatest integer function  
 s)  $[10a + 10b] = 3$  where  $[.]$  denotes the greatest integer function  
 t)  $(6b - 3a) = 1$  where  $(.)$  denotes the least integer function

**25. COLUMN - I**

- A) The solution set of  $\log_{100} |x + y| = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\log_{10} y - \log_{10} |x| = \log_{100} 4$  is  
 B) The solution set of  $4\log_2^2 x + 1 = 2\log_2 y$  and  $\log_2 x^2 \geq \log_2 y$   
 C) The solution set of  $\log_4 x - \log_2 y = 0$  and  $x^2 - 5y^2 + 4 = 0$

**COLUMN - II**

- p)  $\{\sqrt{2}, 2\}$   
 q)  $\{1, 1\}$   
 r)  $\{-10, 20\}$   
 s)  $\{4, 2\}$   
 t)  $\left\{\frac{10}{3}, \frac{20}{3}\right\}$

**26. LIST - I (equation)**

- 1)  $\log_8 x + \log_x 8 = \frac{10}{3}$   
 2)  $5^{(\log_{10} x - 2)} = 3^{(\log_{10} x - 2)}$   
 3)  $2\log_2 \log_2 x + \log_2 \log_2 (2\sqrt{2}x)$   
 4)  $x^{\log_2(x+4)} = 6$

**LIST - II (solution)**

- a) 8,  $\frac{1}{2}$   
 b) 512, 2  
 c) 100  
 d) 1,  $\frac{1}{3}$   
 e) 1

1	2	3	4		1	2	3	4
a) b	c	a	e	b)	a	e	c	d
c) a	b	d	c	d)	d	a	c	b

**Integer answer type questions**

27.  $\log(a + c)$ ,  $\log(a + b)$ ,  $\log(b + c)$  are in A.P and  $a, c, b$  are in H.P where  $a, b, c > 0$ . If  $a + b = k c/4$  then the value of 'k' is  
 28. If  $x, y \in R^+$  satisfy  $\log_8 x + \log_4 y^2 = 5$  and  $\log_8 y + \log_4 x^2 = 7$  then the value of  $\frac{(x^2 + y^2)}{2080} = \dots$   
 29. Number of values of  $x$  satisfy the equation  $\log_{2x+3}(6x^2 + 23x + 21) = 4 - \log_{3x+7}(4x^2 + 12x + 9)$  (is/are)  
 30. If  $\log_{10} x + \frac{1}{2}\log_{10} x + \frac{1}{4}\log_{10} x + \dots = y$  and  $\frac{1+3+5+\dots+(2y-1)}{4+7+10+\dots+(3y+1)} = \frac{20}{7\log_{10} x} \forall x, y \in N$ , then the value of  $\log_y x$  must be



## PRACTICE SHEET

## LEVEL-I (MAIN)

## Single answer type questions

- $3^{\sqrt{\log_3 7}} - 7^{\sqrt{\log_7 3}} =$   
1) 0                                      2) 1                                      3) -1                                      4) 2
- $\log_2 17 \log_{1/5} 2 \log_3 (1/5)$   
1) is equal to 2                      2) is less than 2                      3) is greater than 2                      4) cannot be determined
- If  $\frac{1}{\log_2 n} + \frac{1}{\log_3 n} + \dots + \frac{1}{\log_{43} n} = \frac{1}{\log_x n}$ , then  $x =$   
1) 43                                      2)  $43^n$                                       3) 43!                                      4)  $n^{43}$
- If  $y = \frac{10^{\log x}}{x^2}$  and  $x = y^4$  then  $A =$   
1)  $y = \frac{10^{\log x}}{x^2}$                                       2)  $\frac{1}{\log 10 + 2}$                                       3)  $\frac{1}{\log 10 - 3}$                                       4)  $\frac{1}{\log 10 + 3}$
- If  $x^3 + y^3 = 0$ ,  $x + y \neq 0$  then  $\log(x + y) =$   
1)  $\frac{1}{2}(\log x + \log y - \log 2)$                       2)  $\frac{1}{2}(\log x + \log y + \log 3)$                       3)  $\log x + \log y + \log 2$                       4)  $\log x + \log y - \log 2$
- If  $x = \log_{0.1} 0.001$ ,  $y = \log_9 81$  then  $\sqrt{x - 2\sqrt{y}} =$   
1)  $3 - \sqrt{2}$                                       2)  $\sqrt{3} - 2$                                       3)  $\sqrt{2} - 1$                                       4)  $\sqrt{2} - 2$
- If  $f(a) = \log \frac{2+a}{2-a}$ , then  $\frac{1}{2} f\left(\frac{8a}{4+a^2}\right) =$   
1)  $f(a)$                                       2)  $2f(a)$                                       3)  $\frac{1}{2} f(a)$                                       4)  $-f(a)$
- If  $x = \log_a bc$ ,  $y = \log_b ca$ ,  $z = \log_c ab$  then  $\frac{1}{x+1} + \frac{1}{y+1} + \frac{1}{z+1} =$   
1) 1                                      2) 2                                      3) 3                                      4) 4
- If  $a = 1 + \log_x yz$ ,  $b = 1 + \log_y zx$ ,  $c = 1 + \log_z xy$  then  $ab + bc + ca =$   
1) 0                                      2)  $2abc$                                       3)  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2$                                       4)  $abc$
- If  $a^{1/(1-\log_a x)} = y$ ,  $a^{1/(1-\log_a y)} = z$  then  $a^{1/(1-\log_a z)} =$   
1)  $x$                                       2)  $2x$                                       3)  $x^2$                                       4)  $x/2$
- If  $\frac{\log a}{b-c} = \frac{\log b}{c-a} = \frac{\log c}{a-b}$ , then  $a^{b+c} b^{c+a} c^{a+b} =$   
1) 0                                      2) 2                                      3) 1                                      4) 4
- If  $(x-y)\log_a 2 = (y-z)\log_b 2 = (z-x)\log_c 2$  then  $5^{abc} =$   
1) 0                                      2) 1                                      3) 2                                      4) 5
- If  $b = \frac{a^x + a^{-x}}{2}$ , then  $x =$   
1)  $\log_a (b + \sqrt{b^2 + 1})$                       2)  $\log_b (a + \sqrt{a^2 + 1})$                       3)  $\log_a (b + \sqrt{b^2 - 1})$                       4) none
- If  $5^x = (0.5)^y = 1000$  then  $\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{y} =$   
1) 1                                      2)  $1/2$                                       3)  $1/3$                                       4)  $1/4$

15. If  $a^x = b^y = c^z = d^w$ , then  $\log_a(bcd) =$
- 1)  $x\left(\frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{w}\right)$       2)  $\frac{1}{x}\left(\frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{w}\right)$       3)  $x\left(\frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} - \frac{1}{w}\right)$       4)  $\frac{1}{x}\left(\frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} - \frac{1}{w}\right)$
16. If  $a, b, c$  are distinct positive real numbers different from 1 such that  $(\log_b a \log_c a - \log_a a) + (\log_a b \log_c b - \log_b b) + (\log_a c \log_b c - \log_c c) = 0$  then  $abc =$
- 1) 0      2) 1      3) -1      4) none
17. If  $\log_2 x + \log_x 2 = \frac{10}{3} = \log_2 y + \log_y 2$  and  $x \neq y$ , then  $x + y =$
- 1) 2      2)  $65/8$       3)  $37/6$       4)  $8 + \sqrt[3]{2}$
18. If  $\log_l x, \log_m x, \log_n x$  are in A.P. and  $x \neq 1$  then  $(\ln)^{\log_l m} =$
- 1)  $n$       2)  $n^2$       3)  $n^3$       4)  $n^4$
19. If  $x, y, z$  are positive and the  $p^{\text{th}}, q^{\text{th}}, r^{\text{th}}$  terms respectively of a G.P., then  $(q-r)\log x + (r-p)\log y + (p-q)\log z =$
- 1) 0      2) 1      3)  $pqr$       4)  $xyz$
20. If  $\log_3 2, \log_3(2^x - 5), \log_3(2^x - 7/2)$  are in A.P., then  $x =$
- 1) 1      2) 2      3) 3      4) 4
21. If  $1 < \log_2 x^2 < 2$ , then  $x \in$
- 1)  $(-2, \sqrt{2}) \cup (\sqrt{2}, 2)$       2)  $(-2, -\sqrt{2}) \cup (\sqrt{2}, 2)$       3)  $(2, \sqrt{2}) \cup (-\sqrt{2}, 2)$       4)  $(-2, \sqrt{2}) \cup (-\sqrt{2}, 2)$
22. If  $\log_{0.1}(x-3) < \log_{0.01}(x-3)$ , then  $x$  lies in
- 1) (3, 4)      2) [3, 4]      3) (4,  $\infty$ )      4) none
23. If  $\log_{1/3}(\log_4(x^2 - 5)) > 0$ , then
- 1)  $x \in (-3, -\sqrt{6}) \cup (\sqrt{6}, 3)$       2)  $x \in (3, -\sqrt{6}) \cup (\sqrt{6}, 3)$       3)  $x \notin (-3, -\sqrt{6}) \cup (\sqrt{6}, -3)$       4)  $x \notin (-3, -\sqrt{6}) \cup (\sqrt{6}, 3)$
24. If  $x = \log_2 3, y = \log_3 11$ , then
- 1)  $x = y$       2)  $x < y$       3)  $x > y$       4) none
25.  $\frac{\log_a x + \log_b x}{\log_a x - \log_b x} =$
- 1)  $2\log_{a/b} a$       2)  $2\log_{a/b} b$       3)  $\log_{a/b} ab$       4)  $\log_{b/a} ab$
26. The set  $\{x : |1 - \log_{1/5} x| + 2 = |3 - \log_{1/5} x|\}$  is equal to:
- 1)  $(0, \infty)$       2)  $\left[\frac{1}{5}, \infty\right)$       3)  $\left[\frac{1}{5}, 5\right]$       4)  $\left(0, \frac{1}{5}\right]$
27. If  $|x-2|^{\log_2 x^3 - 3\log_x 4} = (x-2)^3$ , then a value of  $x$  is :
- 1) -4, -3      2) 4, 3      3) 3, -4      4) 4
28. If  $\log_2 x + \log_x 2 = \frac{10}{3} = \log_2 y + \log_y 2$  and  $x \neq y$ , then  $x + y$  is equal to:
- 1)  $\frac{25}{3}$       2)  $\frac{65}{8}$       3)  $\frac{37}{6}$       4)  $8 + 2^{1/3}$



29. The solution set of the equation,  $\frac{(x+3)\log_{10} x}{(x-4)(x^2+9)} > 0$ :

- 1)  $(0,1) \cup [4,\infty)$       2)  $(0,2) \cup [4,\infty)$       3)  $(0,1] \cup [4,\infty)$       4)  $(0,1) \cup (1,\infty)$

**Numerical value type questions**

30.  $\log_{\sqrt{2}} [\log_{\sqrt{2}} \{ \log_{\sqrt{3}} (\log_3 27) \}] =$

31. If  $\log_{10} 343 = 2.5353$  then the least positive integer  $n$  such that  $7^n > 10^5$  is

32. If  $\log_a [1 + \log_b \{1 + \log_c (1 + \log_a x)\}] = 0$  then  $x =$

33. If  $\log_{10} 2 = 0.3010$ ,  $\log_{10} 3 = 0.4771$ , then the number of digits in  $(2^{10} 3^5)^{20}$  is

34. If  $\log_{10} 3 = 0.4771$  then the position of first significant figure in  $81^{-25}$  is

**LEVEL-II (ADVANCED)**

**Single answer type questions**

1. The position of the first significant figure in  $3^{-65}$  is (given that  $\log_{10} 3 = 0.4771$ )

- a) 30      b) 31      c) 32      d) 29

2. If  $a, b, c$  are unequal positive number and  $\sum [\log_b^a \log_c^a - 1] = 0$  then  $abc =$

- a) 0      b)  $\cos 0^\circ$       c)  $\cos 30^\circ$       d)  $\cos \pi$

3.  $a, b$  are the lengths of sides and  $c$  is the length of hypotenuse of a right angled triangle then

$$\frac{\log_{c+b}^a + \log_{c-b}^a}{\log_{c+b}^a \cdot \log_{c-b}^a} =$$

- a) 0      b) 1      c) -1      d) 2

4. Solution set of  $\log_3(x^2 - 2) < \log_3\left(\frac{3}{2}|x| - 1\right)$  is:

- a)  $(-\sqrt{2}, -1)$       b)  $(-2, +\sqrt{2})$       c)  $(-2, -\sqrt{2}) \cup (\sqrt{2}, 2)$       d) Null set

5. If  $\log_{105}^7 = a, \log_7^5 = b$  then  $\log_{35}^{105} =$

- a)  $ab$       b)  $(b+1)a$       c)  $\frac{1}{ab}$       d)  $\frac{1}{a(b+1)}$

**More than one answer type questions**

6.  $\log_{\cos x} \sin x + \log_{\sin x} \cos x = 2 \Rightarrow$  solve for  $x = \dots\dots\dots$

- a)  $\frac{\pi}{4}$       b)  $\frac{3\pi}{4}$       c)  $\frac{5\pi}{4}$       d)  $\frac{7\pi}{4}$

**Linked comprehension type questions**

**Passage - I :**

An equation of the form  $2m \log_a f(x) = \log_a g(x), a > 0, a \neq 1, m \in N$  is equivalent to the system

$$\begin{cases} f(x) > 0 \\ f^{2m}(x) = g(x) \end{cases}$$

7. Solution set of the equation  $\log_{(x^3+6)}(x^2-1) = \log_{(2x^2+5x)}(x^2-1)$  is  
 a)  $\{-2\}$  b)  $\{1\}$  c)  $\{3\}$  d)  $\{-2, 1, 3\}$
8. Solution set of the equation  $\log(x-9) + 2\log\sqrt{2x-1} = 2$  is  
 a)  $\{\phi\}$  b)  $\{1\}$  c)  $\{2\}$  d)  $\{13\}$

Passage - II :

Equations of the form (i)  $f(\log_a x) = 0, a > 0, a \neq 1$  and (ii)  $g(\log_x A) = 0, A > 0$ ,

then eq. (i) is equivalent to  $f(t) = 0$ , where  $t = \log_a x$ .

If  $t_1, t_2, t_3, \dots, t_k$  are the roots of  $f(t) = 0$ , then  $\log_a x = t_1, \log_a x = t_2, \dots, \log_a x = t_k$  and eq. (ii) is equivalent to  $f(y) = 0$ , where  $y = \log_x A$ . If  $y_1, y_2, y_3, \dots, y_k$  are the roots of  $f(y) = 0$ , then  $\log_x A = y_1, \log_x A = y_2, \dots, \log_x A = y_k$ .

9. The number of solutions of the equation  $\frac{1-2(\log x^2)^2}{\log x - 2(\log x)^2} = 1$  is  
 a) 0 b) 1 c) 2 d) infinite
10. The number of solutions of the equation  $\log_x^3 10 - 6\log_x^2 10 + 11\log_x 10 - 6 = 0$  is  
 a) 0 b) 1 c) 2 d) 3

Passage-III :

If  $\frac{\log x}{b-c} = \frac{\log y}{c-a} = \frac{\log z}{a-b}$ ,  $l = \log_{2k} k$ ,  $m = \log_{3k} 2k$ ,  $n = \log_{4k} 3k$  and  $\log_{12} 27 = p$  then

11.  $(l-1)mn + 1 =$   
 a)  $2mn$  b) 0 c)  $lmn$  d)  $mn$
12.  $4\left(\frac{3-p}{3+p}\right) =$   
 a)  $\log_6 16$  b)  $\log_6 12$  c)  $\log_6 18$  d)  $\log_6 21$

Passage-IV :

If  $f(x) = \log x$ ,  $g(x) = x^3$ ,  $h(x) = \cos x$ ;  $w(x) = \frac{1-x}{1+x}$ ,  $T(x) = (fow)(x)$ ,  $u(x) = \frac{1+x}{1-x}$  and  $V(x) = (fou)(x)$

13.  $f\{g(a)\} + f\{g(b)\} =$   
 a)  $f\{g(a) + g(b)\}$  b)  $f\{g(ab)\}$  c)  $g\{f(ab)\}$  d)  $g\{f(a) + f(b)\}$
14.  $(hof)\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \cdot (hof)\left(\frac{1}{y}\right) - \frac{1}{2}\left[(hof)(xy) + (hof)\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)\right] =$   
 a) 0 b)  $f(x) + f(y)$  c)  $f(x) \cdot f(y)$  d)  $f(x) - f(y)$
15.  $T\left(\frac{2x}{1+x^2}\right) =$   
 a)  $\frac{1}{2}(fow)(x)$  b)  $-(fow)(x)$  c)  $(fow)(x)$  d)  $2(fow)(x)$

Matrix matching type questions

16. Observe the following lists :

**LIST - I**

- 1)  $\log_a bc = x, \log_b ca = y, \log_c ab = z$
- 2)  $x = 1 + \log_a bc, y = 1 + \log_b ca, z = 1 + \log_c ab$
- 3)  $\log_{2a} a = x, \log_{3a} 2a = y, \log_{4a} 3a = z$
- 4)  $\frac{\log x}{a+b-2c} = \frac{\log y}{b+c-2a} = \frac{\log z}{c+a-2b}$

	1	2	3	4
a)	b	a	d	e
c)	a	b	d	c

**LIST - II**

- a)  $xyz = xy + yz + zx$
- b)  $xyz = x + y + z + 2$
- c)  $abc = 1$
- d)  $1 + xyz = 2yz$
- e)  $xyz = 1$

	1	2	3	4
b)	c	a	b	d
d)	d	a	b	c

17. **LIST - I (In equility)**

- 1)  $\log_{0.5}(x-2) < \log_{0.25}(x-2)$
- 2)  $\log_3(x-5) < \log_9(x-5)$
- 3)  $\log_4(x-3) > \log_{16}(x-3)$
- 4)  $\log_{0.2}(x-1) > \log_{0.04}(x-1)$

	1	2	3	4
a)	d	b	c	a
c)	e	a	d	b

**LIST - II (solution set)**

- a) (1, 2)
- b) (5, 6)
- c)  $(-1, 3) \cup (3, \infty)$
- d)  $(3, \infty)$
- e)  $(4, \infty)$

	1	2	3	4
b)	a	c	b	d
d)	d	b	e	a

18. **LIST - I**

- 1)  $\log_{10} \tan 40^\circ + \log_{10} \tan 41^\circ + \dots + \log_{10} \tan 50^\circ$
- 2)  $\frac{\log 49\sqrt{7} + \log 25\sqrt{5} - \log 4\sqrt{2}}{\log 17.5}$
- 3)  $\log_3 \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\right) + \log_3 \left(1 + \frac{1}{3}\right) + \dots + \log_3 \left(1 + \frac{1}{53}\right)$
- 4)  $3^{\frac{4}{\log_4 9}} + (27)^{\frac{1}{\log_{36} 9}} + (81)^{\frac{1}{\log_5 3}}$

	1	2	3	4
a)	c	d	a	b
c)	a	c	b	d

**LIST - II**

- a) 3
- b) 857
- c) 0
- d)  $\frac{3}{2}$
- e) 870

	1	2	3	4
b)	d	a	c	b
d)	a	d	c	b



## Integer answer type questions

19. If  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  are solutions of the system of simultaneous equation

$$\log_8(xy) = 3\log_8 x \cdot \log_8 y, \quad 4\log_8 \left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = \frac{\log_8 x}{\log_8 y} \text{ then } x_1 x_2 + y_1 y_2 \text{ equals to}$$

20. The absolute value of  $x$  satisfying the equation  $\log_{10}(98 + \sqrt{x^3 - x^2 - 12x + 36}) = 2$  is

21. No. of solutions to (Real solutions)  $|x-1|^{(\log x)^2 - \log x^2} = |x-1|^3$

22. If  $\log\left(\frac{x^2}{y^3}\right) = 1$  and  $\log(x^2 y^3) = 7$  then  $\log(|xy|)$  is equal to

## KEY SHEET

## LECTURE SHEET

## LEVEL-I

- 1) 3    2) 3    3) 4    4) 4    5) 4    6) 3    7) 2    8) 3  
 9) 3    10) 2    11) 1    12) 3    13) 1    14) 3    15) 2    16) 2  
 17) 1    18) 3    19) 1    20) 4    21) 2    22) 4    23) 4    24) 1  
 25) 20    26) 0    27) 3    28) 1    29) 1    30) 7

## LEVEL-II

- 1) c    2) b    3) b    4) c    5) a    6) b    7) b    8) b  
 9) abcd    10) ad    11) bc    12) bc    13) b    14) b    15) d    16) c  
 17) d    18) a    19) a    20) d    21) b    22) d    23) a  
 24) A-pr, B-qt, C-st    25) A-rt, B-p, C-qs    26) a    27) 8  
 28) 2    29) 1    30) 5

## PRACTICE SHEET

## LEVEL-I

- 1) 1    2) 3    3) 3    4) 1    5) 2    6) 3    7) 1    8) 1  
 9) 4    10) 1    11) 3    12) 4    13) 3    14) 3    15) 1    16) 2  
 17) 4    18) 2    19) 1    20) 3    21) 2    22) 3    23) 1    24) 2  
 25) 4    26) 2    27) 2    28) 4    29) 4    30) 4    31) 6    32) 1  
 33) 108    34) 48

## LEVEL-II

- 1) a    2) b    3) d    4) c    5) d    6) a    7) c    8) d  
 9) c    10) d    11) d    12) a    13) b    14) a    15) d    16) a  
 17) d    18) a    19) 1    20) 4    21) 3    22) 1

