

## 2 Logs and Log Equations Feb 2019 (No Calculators)

3 pts 1. Express  $\log_3 8 - \log_3 32 + \log_3 16$  in simplest form.

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

4 pts 2. Simplify:  $(\log_9 625) (\log_4 \frac{1}{243}) (\log_{125} 8)$ .

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

5 pts 3. If  $15x^{2p} = 38x^p - 24$ , find  $p$  in terms of  $x$ .

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

### Logs and Log Equations

$$(1) \log_3 8 - \log_3 32 + \log_3 16 = \log_3 \frac{8 \cdot 16}{32} = \log_3 4.$$

Ans.  $\log_3 4$

$$(2) (\log_9 625) (\log_4 \frac{1}{243}) (\log_{125} 8) = \left( \frac{\log 625}{\log 9} \right) \left( \frac{\log \frac{1}{243}}{\log 4} \right) \left( \frac{\log 8}{\log 125} \right) = \left( \frac{\log 625}{\log 125} \right) \left( \frac{\log \frac{1}{243}}{\log 9} \right) \left( \frac{\log 8}{\log 4} \right)$$

$$= (\log_{125} 625) (\log_9 \frac{1}{243}) (\log_4 8) = \frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{-5}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{2} = -5.$$

Ans. -5

$$(3) 15x^{2p} = 38x^p - 24 \Rightarrow 15(x^p)^2 - 38x^p + 24 = 0 \Rightarrow (5x^p - 6)(3x^p - 4) = 0. \text{ Either}$$

$$(1) 5x^p - 6 = 0 \text{ or } (2) 3x^p - 4 = 0. \text{ In (1) } x^p = 6/5 \text{ or } p \log x = \log 6/5 \text{ or } p = \frac{\log 6/5}{\log x} = \log_x 6/5$$

Similarly for (2)  $p = \log_x 4/3$ .

Ans.  $\log_x 6/5$  or  $\log_x 4/3$

## 2 Logs and Log Equations. Feb 2018 (No Calculators)

3 pts 1. Solve the following for  $x$ :  $\log 6 + \log(x + 5) = \log 96$ .

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

4 pts 2. Let  $k$  be a positive number not equal to one. If  $(\log_k x)(\log_5 k) = 2\frac{1}{2}$ , find  $x$ .

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

5 pts 3. If  $\log_8 3 = p$  and  $\log_3 5 = q$ , then express  $\log_{10} 5$  in terms of  $p$  and  $q$ .

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

### Logs and Log Equations

1.  $\log 6 + \log(x + 5) = \log 96$ , thus  $6(x + 5) = 96 \rightarrow x + 5 = 16$ , so  $x = 11$ . Ans. 11

2.  $(\log_k x)(\log_5 k) = 2\frac{1}{2}$  or  $\frac{\log x}{\log k} \cdot \frac{\log k}{\log 5} = \frac{5}{2} \rightarrow \frac{\log x}{\log 5} = \frac{5}{2} \rightarrow \log_5 x = 2\frac{1}{2}$ .  $x = 5^{2\frac{1}{2}} = 25\sqrt{5}$ .

Ans.  $25\sqrt{5}$

3.  $\log_8 3 = p \rightarrow \frac{\log 3}{3\log 2} = p \rightarrow \log 2 = \frac{1}{3p}\log 3$ .  $\log_3 5 = q \rightarrow \frac{\log 5}{\log 3} = q$ , so  $\log 5 = q \log 3$ .

$\log_{10} 5 = \frac{\log 5}{\log 10} = \frac{\log 5}{\log 5 + \log 2} = \frac{q \log 3}{q \log 3 + \frac{1}{3p}\log 3} = \frac{q}{q + \frac{1}{3p}} = \frac{3pq}{3pq + 1}$ .

Ans.  $\frac{3pq}{3pq + 1}$

**2 Logs and Log Equations Feb 2016-17 (No Calculators)**

**3 pts 1.** Find the product of the solutions of the equation  $\log_2(x^2) = 6$ .

**Ans.** \_\_\_\_\_

**4 pts 2.** Evaluate  $\left( \left( 5^{\log_5 36} \right)^{\log_6 7} \right)^{\log_{49} 19}$

**Ans.** \_\_\_\_\_

**5 pts 3.**  $f(x) = x^2 - rx + s$ . When  $f(x) = 0$ ,  $x = \log_4 8$  or  $x = \log_8 4$ . Find  $f(1)$ .

**Ans.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Log Equations**

1.  $\log_2(x^2) = 6 \Rightarrow 2^6 = x^2$ ,  $x = \pm 8$ . The product is - 64.

**Ans. -64**

2.  $\left( \left( 5^{\log_5 36} \right)^{\log_6 7} \right)^{\log_{49} 19} \Rightarrow 5^{\frac{2 \log 6 \log 7 \log 19}{\log 5 \log 6 \cdot 2 \log 7}} \Rightarrow 5^{\frac{\log 19}{\log 5}} \Rightarrow 5^{\log_5 19} = 19$ .

**Ans. 19**

3.  $x = \log_4 8 \Rightarrow x = 3/2 \Rightarrow 2x - 3 = 0$ .  $x = \log_8 4 \Rightarrow x = 2/3 \Rightarrow 3x - 2 = 0$ . Thus

$6x^2 - 13x + 6 = 0$ , so  $f(x) = x^2 - \frac{13}{6}x + 1 = 0$ .  $f(1) = 1 - 2\frac{1}{6} + 1 = -\frac{1}{6}$ .

**Ans. -1/6**

## 2 Logs and Log Equations Feb 2016 (No Calculators)

3 pts 1. Simplify the following:  $\log_{27} 9\sqrt[4]{27}$ .

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

4 pts 2. Solve for x, if  $\log_3(5x^2 - 8x - 4) - \log_3(x^2 - 6x + 8) = 3$

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

5 pts 3. Solve for x, if  $\frac{\log_2 3 \cdot \log_4 5 \cdot \log_6 7}{\log_4 3 \cdot \log_6 5 \cdot \log_8 7} = \log_{10} \left( \frac{1}{x} \right)$

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

### Logs and Log Equations

1.  $\log_{27} 9\sqrt[4]{27} = \log_{27} 9 + \frac{1}{4} \log_{27} 27 = \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{11}{12}$ .

Ans. 11/12

2.  $\log_3(5x^2 - 8x - 4) - \log_3(x^2 - 6x + 8) = 3 \Rightarrow \log_3 \frac{5x^2 - 8x - 4}{x^2 - 6x + 8} = 3 \Rightarrow 5x^2 - 8x - 4 = 27x^2 - 162x + 216$

$0 = 22x^2 - 154x + 220 = 22(x^2 - 7x + 10) \Rightarrow (x - 5)(x - 2) = 0$ . Only 5 works.

Alt. Sol: If students factor  $\frac{5x^2 - 8x - 4}{x^2 - 6x + 8} = \frac{(5x+2)(x-2)}{(x-4)(x-2)}$ , then  $\frac{5x+2}{x-4} = 27 \Rightarrow 22x = 110$  Ans. 5

3.  $\frac{\log_2 3 \cdot \log_4 5 \cdot \log_6 7}{\log_4 3 \cdot \log_6 5 \cdot \log_8 7} = \log_{10} \left( \frac{1}{x} \right) \Rightarrow \frac{\log 3}{\log 2} \cdot \frac{\log 5}{\log 4} \cdot \frac{\log 7}{\log 6} \cdot \frac{\log 4}{\log 3} \cdot \frac{\log 6}{\log 5} \cdot \frac{\log 8}{\log 7} = \frac{\log 8}{\log 2} = 3 = \log_{10} \left( \frac{1}{x} \right)$ .

So  $10^3 = 1/x$ , thus  $x = 1/1000$ .

Ans. 1/1000

## 2 Logs and Log Equations Feb 2015 (No Calculators)

3 pts 1. If  $6 \log_x x = 2n$ , solve for  $n$ .

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

4 pts 2. Solve for  $x$ , if  $\log_6(x - 2) + \log_6(x + 3) = 2$ .

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

5 pts 3.  $\log A = 2x + 1$ ,  $\log B = 2x - 1$ . Find all value(s) of  $x$  such that

$$\log_B A - \log_A B = \frac{A}{B}.$$

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

### Logs and Log Equations

1.  $\log_x x = 1$ , so  $6 \log_x x = 2n \Rightarrow 6(1) = 2n$ .  $n = 3$ .

Ans. 3

2.  $\log_6(x - 2) + \log_6(x + 3) = 2 \Rightarrow x^2 + x - 6 = 36 \Rightarrow x^2 + x - 42 = 0 \Rightarrow (x + 7)(x - 6) = 0$ .

So  $x = -7$  or  $6$ . But  $x$  cannot be  $-7$ .

Ans. 6

3. Since  $\log A = 2x + 1$ , then  $A = 10^{2x+1}$ . Likewise  $\log B = 2x - 1$ , then  $B = 10^{2x-1}$ .

$$\log_B A - \log_A B = \frac{A}{B} \Rightarrow \frac{\log A}{\log B} - \frac{\log B}{\log A} = \frac{10^{2x+1}}{10^{2x-1}} \Rightarrow \frac{2x+1}{2x-1} - \frac{2x-1}{2x+1} = 10^2 \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{(2x+1)^2 - (2x-1)^2}{4x^2 - 1} = 100 \Rightarrow 8x = 400x^2 - 100 \Rightarrow 0 = 400x^2 - 8x - 100 \Rightarrow 0 = 100x^2 - 2x - 25.$$

$$x = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 4(-2500)}}{200} = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{2501}}{100}.$$

Ans.  $\frac{1 \pm \sqrt{2501}}{100}$

## 2 Logs and Logarithmic Equations Feb 2014 (No Calculators)

3 pts 1. Find the sum:  $\log_3 27 + \log_9 27 + \log_{27} 27 + \log_{81} 27 + \log_{243} 27$ .

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

4 pts 2. Simplify completely:  $8^{\log_2 5}$

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

5 pts 3. Solve for x:  $3 \log_8 (9x + 5) - 2 \log_4 (x^2 - 1) = 2$ .

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

### Logs and Log Equations

1.  $\log_3 27 + \log_9 27 + \log_{27} 27 + \log_{81} 27 + \log_{243} 27 = 3 + 3/2 + 1 + 3/4 + 3/5 =$

$$4 + (30 + 15 + 12)/20 = 4 + 57/20 = 6 \frac{17}{20} \text{ or } 137/20.$$

Ans.  $6 \frac{17}{20}$  or  $137/20$

2.  $8^{\log_2 5} = (2^3)^{\log_2 5} = 2^{3 \log_2 5} = 2^{\log_2 125} = 125.$

Ans. 125

3.  $3 \log_8 (9x + 5) - 2 \log_4 (x^2 - 1) = 2$ .  $3 \log_8 (9x + 5) = \log_8 (9x + 5)^3 = \log_2 (9x + 5)$

$2 \log_4 (x^2 - 1) = \log_4 (x^2 - 1)^2 = \log_2 (x^2 - 1)$ . Therefore

$$\log_2 (9x + 5) - \log_2 (x^2 - 1) = 2 \rightarrow \log_2 \frac{9x + 5}{x^2 - 1} = 2 \rightarrow \frac{9x + 5}{x^2 - 1} = 4 \rightarrow 9x + 5 = 4x^2 - 4 \rightarrow$$

$$4x^2 - 9x - 9 = 0 \rightarrow (4x - 3)(x - 3) = 0. \text{ So } x = 3 \text{ or } -3/4. \text{ } -3/4 \text{ cannot be used. } \text{Ans. } 3$$

2 Logs and Log Equations Feb 2013 (No calculators)

3 pts 1. Find x, if  $\log_x 128 = 7/3$

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

4 pts 2. If  $\log_4 P = \frac{2}{3}\log_4 27 - \frac{3}{2}\log_4 25 + 4\log_4 \sqrt{15} - 6\log_4 \sqrt{6}$ , find P in simplest form.

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

5 pts 3. Find all values of x such that

$$\log_5(2x^2 - 5) + \log_5(x - 1) = \log_5(13x^2 - 42x + 35)$$

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

Logs and Logarithmic Equations

1.  $\log_x 128 = 7/3 \rightarrow x^{7/3} = 128 \rightarrow (x^{7/3})^{3/7} = (2^7)^{3/7} = 2^3 = 8.$

Ans. 8

2.  $\frac{2}{3}\log_4 27 - \frac{3}{2}\log_4 25 + 4\log_4 \sqrt{15} - 6\log_4 \sqrt{6} \rightarrow$

$$\log_4(3^3)^{2/3} - \log_4(5^2)^{3/2} + \log_4(15^{1/2})^4 - \log_4(6^{1/2})^6 = \log_4 \frac{3^2 15^2}{5^3 6^3} = \log_4 \frac{3^2 3^2 5^2}{5^3 3^3 2^3} =$$

$\log_4 \frac{3}{40} = \log_4 P.$  So  $P = \frac{3}{40}.$

Ans.  $\frac{3}{40}$

3.  $\log_5(2x^2 - 5) + \log_5(x - 1) = \log_5(13x^2 - 42x + 35) \rightarrow$

$(2x^2 - 5)(x - 1) = 13x^2 - 42x + 35 \rightarrow 2x^3 - 2x^2 - 5x + 5 = 13x^2 - 42x + 35 \rightarrow$

$2x^3 - 15x^2 + 37x - 30 = 0.$  Solving synthetically:

3	2	-15	37	-30	
		6	-27	30	
2	2	-9	10	0	
		4	-10		
	2	-5	0		$\rightarrow 2x - 5 = 0$

Ans. 3, 2 or 5/2

**2 Logs and Log Equations Jan 2012 (No Calculators)**

**3 pts 1.** Find the value of constant  $k$ , if  $\log_2 8 = k \log_8 2$ .

**Ans.** \_\_\_\_\_

**4 pts 2.** Find the value of  $(\log_7 8)(\log_6 7)(\log_5 6)(\log_4 5)$ .

**Ans.** \_\_\_\_\_

**5 pts 3.** Solve for  $x$  if:  $8(\log_4 x)^2 + 5 = 7 \log_4 x^2$ .

**Ans.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Logs and Log Equations**

1.  $\log_2 8 = k \log_8 2 \rightarrow 3 = k(1/3)$ , so  $k = 9$ .

**Ans. 9**

2.  $(\log_7 8)(\log_6 7)(\log_5 6)(\log_4 5) = \frac{\log 8}{\log 7} \cdot \frac{\log 7}{\log 6} \cdot \frac{\log 6}{\log 5} \cdot \frac{\log 5}{\log 4} = \log_4 8 = 3/2$ . **Ans. 3/2 or 1.5**

3.  $8(\log_4 x)^2 + 5 = 7 \log_4 x^2 \rightarrow 8(\log_4 x)^2 - 7 \log_4 x^2 + 5 = 0 \rightarrow$

$8(\log_4 x)^2 - 14 \log_4 x + 5 = 0 \rightarrow (2 \log_4 x - 1)(4 \log_4 x - 5) = 0$ . Thus either

(1)  $2 \log_4 x - 1 = 0$  or (2)  $4 \log_4 x - 5 = 0$ . In (1)  $\log_4 x = 1/2$ , thus  $4^{1/2} = x$ , so  $x = 2$ .

In (2)  $\log_4 x = 5/4$ , thus  $4^{5/4} = x$ , so  $x = ((2)^2)^{5/4} = 2^{5/2} = 4\sqrt{2}$ .

**Ans. 2 or  $4\sqrt{2}$**



**2 Logs and Log Equations Feb 2011 (No Calculators)**

**3 pts 1.** If  $\log a = .21$  and  $\log b = .09$ , find  $\log a^2 b$ .

**Ans.** \_\_\_\_\_

**4 pts 2.**  $\ln a = 3$ , and  $\ln b = 2$ . Find  $\ln\left(\frac{a^2}{\sqrt{be}}\right)$

**Ans.** \_\_\_\_\_

**5 pts 3.** If  $\log \sqrt{2x-1} + \log \sqrt{x-9} = 1$ , solve for  $x$ .

**Ans.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Logs and Log Equations**

1.  $\log a^2 b = 2 \log a + \log b = 2(.21) + .09 = .51$ .

**Ans. .51**

2.  $\ln\left(\frac{a^2}{\sqrt{be}}\right) = 2 \ln a - \frac{1}{2}(\ln e + \ln b) = 2(3) - \frac{1}{2}(1+2) = 6 - 3/2 = 4\frac{1}{2}$ .

**Ans.  $4\frac{1}{2}$**

3.  $\log \sqrt{2x-1} + \log \sqrt{x-9} = 1 \rightarrow \log \sqrt{(2x-1)(x-9)} = 1 \rightarrow \sqrt{(2x-1)(x-9)} = 10$   
 $2x^2 - 19x + 9 = 100 \rightarrow 2x^2 - 19x - 91 = 0 \rightarrow (2x+7)(x-13) = 0$ .

**Ans. 13**

## 2 Logs and Log Equations Feb 2010 (No Calculators)

3 pts 1. Find  $c$ , if  $\log_c 100 = 10$ . Express answer in radical form.

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

4 pts 2. Solve the following:  $\log_2(2x + 3) - \log_2(3x + 2) = 1$

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

5 pts 3. Find all values of  $x$  such that  $2 \log_5(12 + x) = \log_5 3 + \log_5(15 - 4x)$

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

### Logs and Log Equations

1.  $\log_c 100 = 10 \rightarrow c^{10} = 100$ .  $c = 100^{1/10} = (10^2)^{1/10} = 10^{2/10} = \sqrt[5]{10}$

Ans.  $\sqrt[5]{10}$

2.  $\log_2(2x + 3) - \log_2(3x + 2) = 1 \rightarrow \log_2 \frac{2x+3}{3x+2} = 1 \rightarrow \frac{2x+3}{3x+2} = 2 \rightarrow 2x + 3 = 6x + 4$ .

Thus  $-1 = 4x$  or  $x = -1/4$ .

Ans.  $-1/4$

3.  $2 \log_5(12 + x) = \log_5 3 + \log_5(15 - 4x) \rightarrow \log_5(12 + x)^2 = \log_5(45 - 12x)$ .

Thus  $(12 + x)^2 = 45 - 12x \rightarrow 144 + 24x + x^2 = 45 - 12x \rightarrow x^2 + 36x + 99 = 0 \rightarrow$

$(x + 33)(x + 3) = 0$ . Thus  $x = -3$  or  $-33$ . But  $-33$  makes log of negative number in left side of original equation, so cannot be a solution.

Ans.  $-3$