

LOGARITHMS

A DEFINITION

A.1 EVALUATING LOGARITHMS

Ex 1: Evaluate $\log 100 = \boxed{}$.


Ex 2: Evaluate $\log 0.1 = \boxed{}$.

Ex 3: Evaluate $\log\left(\frac{1}{100}\right) = \boxed{}$.


Ex 4: Evaluate $\log \sqrt{10} = \boxed{}$.

Ex 5: Evaluate $\log 1 = \boxed{}$.


A.2 EVALUATING USING A CALCULATOR

Ex 6:  Evaluate (round to 2 decimal places).

$$\log(2) \approx \boxed{}$$


Ex 7:  Evaluate (round to 2 decimal places).

$$\log(0.2) \approx \boxed{}$$


Ex 8:  Evaluate (round to 2 decimal places).

$$\log(2 \times 10^9) \approx \boxed{}$$


A.3 SOLVING EXPONENTIAL EQUATIONS USING LOGARITHMS

Ex 9:  Find x such that $8 = 10^x$.

$$x \approx \boxed{} \text{ (rounded to 3 decimal places)}$$


Ex 10:  Find x such that $0.4 = 10^x$.

$$x \approx \boxed{} \text{ (rounded to 3 decimal places)}$$


Ex 11:  Find x such that $250 = 10^x$.

$$x \approx \boxed{} \text{ (rounded to 3 decimal places)}$$


A.4 SOLVING FOR x WHEN $\log(x)$ IS GIVEN

Ex 12:  Find x such that $\log(x) = 3$.


$$x = \boxed{}$$

Ex 13:  Find x such that $\log(x) = -1$.

$$x = \boxed{}$$

Ex 14:  Find x such that $\log(x) = 0$.

$$x = \boxed{}$$

Ex 15:  Find x such that $\log(x) = 7$.

$$x = \boxed{}$$

B LAWS OF LOGARITHMS

B.1 WRITING AS A SINGLE LOGARITHM: LEVEL 1

Ex 16: Write as a single logarithm

$$\log(5) + \log(3) = \boxed{}$$

Ex 17: Write as a single logarithm in the form $\log k$:

$$\log(15) - \log(5) = \boxed{}$$

Ex 18: Write as a single logarithm in the form $\log k$:

$$\log(4) + \log\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \boxed{}$$

Ex 19: Write as a single logarithm in the form $\log k$:

$$\log(18) - \log(3) = \boxed{}$$

B.2 WRITING AS A SINGLE LOGARITHM: LEVEL 2

Ex 20: Write as a single logarithm in the form $\log k$:

$$\log(8) + 1 = \boxed{}$$

Ex 21: Write as a single logarithm in the form $\log k$:

$$\log(3) + 2 = \boxed{}$$

Ex 22: Write as a single logarithm in the form $\log k$:

$$2 - \log(25) = \boxed{}$$

Ex 23: Write as a single logarithm in the form $\log k$:

$$\log(200) - 2 = \boxed{}$$

B.3 WRITING AS A SINGLE LOGARITHM: LEVEL 3

Ex 24: Write as a single logarithm in the form $\log k$:

$$2 \log(3) + 1 = \boxed{}$$

Ex 25: Write as a single logarithm in the form $\log k$:

$$3 \log(2) - \log(4) = \boxed{}$$

Ex 26: Write as a single logarithm in the form $\log k$:


$$2 \log(20) - 2 = \boxed{}$$

Ex 27: Write as a single logarithm in the form $\log k$:


$$2 \log(30) - 1 = \boxed{}$$

C USING LOGARITHMS TO SOLVE EXPONENTIAL EQUATIONS


C.1 SOLVING EXPONENTIAL EQUATIONS: LEVEL 1

Ex 28:  Solve $2^x = 7$ (give your answer to 3 decimal places).


$$x = \boxed{}$$

Ex 29:  Solve $3^x = 15$ (give your answer to 3 decimal places).

$$x = \boxed{}$$


Ex 30:  Solve $5^x = 100$ (give your answer to 3 decimal places).

$$x = \boxed{}$$


Ex 31:  Solve $6^x = 80$ (give your answer to 3 decimal places).

$$x = \boxed{}$$


C.2 SOLVING EXPONENTIAL EQUATIONS: LEVEL 2

Ex 32:  Solve $5 \cdot 2^x = 7$ (give your answer to 3 decimal places).


$$x = \boxed{}$$

Ex 33:  Solve $-2^x = -10$ (give your answer to 3 decimal places).

$$x = \boxed{}$$

Ex 34:  Solve $4 \cdot 3^x = 60$ (give your answer to 3 decimal places).


$$x = \boxed{}$$

Ex 35:  Solve $-2 \cdot (0.5)^x = -4$ (give your answer to 3 decimal places).


$$x = \boxed{}$$

D APPLICATIONS OF LOGARITHMS


D.1 APPLYING OF LOGARITHMS IN SCIENCE

Ex 36:  The pH scale in chemistry is $\text{pH} = -\log_{10}[H^+]$ where $[H^+]$ is the hydrogen ion concentration in moles per litre. The pH of a solution is 3.2. Find the hydrogen ion concentration $[H^+]$ (give your answer in scientific notation with 3 significant digits).

$$\boxed{} \times \boxed{} \text{ mol/L}$$

Ex 37:  The Richter scale measures earthquake intensity using the formula $M = \log_{10}\left(\frac{I}{I_0}\right)$, where M is the magnitude, I is the intensity of the earthquake, and I_0 is the intensity of a standard earthquake. An earthquake has a magnitude of 4.5 on the Richter scale. Find the intensity ratio $\frac{I}{I_0}$ (give your answer in scientific notation with 3 significant digits).

$$\frac{I}{I_0} = \boxed{} \times \boxed{}$$

Ex 38:  The intensity of sound is measured in decibels (dB) using the formula $L = 10 \log_{10}\left(\frac{I}{I_0}\right)$, where L is the sound level in decibels, I is the intensity of the sound, and I_0 is the reference intensity (threshold of human hearing). A sound has a level of 75 decibels. Find the intensity ratio $\frac{I}{I_0}$ (give your answer in scientific notation with 3 significant digits).

$$\frac{I}{I_0} = \boxed{} \times \boxed{}$$

E GRAPHS OF LOGARITHMIC FUNCTIONS

E.1 FINDING DOMAINS

MCQ 39: Find the domain of the function $f : x \mapsto \log(x - 4)$.

- ☐ \mathbb{R}
- ☐ $[-4, +\infty)$
- ☐ $(4, +\infty)$
- ☐ $(-\infty, 4)$

MCQ 40: Find the domain of the function $f : x \mapsto \log(2 - x)$.

- ☐ \mathbb{R}
- ☐ $[-2, +\infty)$
- ☐ $(2, +\infty)$
- ☐ $(-\infty, 2)$

MCQ 41: Find the domain of the function $f : x \mapsto \log(2x - 6)$.

- ☐ \mathbb{R}
- ☐ $[3, +\infty)$
- ☐ $(3, +\infty)$
- ☐ $(-\infty, 3)$

MCQ 42: Find the domain of the function $f : x \mapsto \log(9 - 3x)$.

- ☐ \mathbb{R}
- ☐ $[3, +\infty)$
- ☐ $(3, +\infty)$
- ☐ $(-\infty, 3)$

E.2 CALCULATING $f(x)$

Ex 43: For $f : x \mapsto 3 \log(x)$, find in simplest form:

1. $f(1) = \square$
2. $f(10) = \square$

Ex 44: For $f : x \mapsto \frac{1}{1 + \log(x)}$, find in simplest form:

1. $f(1) = \square$
2. $f(10) = \square$

Ex 45: For $f : x \mapsto x \log(x + 1)$, find in simplest form:

1. $f(0) = \square$
2. $f(1) = \square$