

Logarithms Practice Quiz Solutions

1. Consider the graph of the exponential function $f(x) = 2^x - 3$.
 (a) Describe the characteristics of the function, with respect to the domain & range, intercepts, and asymptote(s).

Domain: $\{ \mathbb{R} \}$ Range: $\{ y > -3 \}$ Equation of Asymptote: $y = -3$ (H.A.)

asymptote(s).

- (b) State the domain, range, intercept, and asymptote for the inverse of $f(x)$.

Domain: $\{ x > -3 \}$ Range: $\{ \mathbb{R} \}$ Equation of Asymptote: $x = -3$ (V.A.)

- (c) Determine the equation of the inverse function.

$y = 2^x - 3 \xrightarrow{\text{inverse}} x = 2^y - 3$
 $x + 3 = 2^y$
 $y = \log_2(x + 3)$ Log Form

2. For the function $y = -5 \log_3(x + 3)$ state the indicated characteristics.

Domain: $\{ x > -3 \}$ Range: $\{ \mathbb{R} \}$ Equation of Asymptote: $x = -3$ (V.A.)
 Any x intercepts: $x = -2$ Any y intercepts: $y = -5$

Algebraically determine the intercepts, show your work here.

• For x -int set $y = 0$:

$0 = -5 \log_3(x + 3)$
 $0 = \log_3(x + 3)$
 $3^0 = x + 3 \Rightarrow x = -2$

• For y -int set $x = 0$:

$y = -5 \log_3(0 + 3)$
 $= -5 \log_3(3)$
 $= -5(1)$
 $y = -5$

3. Express in logarithmic form: $12^2 = 144$

$\log_{12} 144 = 2$

4. Express in exponential form: $\log(x + 3) = y$

$10^y = x + 3$ (Common Log / BASE 10)

5. Evaluate without using a calculator: You must show all steps/reasoning

(a) $\log_5 125 = 3$

$5^x = 125$ convert to exp form

$5^x = 5^3$ Equate bases

$x = 3$ ← value of LOG!

(b) $\log_{1/3} 27 = -3$

$(\frac{1}{3})^x = 27$

$(\frac{1}{3})^x = (\frac{1}{3})^{-3}$

$x = -3$

6. Solve each equation. (Show all steps/justification)

(a) $\log_3 x = 4$

Convert to exp. form

$3^4 = x$

$x = 81$

(b) $\log_x (\frac{1}{8}) = -3$

$x^{-3} = \frac{1}{8}$

Get exponent of x to "1"

$(x^{-3})^{\frac{1}{-3}} = (\frac{1}{8})^{-\frac{1}{3}}$

$x = (\frac{1}{8})^{\frac{1}{3}}$

$x = \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{8}} \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2}$

(c) $\log_2 \sqrt{32} = x$

$2^x = 32^{\frac{1}{2}}$

$2^x = (2^5)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 2^{5/2}$

$2^x = 2^{5/2}$

$x = 5/2$

(or 2.5)

7. Simplify (show all steps) to evaluate $\log_2 625 + \log_2 49^3 + \log_2 (\frac{1}{8}) + \log_2 8 + \log_2 1$

8. Use the laws of logarithms to simplify (write as a single log) and then evaluate each expression.

(a) $\log_{12} 24 - \log_{12} 6 + \log_{12} 36 + 3 \log_2 4 + \log_2 7 + \log_2 27 + (1) + (0)$

$= \log_{12} \frac{24 \cdot 36}{6} + 3 \log_2 4 + \log_2 7 + \log_2 27 + (1) + (0)$

$= \log_{12} 144 + \log_2 72 - \log_2 81^{1/2}$

$= \log_{12} 144$

$= \log_2 \frac{72}{9}$

← This is $\sqrt{81}$,

9. If $\log 3 = P$ and $\log 5 = Q$, write an algebraic expression in terms of P and Q for each:

$$\frac{1}{2} \log 15 = \log(3 \cdot 5) \\ = \log 3 + \log 5 \\ = P + Q$$

$$\frac{1}{1} \log \frac{25}{\sqrt{3}} = \log 25 - \log \sqrt{3} \\ = \log 5^2 - \log 3^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ = 2 \log 5 - \frac{1}{2} \log 3 \\ = 2Q - \frac{1}{2}P$$

10. If $\log x = 4$, evaluate:

$$\frac{1}{2} \log(100x) \\ \text{Split into two logs:} \\ = \log 100 + \log x \\ \left(10^2 = 100 \right) \leftarrow \text{this is } 4! \\ = 2 + 4 \Rightarrow = 6$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \log \left(\frac{\sqrt{x}}{1000} \right) = \log \sqrt{x} - \log 1000 \\ = \log x^{\frac{1}{2}} - \log 1000 \\ = \frac{1}{2} \log x - \log 1000 \\ = \frac{1}{2}(4) - 3 \Rightarrow = -1$$

11. Solve each equation algebraically.

$$\frac{1}{2} \text{ (a) } 8^{3x+4} = 4^{x-9} \\ (2^3)^{3x+4} = (2^2)^{x-9} \\ 2^{9x+12} = 2^{2x-18} \\ 9x + 12 = 2x - 18 \\ 7x = -30 \\ x = -\frac{30}{7}$$

$$\text{ (b) } \log_2 x - \log_2 3 = 5 \\ \log_2 \frac{x}{3} = 5 \\ 2^5 = \frac{x}{3} \\ x = 32 \cdot 3 \\ x = 96$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \text{ 12. } \\ = \log x^2 - \log z^{\frac{1}{2}} + \log y^3 \\ = \log \frac{x^2 y^3}{z^{\frac{1}{2}}} \leftarrow \sqrt{z}$$