

A-Level Starter Activity



Topic: Laws of Logarithms

Chapter Reference: Pure 1, Chapter 14

7

minutes

1. Express $\lg 5 + \lg 4$ in the form $\lg n$

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2. $\log 10^3 - \log 40$

(2)

3. $\log_3 54 - \log_3 2$

(3)

4. $2 \log 2 + \log 25$

(3)

5. Express $\log_{10} \frac{1}{ab}$ in the form $p \log_{10} a + q \log_{10} b$

(2)

6. $\frac{1}{2} \log_5 (1\frac{9}{16}) + 2 \log_5 10$

(4)

Solutions

1.

$= \log(5 \times 4)$	M1
$= \log 20$	M1

2.

$\log 10^3 - \log 40$	M1
$= \log 1000 - \log 40$	
$= \log(1000 \div 40)$	M1
$= \log 25$	

3.

$\log_3(54 \div 2)$	M1
$= \log_3 27$	
$= \log_3 3^3$	M1
$= 3$	M1

4.

$\log 2^2 + \log 25$	M1
$= \log 4 + \log 25$	
$= \log(4 \times 25)$	M1
$= \log 100$	
$= \log 10^2$	M1
2	

5.

$-\log_{10}ab$	M1
$= -\log_{10}a - \log_{10}b$	M1

6.

$\frac{1}{2} \log_5(\frac{25}{16}) + \log_5 10^2$	M1
$= \log_5(\frac{25}{16})^{\frac{1}{2}} + \log_5 100$	
$= \log_5 \frac{5}{4} + \log_5 100$	M1
$= \log_5(\frac{5}{4} \times 100)$	
$= \log_5 125$	M1
$= \log_5 5^3$	
$= 3$	M1



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1. Solve $\log 25 = x$ (2)

2. Solve $\log_4 x = 1.5$ (2)

3. Solve $2\log_x 7 = 1$ (2)

4. Express $\log_q x^5$ in the form $p \log_q x$ (1)

5. Express $\frac{1}{2}\log_q x^{15}$ in the form $p \log_q x$ (1)

6. Express $\log_q \frac{1}{x}$ in the form $p \log_q x$ (2)

Solutions

1.

$5^x = 25$	M1
$x = 2$	M1

2.

$4^{1.5} = x$	M1
$x = 8$	M1

3.

$\log x 7 = \frac{1}{2}$	M1
$x^{0.5} = 7$	M1
$x = 49$	

4.

$a = 5 \log_q x$	M1
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5.

$\frac{15}{2} \log_q x$	M1
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6.

$= \log_q x^{-1}$	M1
$= -\log_q x$	M1



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Topic: Working with Natural Logarithms

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minutes

1. Given that $t = \ln x$, find expressions in terms of t for,

a. $\ln\sqrt{x}$

(2)

b. $\ln(e^2x)$

(2)

c. Hence, or otherwise, solve the equation,

$$5 + \ln\sqrt{x} = \ln(e+2^x)$$

2. A bead is projected vertically upwards in a jar or liquid with a velocity of 13 ms^{-1} . Its velocity, $v \text{ ms}^{-1}$, at time t seconds after projection, is given by,

$$V = ce^{-kt} - 2$$

a. Find the value of c .

(2)

Given that the bead has a velocity of 7 ms^{-1} after 5.1 seconds, find,

b. The value of k correct to 4 decimal places.

(2)

Solutions

1a.

$\ln x^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2} \ln x$	M1
$= \frac{1}{2}t$	M1

1b.

$\ln e^2 + \ln x$	M1
$= 2 + t$	M1

1c.

$5 + \frac{1}{2}t = 2 + t$	M1
$t = \ln x = 6$	M1
$x = e^6$	M1

2a.

When $t = 0, v = 13$	M1
$13 = c - 2$	M1
$c = 15$	M1

2b.

$7 = 15e^{-5.1k} - 2$	M1
$e^{-5.1k} = \frac{3}{5}$	M1
$k = \frac{\ln(\frac{3}{5})}{-5.1} = 0.1002$	M1

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Topic: Solving Exponential Functions

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minutes

1. Find the value of x when $e^{\ln x} = 4$

(1)

2. Find the exact value of x , $e^{4x+1} = 12$

(2)

3. Find the exact values of x , $\ln(10 - 3x) - e = 0$

(2)

4. Find in exact form, the solutions to the equation, $2e^{2x} + 12 = 11e^x$

(3)

5. Solve the following simultaneous equations, giving your answers to 2 decimal places.

$$e^{5y} - x = 0$$

$$\ln x^4 = 7 - y$$

(5)

Solutions

1.

$$x = 4$$

M1

2.

$$4t + 1 = \ln 12$$

M1

$$x = \frac{1}{4}(\ln 12 - 1)$$

M1

3.

$$10 - 3y = e^e$$

M1

$$y = \frac{1}{3}(10 - e^e) = -1.72$$

M1

4.

$$2e^{2x} - 11e^x + 12 = 0$$

M1

$$(2e^x - 3)(e^x - 4) = 0$$

$$e^x = \frac{3}{2}$$

M1

$$x = \ln \frac{3}{2}$$

$$e^x = 4$$

M1

$$x = \ln 4$$

5.

$$e^{5y} - x = 0$$

M1

$$5y = \ln x$$

$$\ln x^4 = 7 - y$$

M1

$$4 \ln x = 7 - y$$

$$20y = 7 - y$$

M1

$$y = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$x = e^{\frac{5}{3}} = 5.29$$

M1

$$y = 0.33$$

M1

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Topic: Solving Equations Using Logs

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1. Solve the equation $3^x = 12$ (2)

2. Solve for x , $16 - 3^{4+x} = 0$ (2)

3. Solve the following equation, $2^{2x} + 2^x - 6 = 0$ (3)

4. Solve the equation, $3(16^x) - 4^{x+2} + 5 = 0$ (3)

5. Sketch the curves $y = 3^x$ and $y = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^x$ on the same diagram. (3)

Solutions

1.

$x \log 3 = \log 12$	M1
$x = \log 12 \div \log 3$	M1
$x = 2.26$	

2.

$(4+x) \log 3 = \log 16$	M1
$x = (\log 16 \div \log 3) - 4$	M1
$x = -1.48$	

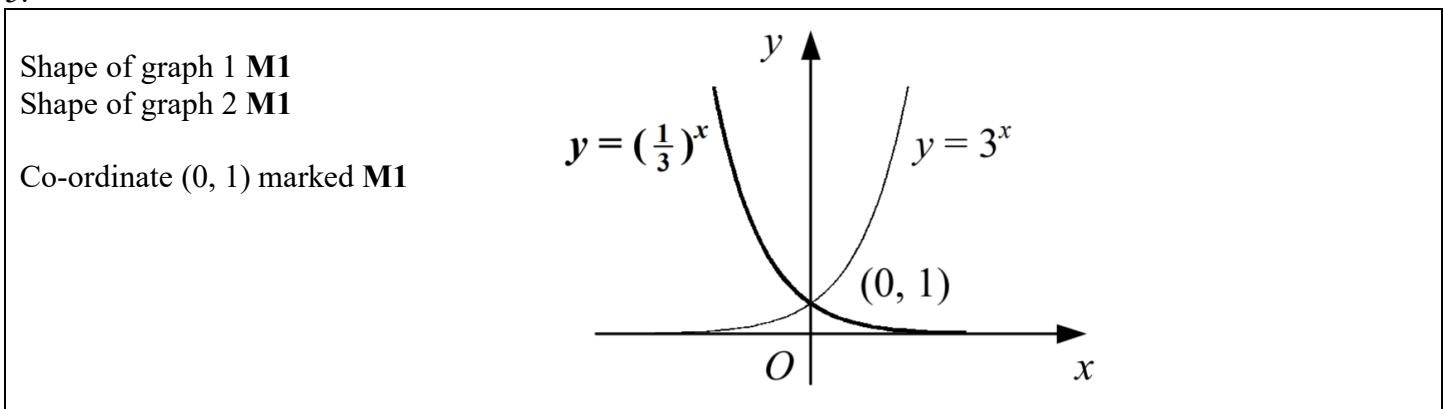
3.

$(2^x + 3)(2^x - 2) = 0$	M1
$2^x = -3$	
No solutions	M1
$2^x = 2$	
$x = 1$	M1

4.

$3(4^{2x}) - 16(4^x) + 5 = 0$	M1
$(3(4^x) - 1)(4^x - 5) = 0$	
$4^x = \frac{1}{3}$	
$x = \frac{\log \frac{1}{3}}{\log 4} = -0.79$	M1
$4^x = 5$	
$x = \frac{\log 5}{\log 4} = 1.16$	M1

5.



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1. $\log_3 x + \log_3 5 = \log_3 (2x + 3)$ (2)

2. $\log_5 5x - \log_5 (x + 2) = \log_5 (x + 6) - \log_5 x$ (4)

3. Solve the simultaneous equations:

$$\log_x y = 2$$

$$xy = 27$$

(3)

4. Solve the simultaneous equations:

$$\log_{10} y + 2 \log_{10} x = 3$$

$$\log_2 y - \log_2 x = 3$$

(4)

Solutions

1.

$\log_3 5x = \log_3 (2x + 3)$	M1
$5x = 2x + 3$	M1
$x = 1$	

2.

$\log_5 \left(\frac{5x}{x+2} \right) = \log_5 \left(\frac{x+6}{x} \right)$	M1
$\frac{5x}{x+2} = \frac{x+6}{x}$	
$5x^2 = (x+6)(x+2)$	
$5x^2 = x^2 + 8x + 12$	M1
$4x^2 - 8x - 12 = 0$	
$x^2 - 2x - 3 = 0$	
$(x+1)(x-3) = 0$	
$x = -1$	M1
$x = 3$	
log ₅ x is not real for x = -1, therefore,	
$x = 3$	M1

3.

$\log_x y = 2$	M1
$y = x^2$	
$x^3 = 27$	M1
$x = 3$	
$x = 3, y = 9$	M1

4.

$\log_{10} y + 2 \log_{10} x = 3$	M1
$x^2 y = 10^3$	
$\log_2 y - \log_2 x = 3$	
$\frac{y}{x} = 2^3$	M1
$y = 8x$	
$8x^3 = 1000$	
$x^3 = 125$	M1
$x = 5$	
$y = 8(5) = 40$	M1





1. A colony of fast-breeding fish is introduced into a large, newly built pond. The number of fish in the pond, n , after t weeks is modelled by,

$$n = \frac{18000}{1+8c^{-t}}$$

- a. Find the initial number of fish in the pond

Given that there are 3600 fish in the pond after 3 weeks, use this model to,

- b. Show that $c = \sqrt[3]{2}$

- c. Find the time taken for the initial population of fish to double in size, giving your answer to the nearest day.

(4)

Solutions

1a.

$t = 0$	M1
$n = 2000$	M1

1b.

$3600 = \frac{18000}{1+8c^{-3}}$	M1
$1 + 8c^{-3} = 5$	M1
$c^{-3} = \frac{1}{2}$	M1
$c^3 = 2$	M1
$c = \sqrt[3]{2}$	M1

1c.

$4000 = \frac{18000}{1+8c^{-t}}$	M1
$1 + 8c^{-t} = \frac{9}{2}$	M1
$c^{-t} = \frac{7}{16}$	M1
$-t = \frac{\log(\frac{7}{16})}{\log \sqrt[3]{2}}$	M1
$t = 3.758$ weeks	
$t = 25$ days	M1



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Topic: Exponential Modelling

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5 minutes

1. A quantity N is decreasing such that at time t ,

$$N = N_0 e^{kt}$$

Given that at time $t = 10$, $N = 300$ and that at time $t = 20$, $N = 225$, find,

- a. The values of the constants N_0 and k
 - b. The value of t when $N = 150$

(4)

(3)

Solutions

1a.

$300 = N_0 e^{10k}$	M1
$N_0 = \frac{300}{e^{10k}}$	
$225 = \frac{300}{e^{10k}} \times e^{20k}$	M1
$e^{10k} = \frac{3}{4}$	
$k = \frac{1}{10} \ln \frac{3}{4} = -0.0288$	M1
$N_0 = \frac{300}{0.75} = 400$	M1

1b.

$N = 400e^{-0.02877t}$	M1
$150 = 400e^{-0.02877t}$	M1
$t = \frac{-1}{0.02877} \ln \frac{3}{8} = 34.1$ (3 s.f)	M1

