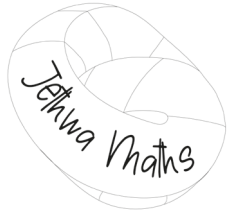


# A-Level Starter Activity



## Topic: Laws of Logarithms

Chapter Reference: Pure 1, Chapter 14

**7**  
**minutes**

1. Express  $\lg 5 + \lg 4$  in the form  $\lg n$  (2)

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

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3.  $\log_3 54 - \log_3 2$  (3)

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4.  $2 \log 2 + \log 25$  (3)

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5. Express  $\log_{10} \frac{1}{ab}$  in the form  $p \log_{10} a + q \log_{10} b$  (2)

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6.  $\frac{1}{2} \log_5 \left(1 \frac{9}{16}\right) + 2 \log_5 10$  (4)

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## Solutions

1.

$= \log(5 \times 4)$	<b>M1</b>
$= \log 20$	<b>M1</b>

2.

$\log 10^3 - \log 40$ $= \log 1000 - \log 40$	<b>M1</b>
$= \log(1000 \div 40)$ $= \log 25$	<b>M1</b>

3.

$\log_3(54 \div 2)$ $= \log_3 27$	<b>M1</b>
$= \log_3 3^3$	<b>M1</b>
$= 3$	<b>M1</b>

4.

$\log 2^2 + \log 25$ $= \log 4 + \log 25$	<b>M1</b>
$= \log(4 \times 25)$ $= \log 100$	<b>M1</b>
$= \log 10^2$ $2$	<b>M1</b>

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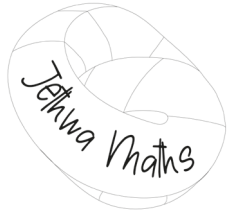
$-\log_{10} ab$	<b>M1</b>
$= -\log_{10} a - \log_{10} b$	<b>M1</b>

6.

$\frac{1}{2} \log_5 \left(\frac{25}{16}\right) + \log_5 10^2$ $= \log_5 \left(\frac{25}{16}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \log_5 100$	<b>M1</b>
$= \log_5 \frac{5}{4} + \log_5 100$ $= \log_5 \left(\frac{5}{4} \times 100\right)$	<b>M1</b>
$= \log_5 125$ $= \log_5 5^3$	<b>M1</b>
$= 3$	<b>M1</b>



# A-Level Starter Activity



## Topic: Logarithms

Chapter Reference: Pure 1, Chapter 14

**7**  
**minutes**

1. Solve  $\log_5 25 = x$

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2. Solve  $\log_4 x = 1.5$

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3. Solve  $2\log_x 7 = 1$

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

(1)

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

(1)

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

(2)

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## Solutions

1.

$5^x = 25$	<b>M1</b>
$x = 2$	<b>M1</b>

2.

$4^{1.5} = x$	<b>M1</b>
$x = 8$	<b>M1</b>

3.

$\log_x 7 = \frac{1}{2}$	<b>M1</b>
$x^{0.5} = 7$	<b>M1</b>
$x = 49$	<b>M1</b>

4.

$a = 5 \log_q x$	<b>M1</b>
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5.

$\frac{15}{2} \log_q x$	<b>M1</b>
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6.

$= \log_q x^{-1}$	<b>M1</b>
$= -\log_q x$	<b>M1</b>



## Solutions

1a.

$\ln x^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2} \ln x$	<b>M1</b>
$= \frac{1}{2} t$	<b>M1</b>

1b.

$\ln e^2 + \ln x$	<b>M1</b>
$= 2 + t$	<b>M1</b>

1c.

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

2a.

When $t = 0, v = 13$ $13 = c - 2$	<b>M1</b>
$c = 15$	<b>M1</b>

2b.

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





## Solutions

1.

$x = 4$	<b>M1</b>
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2.

$4t + 1 = \ln 12$	<b>M1</b>
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$x = \frac{1}{4}(\ln 12 - 1)$	<b>M1</b>
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3.

$10 - 3y = e^e$	<b>M1</b>
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$y = \frac{1}{3}(10 - e^e) = -1.72$	<b>M1</b>
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4.

$2e^{2x} - 11e^x + 12 = 0$ $(2e^x - 3)(e^x - 4) = 0$	<b>M1</b>
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$e^x = \frac{3}{2}$ $x = \ln \frac{3}{2}$	<b>M1</b>
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$e^x = 4$ $x = \ln 4$	<b>M1</b>
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5.

$e^{5y} - x = 0$ $5y = \ln x$	<b>M1</b>
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$\ln x^4 = 7 - y$ $4 \ln x = 7 - y$	<b>M1</b>
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$20y = 7 - y$ $y = \frac{1}{3}$	<b>M1</b>
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$x = e^{\frac{5}{3}} = 5.29$	<b>M1</b>
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$y = 0.33$	<b>M1</b>
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# A-Level Starter Activity



## Topic: Solving Equations Using Logs

Chapter Reference: Pure 1, Chapter 14

**7**  
**minutes**

1. Solve the equation  $3^x = 12$

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

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

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

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

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## Solutions

1.

$x \log 3 = \log 12$	<b>M1</b>
$x = \log 12 \div \log 3$	<b>M1</b>
$x = 2.26$	

2.

$(4 + x) \log 3 = \log 16$	<b>M1</b>
$x = (\log 16 \div \log 3) - 4$	<b>M1</b>
$x = -1.48$	

3.

$(2^x + 3)(2^x - 2) = 0$	<b>M1</b>
$2^x = -3$	<b>M1</b>
No solutions	
$2^x = 2$	<b>M1</b>
$x = 1$	

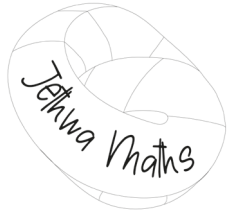
4.

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

5.

<p>Shape of graph 1 <b>M1</b> Shape of graph 2 <b>M1</b> Co-ordinate (0, 1) marked <b>M1</b></p>	
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# A-Level Starter Activity



## Topic: Solving Equations Using Logs

Chapter Reference: Pure 1, Chapter 14

**7**  
**minutes**

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

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

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3. Solve the simultaneous equations:

$$\log_x y = 2$$

$$xy = 27$$

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4. Solve the simultaneous equations:

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

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

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## Solutions

1.

$\log_3 5x = \log_3 (2x + 3)$	<b>M1</b>
$5x = 2x + 3$ $x = 1$	<b>M1</b>

2.

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

3.

$\log_x y = 2$ $y = x^2$	<b>M1</b>
$x^3 = 27$ $x = 3$	<b>M1</b>
$x = 3, y = 9$	<b>M1</b>

4.

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



## Solutions

1a.

$t = 0$	<b>M1</b>
$n = 2000$	<b>M1</b>

1b.

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

1c.

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





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

1b.

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

