



Pure Math 30

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*Diploma Style
Practice Exam*

**Exponential and
Logarithmic Functions
– ANSWERS –**

Logarithms Diploma Style Practice Exam

<i>Answers</i>

1. C	10. D	19. A	27. C
2. A	11. C	20. B	28. D
3. D	12. C	NR 5. 158	29. C
4. C	NR 3. 100	NR 6. 2019	30. D
5. B	13. B	21. B	31. B
6. D	14. C	22. B	32. B
NR 1. 15	NR 4. 5.40	23. C	33. B
7. B	15. C	24. B	
8. C	16. C	NR 7. 39.8	
NR 2. 4.00	17. B	25. C	
9. A	18. D	26. B	

1) Graphical Solution: The question tells you that $b > 0$, so you could graph $y = 2^x$ and $y = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x$ to see what each case would look like. These graphs are symmetrical with respect to the y -axis ($x = 0$).

Algebraic solution: $\left(\frac{1}{b}\right)^x = (b^{-1})^x = b^{-x}$. Compared to the original of b^x , it's reflected in the y -axis.

The answer is **C**

2) To graph $y = \log_3 x$, change of base is required since the calculator only accepts base 10 logs.

In your calculator, you would use $y_1 = \frac{\log x}{\log 3}$ and $y_2 = x - 6$. The answer is **A**.

3)

$$\begin{aligned} & \log_{\frac{1}{5}}\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \\ &= \frac{\log\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)}{\log\left(\frac{1}{5}\right)} && \text{Change of Base} \\ &= \frac{\log 1 - \log x}{\log 1 - \log 5} && \text{Division Law} \\ &= \frac{-\log x}{-\log 5} && \text{Since } \log 1 = 0 \\ &= \frac{\log x}{\log 5} && \text{Cancel out the negatives} \\ &= \log_5 x && \text{Change of Base in reverse} \end{aligned}$$

The answer is **D**.

4)

$$\begin{aligned} P &= 1 - w^{-0.246t} \\ 0.83 &= 1 - w^{-0.246(43)} && \text{Plug in } P = 0.83 \text{ and } t = 43 \\ 0.83 &= 1 - w^{-10.578} && \text{Subtract 1 on both sides} \\ -0.17 &= -w^{-10.578} && \text{Cancel out the negatives} \\ 0.17 &= w^{-10.578} \\ (0.17)^{\frac{1}{-10.578}} &= (w^{-10.578})^{\frac{1}{-10.578}} && \text{Isolate } w \text{ by raising each side to the reciprocal exponent} \\ w &= 1.18 \end{aligned}$$

The answer is **C**.

(You can also solve this equation by graphing $y_1 = 0.83$ and $y_2 = 1 - w^{-0.246(43)}$, then find the x -value of the point of intersection.)

5)

$$\begin{aligned}\log_x(y^3z) - \log_x(yz^2) \\&= \log_x \frac{y^3z}{yz^2} \\&= \log_x \frac{y^2}{z}\end{aligned}$$

The answer is **B**.

6)

$$\begin{aligned}7 &= (3+b)^4 \\[7]^{\frac{1}{4}} &= \left[(3+b)^4\right]^{\frac{1}{4}} && \text{Raise to reciprocal exponents} \\ \sqrt[4]{7} &= 3+b && \text{Convert fractional exponent to a radical} \\ b &= \sqrt[4]{7} - 3\end{aligned}$$

The answer is **D**.

NR #1)

$$\begin{aligned}5\log_2 x + 5\log_2 y \\&= 5(\log_2 x + \log_2 y) && \text{Factor out the 5} \\&= 5\log_2 xy && \text{Multiplication Law} \\&= 5\log_2 8 && \text{We know } xy=8 \\&= 5(3) && \text{Evaluate } \log_2 8 \text{ using change of base} \\&= 15\end{aligned}$$

The answer is **15**.

7) Graph $y_1 = 2^{3x}$ and $y_2 = 5^{-x-1}$ in your calculator and find the x -value of the point of intersection. Remember to keep your exponent in brackets! The answer is **B**.

8) The initial amount A_0 is 32. The final amount A is 8. The length of time t is 21 hours. The growth b is $\frac{1}{2}$. We want to solve for P .

$$A = A_0 \left(b\right)^{\frac{t}{P}}$$

$$8 = 32 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\frac{21}{P}}$$

$$\frac{8}{32} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\frac{21}{P}}$$

$$\frac{1}{4} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\frac{21}{P}}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\frac{21}{P}}$$

$$2 = \frac{21}{P}$$

$$2P = 21$$

$$P = 10.5$$

The half life is 10.5 hours, which is 630 minutes. The answer is **C**

NR #2)

$$a^{5x} = (\log_c c^a)^{3x+8}$$

$$a^{5x} = (a \log_c c)^{3x+8} \quad \text{Power Law}$$

$$a^{5x} = (a)^{3x+8} \quad \log_c c = 1$$

$$5x = 3x + 8 \quad \text{Common Base}$$

$$2x = 8$$

$$x = 4$$

The answer is **4.00**.

9) The point $(0, a)$ can be transformed to the point $(a, 0)$ by drawing the inverse graph. The answer is **A**.

10) Use the formula $A = A_0(b)^{\frac{t}{P}}$

A = the future score S

A_0 = the initial score 50000

t = elapsed days d

b = rate. Decreasing percentage; subtract this decimal from 1. (0.973)

P = the percentage loss is per day, so the period is 1.

Plug these into the formula to get $S = 50000(0.973)^d$

The answer is **D**.

11)

$$dB = 10 \log(10^{12} \bullet I)$$

$$\frac{dB}{10} = \log(10^{12} \bullet I)$$

$$10^{\frac{dB}{10}} = 10^{12} \bullet I$$

$$I = \frac{10^{\frac{dB}{10}}}{10^{12}}$$

$$I = 10^{\frac{dB}{10}-12} \quad \text{Common denominator: } \frac{dB}{10} - 12 = \frac{dB}{10} - \frac{120}{10} = \frac{dB-120}{10}$$

$$I = 10^{\frac{dB-120}{10}}$$

The answer is **C**

12)

$$I = 10^{\frac{dB-120}{10}}$$

$$I = 10^{\frac{150-120}{10}}$$

$$I = 10^{\frac{30}{10}}$$

$$I = 10^3$$

$$I = 1000$$

The answer is **C**.

NR #3)

$$\log_b\left(\frac{1}{b^{-100}}\right)$$

$$\log_b(b^{100})$$

$$100 \log_b b$$

$$= 100$$

The answer is **100**

13)

Rewrite as: $y = 3^x + 4$

Swap x & y to get: $x = 3^y + 4$

Bring 4 to the left side: $x - 4 = 3^y$

Convert to log form (remember *a base is always a base*)

$$\log_3(x - 4) = y$$

$$\text{Rewrite as } f^{-1}(x) = \log_3(x - 4)$$

The answer is **B**.

14)

$$x = (b)^{-y}$$

$$\log x = \log b^{-y} \quad \text{Solve for } y \text{ by taking the log of both sides}$$

$$\log x = -y \log b$$

$$y = -\frac{\log x}{\log b}$$

$$y = -\log_b x \quad \text{Change of base in reverse}$$

The negative in front indicates a reflection in the x-axis.

The answer is **C**.

NR 4)

$$T(t) = T_0 e^{-kt}$$

$$65 = 82(2.718)^{-0.043t}$$

$$1.261 = (2.718)^{-0.043t} \rightarrow \text{Solve by graphing \& point of intersection. Keep exponent in brackets!}$$

$$t = 5.40 \text{ minutes}$$

15) Graph $f(x) = 4^x$ and $g(x) = \log_4 x = \frac{\log x}{\log 4}$ in your calculator, and notice the reflection line is $y = x$

The answer is **C**.

16) Rewrite $y = g(3x - 12) + 2$ as $y = g[3(x - 4)] + 2$ to see that the graph has been shifted 4 units right. Since a logarithm graph has a vertical asymptote along the y-axis, the asymptote is shifted 4 units right to make the line $x = 4$. Thus, the domain is $x > 4$

The answer is **C**.

17) If you are solving two equations graphically, the x -value of the point of intersection is what you require. B is the incorrect procedure.
The answer is **B**.

18)

$$4^{-2y} = x$$

$$\log 4^{-2y} = \log x$$

$$-2y \log 4 = \log x$$

$$y = -\frac{\log x}{2 \log 4}$$

Graphing this expression (*remember to keep the denominator in brackets*) gives graph **D**.

19)

$$f(x) = 7a^{2+x} - b$$

$$0 = 7a^{2+x} - b$$

$$b = 7a^{2+x}$$

$$\frac{b}{7} = a^{2+x}$$

$$\log \left(\frac{b}{7} \right) = \log a^{2+x}$$

$$\log b - \log 7 = (2+x) \log a$$

$$\frac{\log b - \log 7}{\log a} = 2 + x$$

$$x = \frac{\log b - \log 7}{\log a} - 2$$

The answer is **A**.

20)

$$\log_{27}(81a) = b$$

$$27^b = 81a$$

$$a = \frac{27^b}{81}$$

$$a = \frac{(3^3)^b}{3^4}$$

$$a = \frac{3^{3b}}{3^4}$$

$$a = 3^{3b-4}$$

The answer is **B**.

NR #5) Determine the exponential regression equation for the data. Don't use the actual years for the regression - use elapsed time. For example, 2001 can be replaced with 1 since one full year has passed.

Year	1	2	3	4	5
Profit	\$28 000	\$32 000	\$40 000	\$49 000	\$60 000

$$y = 22409.56(1.215)^x$$

Determine the profit in 2010 by plugging in $x = 10$, since you want the tenth year.

The resulting value is \$157567.21, or 158 thousand dollars.

Answer = **158**

NR #6) Graph $y = 22409.56(1.215)^x$ and $y = 800000$. The x -value of the point of intersection gives the value 18.33. Since the 18th year is under \$800000, the first time the business will be over \$800000 is the 19th year.

Answer = **2019**

21) Graph both equations and find the x -value of the point of intersection. This occurs at 25.25 years, so the second business will overtake the first business during the 25th year.

The answer is **B**

22)

$$a^{\frac{5}{4}} = 2b$$

$$\left(a^{\frac{5}{4}}\right)^{\frac{4}{5}} = (2b)^{\frac{4}{5}}$$

$$a = (2b)^{\frac{4}{5}}$$

The answer is **B**

23)

$$\log_x(6-x)$$

$$\text{Rewrite as } \frac{\log(6-x)}{\log x}$$

The numerator is defined for $x < 6$

The denominator is defined for $x > 0$

The entire graph is defined between 0 and 6, with the exception of $x = 1$ since that makes the denominator zero.

The answer is **C**

24)

$$y = b \log_c ax$$

$$0 = b \log_c ax$$

$$0 = \log_c ax$$

$$c^0 = ax$$

$$1 = ax$$

$$x = \frac{1}{a}$$

The answer is **B**

NR #7) Group like terms

$$2 \log x + 3 \log x = 8$$

$$5 \log x = 8$$

$$\log x = \frac{8}{5}$$

$$10^{\frac{8}{5}} = x$$

$$x = 39.8$$

The answer is **39.8**

25)

$$\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) 3^{234}$$

$$\frac{3^{234}}{3}$$

$$= 3^{234-1}$$

$$= 3^{233}$$

The answer is **C**.

26)

$$\log_a x + y = \log_a z$$

$$y = \log_a z - \log_a x$$

$$y = \log_a \left(\frac{z}{x}\right)$$

The answer is **B**.

27)

$$A = A_0 (b)^{\frac{t}{P}}$$

$$A = 60(2)^{\frac{33}{20}}$$

$$A = 188.30$$

The answer is **C**.

28)

$$P = 100000(1.03)^t$$

$$\log P = \log [100000 \cdot (1.03)^t]$$

$$\log P = \log 100000 + \log(1.03)^t$$

$$\log P = 5 + t \log 1.03$$

$$\log P - 5 = t \log 1.03$$

$$t = \frac{\log P - 5}{\log 1.03}$$

The answer is **D**.

29)

$$\log(2-x) + \log(2+x) = \log 3$$

$$\log(2-x)(2+x) = \log 3$$

$$(2-x)(2+x) = 3$$

$$4 - x^2 = 3$$

$$1 = x^2$$

$$x = \pm 1$$

The answer is **C**.

30)

$$\log_6 \left(\frac{1}{36} x \right)$$

$$\log_6 \left(\frac{x}{36} \right)$$

$$\log_6 x - \log_6 36$$

$$= 120 - 2$$

$$= 118$$

The answer is **D**.

31)

$$\left(a^{\log_b c} \right) \left(a^{\log_b c} \right)$$

$$= a^{\log_b c + \log_b c}$$

$$= a^{2\log_b c}$$

$$= \left(a^2 \right)^{\log_b c}$$

The answer is **B**.

32) The graph has been moved down by three units. There is a horizontal asymptote at the line $y = -3$, and the graph is above this line. The range is $y > -3$. The answer is **B**.

33)

$$\log(x+2) + \log(x-1) = 1$$

$$\log(x+2)(x-1) = 1$$

$$10^1 = (x+2)(x-1)$$

$$10 = x^2 + x - 2$$

$$0 = x^2 + x - 12$$

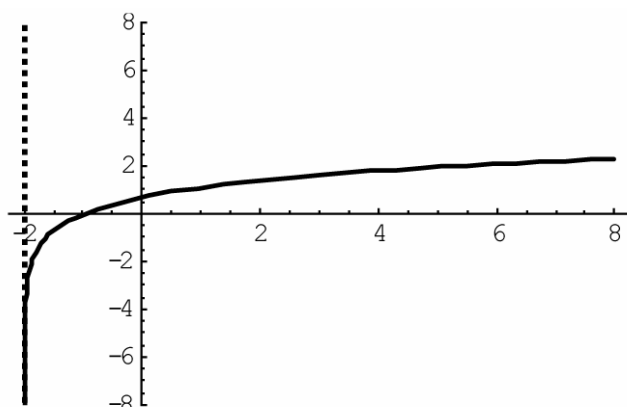
$$0 = (x+4)(x-3)$$

$$x = -4, 3 \quad \text{Reject } -4$$

$$x = 3$$

The answer is **B**.

Written Response 1:



Domain	$x > -2$
Range	$y \in \mathbb{R}$
Equation of Asymptote	$x = -2$
x-intercept	$(-1, 0)$
y-intercept	$(0, 0.30)$
y-value when $x = 2$	0.60

- $\log(x+2)$
Horizontal translation of 2 units left.
- The domain of a logarithmic expression can be found by setting what is in the brackets greater than zero.
For the expression $a \log(bx+c) + d$
 $bx + c > 0$
 $bx > -c$
 $x > -\frac{c}{b}$

Written Response 2:

- **Solving Graphically**

Graph $y_1 = 27 \bullet 81^{x-2}$

$$y_2 = 243^{-2x}$$

A window setting that will let you see the point of intersection clearly is

$x: [-1, 1, 0.1]$

$y: [-0.1, 0.1, 0.01]$

The answer is $x = 0.357$

- **Solve Using a Common Base**

$$27 \bullet 81^{x-2} = 243^{-2x}$$

$$(3^3) \bullet (3^4)^{x-2} = (3^5)^{-2x}$$

$$3^3 \bullet 3^{4x-8} = 3^{-10x}$$

$$3^{4x-5} = 3^{-10x}$$

$$4x - 5 = -10x$$

$$14x = 5$$

$$x = \frac{5}{14}$$

$$x = 0.357$$

- **Solve Using Logarithms**

$$27 \bullet 81^{x-2} = 243^{-2x}$$

$$\log 27 \bullet 81^{x-2} = \log 243^{-2x}$$

$$\log 27 + \log 81^{x-2} = \log 243^{-2x}$$

$$\log 27 + (x-2)\log 81 = -2x\log 243$$

$$\log 27 + x\log 81 - 2\log 81 = -2x\log 243$$

$$x\log 81 + 2x\log 243 = 2\log 81 - \log 27$$

$$x(\log 81 + 2\log 243) = 2\log 81 - \log 27$$

$$x = \frac{2\log 81 - \log 27}{\log 81 + 2\log 243}$$

$$x = 0.357$$

- Graph $y_1 = \frac{\log x}{\log 3}$

$$y_2 = 4$$

Use a window of

$x: [0, 500, 100]$

$y: [-10, 10, 1]$

Answer: $x = 256$

Written Response 3:

- **Solve for P**

$$A = A_0 (b)^{\frac{t}{P}}$$

$$\frac{A}{A_0} = b^{\frac{t}{P}}$$

$$\log\left(\frac{A}{A_0}\right) = \log b^{\frac{t}{P}}$$

$$\log A - \log A_0 = \frac{t}{P} \log b$$

$$P(\log A - \log A_0) = t \log b$$

$$t = \frac{P(\log A - \log A_0)}{\log b}$$

- **Plug in your values and solve by graphing. (Or use the equation derived above.)**

$$A = A_0 (b)^{\frac{t}{P}}$$

$$93000 = 60000(2)^{\frac{3}{P}}$$

$$1.55 = 2^{\frac{3}{P}}$$

$$P = 4.745 \text{ hours}$$

- **If the population of the town doubles, the initial amount is A_0 and the final amount is $2A_0$. Simplify and solve by graphing.**

$$A = A_0 (b)^{\frac{t}{P}}$$

$$2A_0 = A_0 (3)^{\frac{t}{8}}$$

$$2 = (3)^{\frac{t}{8}}$$

$$t = 5.05 \text{ years}$$

- **If the light intensity is 64% of the initial amount, the initial amount is A_0 and the final amount is $0.64A_0$. Simplify and solve by graphing.**

$$A = A_0 (b)^{\frac{t}{P}}$$

$$0.64A_0 = A_0 \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^t$$

$$0.64 = \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^t$$

$$t = 1.55 \text{ m}$$

- **Subtract the rate from 1 since it is a decreasing percent. Simplify and solve by graphing.**

$$A = A_0 (b)^{\frac{t}{P}}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}A_0 = A_0 (0.957)^t$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = (0.957)^t$$

$$t = 15.77 \text{ years}$$