

8.1 Intro to Logs

PRACTICE

DIRECTIONS: Rewrite each exponential function as a logarithmic function.

1) $5^3 = 125$

$\log_5 125 = 3$

2) $4^{-3} = \frac{1}{64}$

$\log_4 \frac{1}{64} = -3$

3) $2^{-5} = \frac{1}{32}$

$\log_2 \frac{1}{32} = -5$

4) $e^0 = 1$

$\log_e 1 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \ln 1 = 0$

5) $4^{\frac{3}{2}} = 8$

$\log_4 8 = \frac{3}{2}$

6) $\frac{1}{3}^{-3} = 27$

$\log_{\frac{1}{3}} 27 = -3$

Rewrite each log as an exponential.

7) $\log_3 27 = 3$

$3^3 = 27$

8) $\log_2 16 = 4$

$2^4 = 16$

9) $\log_{\frac{1}{3}} 81 = -4$

$\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{-4} = 81$

10) $\log_5 \frac{1}{125} = -3$

$5^{-3} = \frac{1}{125}$

11) $\log_4 8 = \frac{3}{2}$

$4^{\frac{3}{2}} = 8$

12) $\log 100 = 2$

$10^2 = 100$

Find the following logs by rewriting exponentially or explain why they don't make sense.

13) $\log_2 32 = x$
 $2^x = 32$
 $x = 5$

14) $\log_{\frac{1}{4}} 256 = x$
 $\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^x = 256$
 $x = -4$

15) $\log 1000 = x$
 $10^x = 1000$
 $x = 3$

16) $\log_2 \frac{1}{64} = x$
 $2^x = 64^{-1}$
 $x = -6$

17) $\log_1 7 = x$
 $1^x = 7$
 CANT WORK!
 NO EXPONENT WI BASE
 1 WILL EQUAL 7.

18) $\log_{\frac{7}{10}} \frac{10}{7} = x$
 $\left(\frac{7}{10}\right)^x = \frac{10}{7}$
 $x = -1$

If $f(x) = \log_4 x$, find the following.

19) $f(4)$

$f(4) = \log_4 4$
 $y = \log_4 4$
 $4^y = 4^1$
 $y = 1$ so $f(4) = 1$

20) $f\left(\frac{1}{32}\right)$
 $f\left(\frac{1}{32}\right) = \log_4 \frac{1}{32}$
 $y = \log_4 \frac{1}{32}$
 $4^y = \frac{1}{32}$
 $y = -5$

21) $f(\sqrt{8})$
 $f(\sqrt{8}) = \log_4 \sqrt{8}$
 $y = \log_4 \sqrt{8}$
 $4^y = \sqrt{8}$
 $2^{2y} = 8^{\frac{1}{2}}$
 $2^{2y} = 2^{\frac{3}{2}}$
 $2y = \frac{3}{2}$
 $y = \frac{3}{4}$

If $f(x) = \log_3 x$, find the following.

22) $f(243)$

$f(243) = \log_3 243$
 $y = \log_3 243$
 $3^y = 243$

23) $f\left(\frac{1}{27}\right)$
 $f\left(\frac{1}{27}\right) = \log_3 \frac{1}{27}$
 $y = \log_3 \frac{1}{27}$
 $3^y = \frac{1}{27}$

24) $f(\sqrt{27})$
 $f(\sqrt{27}) = \log_3 \sqrt{27}$
 $y = \log_3 \sqrt{27}$
 $3^y = \sqrt{27}$
 $3^y = 3^{\frac{3}{2}}$
 $y = \frac{3}{2}$

Use your calculator to find the following logs to the nearest thousandth.

25) $\log_8 59$

$$1.96088 \approx 1.961$$

26) $\log_{23} 600$

$$2.0401 \approx 2.040$$

27) $\ln 54$

$$3.98898 \approx 3.989$$

Directions: Multiply.

$$\begin{aligned} 28) (2\sqrt{10} - 3\sqrt{2})(\sqrt{10} + 4\sqrt{2}) \\ 2\sqrt{100} + 8\sqrt{20} - 3\sqrt{20} - 12\sqrt{4} \\ 2(10) + 5\sqrt{20} - 12(4) \\ 20 + 5\sqrt{40} - 48 \\ -4 + 5(4)\sqrt{5} \\ -4 + 10\sqrt{5} \end{aligned}$$

Directions: Divide

$$\begin{aligned} 29) \frac{10(2+\sqrt{7})}{(2-\sqrt{7})(2+\sqrt{7})} \\ = \frac{20+10\sqrt{7}}{4-7} \\ = \frac{20+10\sqrt{7}}{-3} \end{aligned}$$

Directions: Solve

$$\begin{aligned} 30) \sqrt{m^2 + 2m + 1} &= 5 \\ m^2 + 2m + 1 &= 25 \\ m^2 + 2m - 24 &= 0 \\ (m+6)(m-4) &= 0 \\ m+6 = 0 & \quad m-4 = 0 \\ m = -6 & \quad m = 4 \\ \sqrt{4^2 + 2(4) + 1} &= 5 \\ \sqrt{16 + 8 + 1} &= 5 \\ \sqrt{25} &= 5 \checkmark \end{aligned}$$