

**Algebra 2 More Logarithm Questions**  
**Section 8.4 in Textbook**

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1. Evaluate the following logarithms *without* your calculator by rewriting as exponential equations:

a.  $\log_4 8 =$

b.  $\log_3 3^{11} =$

c.  $\log_6 6\sqrt{6} =$

d.  $\log_9 \sqrt[4]{3} =$

e.  $\log_5 \frac{\sqrt[3]{5}}{\sqrt{5}} =$

f.  $\log 10000 =$

g.  $\log(\sqrt{10})^7 =$

h.  $\log_{27} 3^{10} =$

i.  $\log_8 16^3 =$

2. Solve the following equations by rewriting the logarithm as an exponential equation. You may need to isolate the logarithm first.

a.  $\log_7 x = -2$

b.  $5\log(x + 3) - 2 = 13$

c.  $\log_2 \sqrt{x} = 3$

3. Find the inverse of each function, just like we did in the inverses unit: solve for  $x$ . But now now you may have to take the log of both sides or exponentiate both sides to isolate  $x$ .

a.  $f(x) = 4^x - 7$

b.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{3} \cdot 5^{x-2} + 4$

c.  $f(x) = 3 \cdot (.6)^{x+1} - 2$

d.  $f(x) = \log_5 x$  Hint: Rewrite in exponential form.

e.  $f(x) = \log_3(x - 2) + 7$

f.  $f(x) = 5\log_4(2x) + 1$

4. Solve each of the following equations numerically by using the LOG button on your calculator. Give your answers as decimals rounded to three places.

a.  $10^x + 4 = 82$

b.  $\frac{1}{2} \cdot 10^x + 32 = 573$

c.  $4236 = \frac{2}{5} \cdot 10^{x-7}$

d.  $10^{2x-3} = 700$

e.  $(10^x)^2 - 4 = 812$

**ANSWERS (not yet double checked)**

1a.  $\frac{3}{2}$  b. 11 c.  $\frac{3}{2}$  d.  $\frac{1}{8}$  e.  $-\frac{1}{6}$  f. 4 g.  $\frac{7}{2}$  h.  $\frac{10}{3}$  i. 4

2a.  $\frac{1}{49}$  b. 997 c. 64 3a.  $f^{-1}(x) = \log_4(x + 7)$  b.  $f^{-1}(x) = \log_5(3x - 12) + 2$

c.  $f^{-1}(x) = \log_{0.6}\left(\frac{x+2}{3}\right) - 1$  d.  $f^{-1}(x) = 5^x$  e.  $f^{-1}(x) = 3^{x-7} + 2$  f.  $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 4^{\left(\frac{x-1}{5}\right)}$

4a. 1.892 b. 3.034 c. 11.025 d. 2.926 e. 1.706