

## 2.- SERIE: LOGARITMOS Y EXPONENCIALES

1 Express in logarithmic notation

a  $2^5 = 32$

b  $10^2 = 100$

c  $a^b = c$

d  $p^3 = q$

e  $3 = 27^{\frac{1}{3}}$

f  $\frac{1}{3} = 3^{-1}$

2 Express in index notation

a  $\log_2 8 = 3$

b  $\log_6 36 = 2$

c  $\log_a b = c$

d  $\log_d c^4 = e$

e  $\log_p 8 = 4$

f  $q = \log_c 3$

3 Evaluate

a  $\log_2 128$

b  $\log_{10} 1000$

c  $\log_p p^4$

d  $\log_2 16$

e  $\log_{16} 2$

f  $\log_e \frac{1}{e^2}$

4 Express in terms of  $\log a$ ,  $\log b$  and  $\log c$

a  $\log \frac{ab^2}{c}$

b  $\log \sqrt{ab}$

c  $\log \frac{a^4}{b^2c}$

d  $\log a^2b^3c^4$

5 Express each of these as a single logarithm.

a  $\log(a^2b) - \log(b^2a)$

b  $\frac{1}{2} \log x + 3 \log y$

c  $\log 5 + 2 \log 10 - 3 \log 2$

d  $a \log x + a \log x^2$

6 Simplify

a  $\lg 75 + 2 \lg 2 - \lg 3$

b  $\lg 1000\ 000$

c  $\frac{1}{2} \log 64$

d  $5 \log 3 - \log 81$

e  $\frac{\log 16}{\log 2}$

f  $\frac{\log 5}{\log 125}$

7 Solve these.

a  $\log_{10}(n^2 - 90n) = 3$

b  $9^x = 27^{\frac{1}{3}}$

c  $3^x = 4$

d  $5^{2x+1} = 25$

e  $5^{2x+1} = 8$

f  $\log_2(y^2 + 7y) = 3$

g  $5^{2x} - 6 \times 5^x + 5 = 0$

h  $4^{2x+1} - 7(4^x) + 3 = 0$

i  $2^{2x} - 5(2^x) = 14$

j  $2^{x^2+x} = 4$

8 Many phenomena – from stock market prices to census data to heat capacities of chemicals – obey Benford's Law. This states that for a set of numerical data, the proportion of numbers starting with the digit  $D$  is approximately

$$\log_{10} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{D} \right)$$

a Show that Benford's Law predicts that around 30% of numbers will start with a 1, and around 18% with a 2. What proportion of numbers does the law predict will start with a 9?

b Show that  $\sum_{D=1}^9 \log_{10} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{D} \right) = 1$ .

## Test yourself

- $\log_{64} 4$  is equal to  
A 3                      B -3                      C -16                      D  $\frac{1}{3}$                       E  $\frac{1}{16}$
- $4^{3x-1} = 40$ . Correct to 3 significant figures,  $x$  is equal to  
A 3.67                      B 1.22                      C 1.10                      D 0.73                      E 0.64
- $\log_{12} 18 + 3 \log_{12} 2$  is equal to  
A 1.88                      B 1.31                      C 1                      D 2                      E 4.33
- Correct to 2 decimal places,  $\log_4 5^3$  is equal to  
A 1.16                      B 2.58                      C 3.48                      D 0.86                      E 2.10
- $\log \frac{a\sqrt{b^3}}{c^2}$  is equal to  
A  $\frac{3}{4} \log a \log b \log c$                       B  $\log(a + \frac{3}{2}b - 2c)$                       C  $\log a + \frac{3}{2} \log b - 2 \log c$   
D  $\frac{1}{2} \log a \log b^3 - \log c^2$                       E  $\frac{3}{2} \log ab - 2 \log c$
- Given that  $3^{t+1} = 6^{t-1}$ , correct to 3 significant figures,  $t$  is equal to  
A 3.00                      B 4.17                      C -3.82                      D -6.52                      E 1.86
- $\log(a+b)$  is equivalent to  
A  $(\log a)^b$                       B  $(\log a)(\log b)$                       C  $\log a + \log b$   
D  $\log a^b$                       E none of these
- If  $2 \log_p q = r$ , then  
A  $(q^p)^2 = r$                       B  $p^{2q} = r$                       C  $q^p = r^2$                       D  $p^r = q^2$                       E  $q^{2r} = p$
- If  $3^{2y} - 2(3^{y+1}) = 27$ , then  $y$  is equal to  
A 2                      B  $\pm\sqrt{28}$                       C 0                      D 9                      E -6
- $2 \log 10 + \log 12 - 2 \log 4$  is equal to  
A  $\log 30$                       B  $\log 75$                       C  $\log 52$                       D  $\log 96$                       E  $\log 60$

## 2.- SERIE: LOGARITMOS Y EXPONENCIALES (SOLUCIONES)

1   **a**  $\log_2 32 = 5$       **b**  $\log_{10} 100 = 2$   
    **c**  $\log_a c = b$       **d**  $\log_p q = 3$   
    **e**  $\log_{27} 3 = \frac{1}{3}$       **f**  $\log_3 \frac{1}{3} = -1$

2   **a**  $2^3 = 8$       **b**  $6^2 = 36$   
    **c**  $a^c = b$       **d**  $d^e = c^4$   
    **e**  $p^4 = 8$       **f**  $c^q = 3$

3   **a** 7      **b** 3      **c** 4  
    **d** 4      **e**  $\frac{1}{4}$       **f** -2

4   **a**  $\log a + 2 \log b - \log c$   
    **b**  $\frac{1}{2} \log a + \frac{1}{2} \log b$   
    **c**  $4 \log a - 2 \log b - \log c$   
    **d**  $2 \log a + 3 \log b + 4 \log c$

5   **a**  $\log\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)$       **b**  $\log(\sqrt{xy^3})$   
    **c**  $\log 62.5$       **d**  $\log x^{3a}$

6   **a** 2      **b** 6      **c**  $\log 8$   
    **d**  $\log 3$       **e** 4      **f**  $\frac{1}{3}$

7   **a**  $n = -10$  or  $n = 100$   
    **b**  $x = \frac{9}{8}$   
    **c**  $x = 1.26$   
    **d**  $x = \frac{1}{2}$   
    **e**  $x = 0.146$   
    **f**  $y = -8$  or  $y = 1$   
    **g**  $x = 0$  or  $x = 1$   
    **h**  $x = 0$  or  $x = -0.208$   
    **i**  $x = 2.81$   
    **j**  $x = -2$  or  $x = 1$

8   **a** 4.6%

### Test Yourself

1 D    2 B    3 D    4 C    5 C  
6 B    7 E    8 D    9 A    10 B