

Common logs have the property:  $\log_{10}(10^a) = a$ . When you press the "log" button on your calculator, you default to  $\log_{10}$ .

1. Use your calculator to find the value of the following:

a.  $\log 10 =$  \_\_\_\_\_

g.  $\log 0.001 =$  \_\_\_\_\_

b.  $\log 100 =$  \_\_\_\_\_

h.  $\log 0.0001 =$  \_\_\_\_\_

c.  $\log 1000 =$  \_\_\_\_\_

i.  $\log 0.00001 =$  \_\_\_\_\_

d.  $\log 10000 =$  \_\_\_\_\_

j.  $\log (0) =$  \_\_\_\_\_

e.  $\log 0.1 =$  \_\_\_\_\_

k.  $\log (-10) =$  \_\_\_\_\_

f.  $\log 0.01 =$  \_\_\_\_\_

l.  $\log (-100) =$  \_\_\_\_\_

2. Without your calculator, find the values of the following:

a.  $\log 10^1 =$  \_\_\_\_\_

e.  $\log 10^{17} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

b.  $\log 10^2 =$  \_\_\_\_\_

f.  $\log 10^{25} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

c.  $\log 10^3 =$  \_\_\_\_\_

g.  $\log 10^{36} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

d.  $\log 10^4 =$  \_\_\_\_\_

h.  $\log 10^{-32} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

3. Solve the following. Show all work:

a.  $3(10^x) - 6 = 294$

b.  $5000(10^x) = 5$

c.  $3.412(10^x) = 17$

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"Fun" fact... $\log_a b = c$  is equivalent to  $a^c = b$ .

4. Use the above "fun" fact to change from exponential format to logarithmic format.

a.  $5^3 = 125$

b.  $4^5 = 1024$

c.  $3^7 = 2187$

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5. Change from logarithmic format to exponential format.

a.  $\log_4 1024 = 5$

b.  $\log_2 \frac{1}{4} = -2$

c.  $\log_6 1296 = 4$

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6. Solve each equation. Round answers to four decimal places. Show all work algebraically! Use separate paper, if needed.

a.  $4^{3x} = 12$  \_\_\_\_\_

b.  $6^{x+2} = 18$  \_\_\_\_\_

c.  $5^{3x-2} = 120$  \_\_\_\_\_

d.  $2.4^{x+4} = 30$  \_\_\_\_\_

e.  $9^{3x} = 4^{5x+2}$  \_\_\_\_\_

f.  $2^{x+5} = 3^{x-2}$  \_\_\_\_\_