

## MC 21 – Exponentials and Logs

Note:  $\log$  denotes  $\log_{10}$

1. Write these expressions using sums and differences.

(a)  $\log(5x)$

(b)  $\log(5\sqrt{x})$

(c)  $\ln(x^2/y)$

(d)  $\ln \frac{1}{e^x+1}$

2. Write these expressions as single logarithms.

(a)  $4\log x + \frac{1}{2}\log y$

(b)  $\ln x^2 - \ln x$

(c)  $2(\log x + \frac{1}{2}\log(x+1))$

3. Simplify each expression (no calculators necessary).

(a)  $\log 1$

(b)  $e^{\ln 5}$

(c)  $\ln e^2$

(d)  $xe^{\ln x}$

(e)  $e \ln e$

(f)  $\ln e^t$

(g)  $\ln \sqrt{e}$

(h)  $x \ln e^x$

(i)  $e(1 + e^{\ln 3})$

(j)  $\ln e$

(k)  $\log 10$

(l)  $\log 10^3$

(m)  $\log(x+y)$

(n)  $\ln 1$

4. Solve each equation for  $x$ .

(a)  $3^x = 7$

(b)  $5 \ln 2x = 20$

(c)  $e^{2x} = 6$

(d)  $2 \ln x - 1 = 0$

(e)  $\ln x + \ln(x+2) = \ln 15$

(f)  $e^{x-1} = \sqrt{e}$

(g)  $ce^{ax} = 1$

Check your answers:

1. (a)  $\log 5 + \log x$  (b)  $\log 5 + \frac{1}{2}\log x$  (c)  $2 \ln x - \ln y$  (d)  $-\ln(e^x + 1)$

2. (a)  $\log(x^4\sqrt{y})$  (b)  $\ln x$  (c)  $\log x^2(x+1)$

3. (a) 0 (b) 5 (c) 2 (d)  $x^2$  (e)  $e$  (f)  $t$  (g)  $1/2$  (h)  $x^2$  (i)  $4e$  (j) 1  
(k) 1 (l) 3 (m)  $\log(x+y)$  (n) 0

4. (a)  $x = 1.77$  (b)  $x = 27.3$  (c)  $x = 0.896$  (d)  $x = \sqrt{e}$

(e)  $x = 3$  ( $x = -5$  won't work) (f)  $x = 3/2$  (g)  $x = -1/a \ln c$