Edexcel AS Maths Exponentials & logarithms

Section 1: Exponential functions and logarithms

Section test

1. Find the value of log₂ 32.

2. Find the value of
$$\log_3\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$$
.

3. The statement $a^b = c$ is equivalent to the statement:

(a)
$$c = \log_a b$$

(b)
$$b = \log_a c$$

(c)
$$a = \log_b c$$

(d)
$$c = \log_b a$$

4. If
$$\log_3 x = -3$$
, find x.

5. $a \log b + b \log a$ can be written as

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

(b)
$$ab \log(ab)$$

(c)
$$(a+b)\log(ab)$$

(d)
$$\log(a^b + b^a)$$

6. $\log x - 2\log y + \frac{1}{2}\log z$ can be written as

(a)
$$\log\left(\frac{xz}{4y}\right)$$

(b)
$$\log \left(\frac{x\sqrt{z}}{y^2} \right)$$

(c)
$$\log\left(\frac{xz}{y}\right)$$

(d)
$$\log(x-y^2+\sqrt{z})$$

7. Find the value of x if $3^x = 4.2$. Give your answer to 3 significant figures.

8. Find the value of x if $5^{-2x} = 3$. Give your answer to 3 significant figures.

9. The number N of bacteria in a culture after t hours is modelled by $N = 1000 \times 2^{0.3t}$. How many bacteria are in the culture after one complete day? After how many hours are there more than 10 million bacteria in the culture?

10. Solve the equation $2\log_2 x - \log_2(x+3) = 2$