## Edexcel AS Maths Exponentials \& logarithms

## Section 1: Exponential functions and logarithms

## Section test

1. Find the value of $\log _{2} 32$.
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) $\log \left(a^{b} b^{a}\right)$
(b) $a b \log (a b)$
(c) $(a+b) \log (a b)$
(d) $\log \left(a^{b}+b^{a}\right)$
6. $\log x-2 \log y+\frac{1}{2} \log z$ can be written as
(a) $\log \left(\frac{x z}{4 y}\right)$
(b) $\log \left(\frac{x \sqrt{z}}{y^{2}}\right)$
(c) $\log \left(\frac{x z}{y}\right)$
(d) $\log \left(x-y^{2}+\sqrt{z}\right)$
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 $5^{-2 x}=3$. Give your answer to 3 significant figures.
9. The number $N$ of bacteria in a culture after $t$ hours is modelled by $N=1000 \times 2^{0.3 t}$. 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 $2 \log _{2} x-\log _{2}(x+3)=2$
