

# Chapter 25: Logarithms

1.  D By the definition of a log,  $\log_4 x = 3$  is equivalent to  $4^3 = x$ . Therefore,  $x = 64$ .

2.  D By the definition of a log,  $5^a = 3$  and  $5^b = 4$ . Multiplying both equations, we get

$$5^a \cdot 5^b = 3 \cdot 4$$

$$5^{a+b} = 12$$

3.  E By the definition of a log,  $c^{\frac{1}{2}} = 9$ . Squaring both sides,  $c = 81$ .

4.  C By the definition of a log,  $5^x = 4$ . Now,

$$5^{2-x} = 5^2 \cdot 5^{-x} = \frac{5^2}{5^x} = \frac{25}{4}$$

5.  A

$$\log_3 x^2 = c$$

$$2 \log_3 x = c$$

$$\log_3 x = \frac{c}{2}$$

6.  B  $\log_2 63 = \log_2(7 \cdot 3^2) = \log_2 7 + \log_2 3^2 = \log_2 7 + 2 \log_2 3 = p + 2q$

7.  C  $\log((3x)^2) = 2 \log(3x) = 2(\log 3 + \log x) = 2 \log 3 + 2 \log x$ .

8.  D By the definition of a log,  $x = \log_a b$  and  $y = \log_a c$ . Therefore,  $xy = (\log_a b)(\log_a c)$ .

9.  A

$$\log_4(x+3) + \log_4(x-3) = 2$$

$$\log_4((x+3)(x-3)) = 2$$

$$(x+3)(x-3) = 4^2$$

$$x^2 - 9 = 16$$

$$x^2 = 25$$

$$x = 5$$

10.  A

$$\log_b 40 - \log_b 5 = 3$$

$$\log_b 8 = 3$$

$$b^3 = 8$$

$$b = \sqrt[3]{8} = 2$$