

Alpha Logs and Exponents
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6. Which of the following is an expanded form of the following logarithmic expression where $x > 0, y > 0$?

$$\log_b \sqrt[3]{4x^5y^7}$$

- a. $\frac{1}{3}[\log_b 4 + 5\log_b x + 7\log_b y]$
 - b. $-\frac{1}{3}[\log_b 4 + 5\log_b x + 7\log_b y]$
 - c. $3[4\log_b + 5\log_b x + 7\log_b y]$
 - d. $\frac{1}{3}[4\log_b + 5\log_b x + 7\log_b y]$
 - e. None of the Above
7. Determine the characteristic and mantissa: $\log = 2.6385$.
- a. *characteristic = 6385, mantissa = 2*
 - b. *characteristic = -8, mantissa = -0.6385*
 - c. *characteristic = 2, mantissa = 0.6385*
 - d. *characteristic = 8, mantissa = 0.6385*
 - e. None of the Above
8. A culture of 5 bacteria has grown exponentially to 20 bacteria in 4 hours. Determine the number of bacteria after 24 hours for this culture.
- a. 4096
 - b. 20,480
 - c. 81,920
 - d. 240,576
 - e. None of the Above
9. Which of the following exponential equations represents an exponential decay?
- a. $y = 2e^{0.21t}$
 - b. $y = 2e^{-0.21t}$
 - c. $y = 5(2)^t$
 - d. $y = 4 - 4(2)^{-t}$
 - e. None of the Above
10. Find the vertical asymptote of the logarithmic equation: $f(x) = -\log_3(x+2) - 4$.
- a. $x = -2$
 - b. $x = 2$
 - c. $x = -4$
 - d. $x = 0$
 - e. None of the Above

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11. Ivana Calculate wants to invest her 2008 Tax Refund Check from the IRS. She worked really hard this year and is being reimbursed \$2,000 from the Federal Government. She is not sure how to maximize her earnings. Which of the following plans would earn her the most interest after 10 years?

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| a. Continuously,
r=5% | c. Biannually,
r=10% | e. None of the
Above |
| b. Quarterly,
r=5% | d. Monthly,
r=10% | |

12. General Mutors Company has a new car coming out with the given expected depreciation function: $G(t)$ is the car value in dollars at time t in years:

$$G(t) = \frac{300,000t^2(t^2 - 1)}{1 - 10,000t^2 + 1,000t^4}$$

Find $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} G(t)$.

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| a. \$0 | c. \$300 | e. None of
the Above |
| b. \$30 | d. \$3000 | |

13. Simplify to one expression with positive exponents:

$$\left[\frac{8!(uv)^{-8} \frac{u^{-80}}{v^{2008}}}{-(4!)uv^{-20} (\ln e^{v^u})} \right]^{-2}$$

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| a. $\frac{-u^{89} v^{1996+u}}{1680}$ | |
| b. $\frac{u^{178} v^{3992+2u}}{1680^2}$ | |
| c. $-2u^{178} v^2$ | |
| d. $1680u^{89} v^{1996+u}$ | |
| e. None of the Above | |

14. Simplify when $n \neq 1$: $\left(\frac{(n-1)^{-2}}{(n^2-1)^{-3}} \right)^{\text{Arc cos}(1)}$

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| a. $\left(\frac{(n+1)^{3\pi}}{(n-1)^{2\pi}} \right)$ | |
| b. $\left(\frac{(n+1)^{3\pi-1}}{(n-1)^{2\pi-1}} \right)$ | |
| c. $\frac{(n^2-1)^2(n+1)}{(n-1)}$ | |
| d. $(n^2-1)(n+1)^2$ | |
| e. None of the Above | |

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15. Simplify: $\frac{(\log 243)(\log 625)(\log 216)}{(\log 36)(\log 729)(\log 25)}$

a. $\frac{2}{5}$
b. $\frac{5}{2}$

c. 3
d. 100

e. None of the Above

16. Simplify: $3^{-x} (9^{2x^2} (27^{-7x} (243^{\frac{2}{5}})))$

a. 3^{-2008x}
b. 3

c. 5
d. $3^{4x^2-22x-2}$

e. None of the Above

17. Which of the numbers listed below is the largest?

a. 2^{2008}
b. 3^{1004}

c. $\frac{1}{8}^{-502}$
d. $\frac{1}{9}^{-251}$

e. None of the Above

18. Find x if $\ln e^{2\cos^2 x - 1} = \cos x$, for $0 < x \leq \pi$.

a. 0
b. $\frac{\pi}{6}$

c. $\frac{5\pi}{6}$
d. $-\frac{\pi}{6}$

e. None of the Above

19. If $64^{-x} = 1024$, then find x.

a. $\frac{-5}{3}$
b. $\frac{-2}{3}$

c. $\frac{3}{5}$
d. $\frac{-5}{6}$

e. None of the Above

20. Find the product of the solutions of the equation: $8^{4x^2+43x-62} = 64$

a. $\frac{-43}{4}$
b. 4

c. -16
d. $\frac{43}{4}$

e. None of the Above

21. $(1-i)^{24} = ?$

a. 2^4
b. 2^{12}

c. $2^{12} + i$
d. $2^{12}i$

e. None of the Above

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28. Find the domain of: $y = \log(16x^3 - 8x^2 + 30x - 15)$

- a. $\left(\frac{-15}{8}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$
- b. $\left[\frac{-15}{8}, \frac{1}{2}\right] \cup \left[\frac{15}{8}, \infty\right)$
- c. $\left(\frac{-15}{8}, \infty\right)$
- d. $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \infty\right)$
- e. None of the Above

29. Solve for x if the determinant has a value of 0:
$$\begin{pmatrix} x & e^{(\ln 5)} & e^{(\ln 6 - \ln 6)} \\ e^{(4 \ln 6 - 4 \ln 2)} & 0 & e^{(-\ln 5)} \\ e^{5 \ln e} & 5^{\ln e^2} & e^{\pi i} \end{pmatrix}$$

- a. 0
- b. $486 + \frac{e^5}{5}$
- c. $324 - \frac{e^5}{5}$
- d. e^2
- e. None of the Above

30.
$$\left[\frac{(x^2 - y^2)^{-3}}{-(x + y)^{-4}} \right]^{\frac{-2}{3}} =$$

- a. $\frac{(y-x)^2}{(x+y)^{\frac{2}{3}}}$
- b. $\frac{-(x-y)^3}{(x+y)^2}$
- c. $\frac{(x-y)^2}{(x+y)^{\frac{2}{3}}}$
- d. $\frac{-(x-y)^2}{(y-x)^{\frac{2}{3}}}$
- e. None of the Above