

51. (a) Given that $x > 0$, show that

$$\log_a x^n = n \log_a x. \quad [3]$$

- (b) Express $\frac{1}{2} \log_a 324 + \log_a 56 - 2 \log_a 12$ in the form $\log_a b$, where b is a constant whose value is to be found. [4]

- (c) (i) Rewrite the equation

$$3^x = 2^{x+1}$$

in the form

$$c^x = d,$$

where the values of the constants c and d are to be found.

- (ii) Hence or otherwise, solve the equation

$$3^x = 2^{x+1},$$

giving your answer correct to two decimal places. [4]

Jan 2010

52. (a) Given that $x > 0$, show that

$$\log_a x^n = n \log_a x. \quad [3]$$

- (b) Solve the equation

$$6^{2y-1} = 4.$$

Show your working and give your answer correct to three decimal places. [3]

- (c) Given that $\log_a 4 = \frac{1}{2}$, find the value of a . [2]

June 2010

53. Find all values of x satisfying the equation

$$\log_a (6x^2 + 11) - \log_a x = 2 \log_a 5. \quad [5]$$

Jan 2011

- (a) Given that $x > 0$, $y > 0$, show that

$$\log_a \left(\frac{x}{y} \right) = \log_a x - \log_a y. \quad [3]$$

- (b) Express

$$\frac{1}{2} \log_a x^8 - \log_a 4x + 3 \log_a \frac{2}{x}$$

as a single logarithm in its simplest form. [4]

June 2011