

12.2 Answers

A-Level Pure Mathematics : Year 1 Exponentials and Logarithms

Answer 1

$$3^x = 65$$

Take the natural log of both sides

$$\ln 3^x = \ln 65$$

$$x \ln 3 = \ln 65$$

$$x = \frac{\ln 65}{\ln 3}$$

$$= 3.80$$

[2 marks]

Answer 2

$$7^{3x} \times 7^{2x+3} = 43$$

$$7^{5x+3} = 43$$

Take the natural log of both sides

$$\ln 7^{5x+3} = \ln 43$$

$$(5x + 3) \ln 7 = \ln 43$$

$$5x + 3 = \frac{\ln 43}{\ln 7}$$

$$5x = 1.9337 - 3$$

$$x = -\frac{1.0671}{5}$$

$$= -0.213$$

[3 marks]

Answer 3

$$\log_2(5x + 3) - \log_2 x = \log_2 12$$

$$\log_2 \left(\frac{5x + 3}{x} \right) = \log_2 12$$

$$\frac{5x + 3}{x} = 12$$

$$5x + 3 = 12x$$

$$7x = 3$$

$$x = \frac{3}{7}$$

[3 marks]

Answer 4

$$2 \log_7 (x - 4) - \log_7 x = \log_7 2$$

$$\log_7 (x - 4)^2 - \log_7 x = \log_7 2$$

$$\log_7 \left(\frac{(x - 4)^2}{x} \right) = \log_7 2$$

$$\frac{(x - 4)^2}{x} = 2$$

$$x^2 - 8x + 16 = 2x$$

$$x^2 - 10x + 16 = 0$$

$$(x - 2)(x - 8) = 0$$

$$\text{Either } x = 2 \text{ or } x = 8$$

Reject $x = 2$ as it gives rise to $\log_7(2 - 6)$ which is not a valid entity.

$\therefore$ The only solution is $x = 8$

[5 marks]

Answer 5

$$5^{2x} - 13(5^x) + 22 = 0$$

$$(5^x)^2 - 13(5^x) + 22 = 0$$

$$\text{Let } w = 5^x,$$

$$w^2 - 13w + 22 = 0$$

$$(w - 2)(w - 11) = 0$$

$$\text{Either } w = 2 \text{ or } w = 11$$

$$5^x = 2 \qquad 5^x = 11$$

$$\ln 5^x = \ln 2 \qquad \ln 5^x = \ln 11$$

$$x \ln 5 = \ln 2 \qquad x \ln 5 = \ln 11$$

$$x = \frac{\ln 2}{\ln 5} \qquad x = \frac{\ln 11}{\ln 5}$$

$$= 0.431 \qquad x = 1.490$$

[4 marks]

Answer 6

$$\log_2(3x + 1) + \log_2(2x) = 3$$

$$\log_2((3x + 1)(2x)) = 3$$

$$6x^2 + 2x = 2^3$$

$$3x^2 + x = 4$$

$$3x^2 + x - 4 = 0$$

$$(3x + 4)(x - 1) = 0$$

Either $x = -\frac{4}{3}$ which is rejected as it does not satisfy the original equation.

$$\text{or } x = 1$$

[4 marks]

Answer 7

(a)

$$\log_{10} V = 0.05t + 4.8$$

$$V = 10^{0.05t + 4.8}$$

$$= 10^{0.05t} \times 10^{4.8}$$

$$= 63100 \times (10^{0.05})^t$$

$$= 63100 \times 1.122^t$$

$$\therefore p = 63100 \text{ and } q = 1.122$$

[4 marks]

(b) (i) p is the value of the painting on 1st January 1980.

[1 mark]

(ii) q is the annual rate at which the value of the painting is increasing.
1.122 corresponds to an annual growth rate of 12.2 %

[1 mark]

(c) As $t = 0$ corresponded to 1st January 1980,
 $t = 30$ will correspond to 1st January 2010.

$$\therefore V = 63100 \times 1.122^{30}$$

$$= \text{£ } 1\,994\,000$$

[2 marks]

Answer 8

(a)
$$N = a T^b$$

Take the log to the base 10 of both sides

$$\log_{10} N = \log_{10} (a T^b)$$

$$\log_{10} N = \log_{10} a + \log_{10} T^b$$

$$\log_{10} N = b \log_{10} T + \log_{10} a$$

which is in the form requested with $m = b$ and $c = \log_{10} a$

[2 marks]

(b) From the graph, the y-axis intercept is 1.8

$$\log_{10} a = 1.8$$

$$a = 10^{1.8}$$

$$= 63.1$$

From the graph, picking two points on the line, far apart,

$$(0, 1.8) \text{ and } (1.2, 4.5) \Rightarrow m = \frac{4.5 - 1.8}{1.2 - 0} = \frac{9}{4} = 2.25 (= b)$$

$$N = a T^b$$

$$= 63.1 \times 3^{2.25}$$

$$= 747 \text{ microbes}$$

[4 marks]

(c) From the graph, the largest value looked at was,

$$\log_{10} N = 4.5$$

$$N = 10^{4.5}$$

$$= 31600 \text{ microbes}$$

As 1000000 microbes is well outside of the known range of data, no reliable estimate can be made.

[2 marks]

(d) The constant a is the number of microbes, when $T = 1$.

That is, about 63 microbes, one day after the experiment began.

[1 mark]

Answer 9

(a) Let $t = 0$ in the equation $P = 160 e^{-0.063t}$ to get $P_0 = 160 \text{ mg/m}^2$

[1 mark]

(b) Let $P = 80$,

$$80 = 160 e^{-0.063t}$$

Divide both sides by 160

$$0.5 = e^{-0.063t}$$

Take the natural log of both sides

$$\ln 0.5 = -0.063t$$

$$\begin{aligned} t &= \frac{\ln 0.5}{-0.063} \\ &= 11 \text{ days} \end{aligned}$$

[3 marks]

(c) $36 = a e^{-0.063 \times 20}$

$$\begin{aligned} a &= \frac{36}{e^{-1.26}} \\ &= 127 \text{ mg/m}^2 \end{aligned}$$

[3 marks]

Answer 10

(i) $a = 2x$

[1 mark]

(ii) $9^x - 2 \times 3^{x+1} + 8 = 0$

$$(3^x)^2 - 6(3^x) + 8 = 0$$

Let $w = 3^x$

$$w^2 - 6w + 8 = 0$$

$$(w - 2)(w - 4) = 0$$

Either $w = 2$ or $w = 4$

$$3^x = 2 \qquad 3^x = 4$$

$$x = \frac{\ln 2}{\ln 3} \qquad x = \frac{\ln 4}{\ln 3}$$

$$= 0.631 \qquad = 1.262$$

[4 marks]

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