

# Logarithms

## 8.1 INTRODUCTION

Logarithms are used to make the long and complicated calculations easy.

Consider  $3^4 = 81$ , this is the exponential form of representing relation between three numbers 3, 4 and 81. Now the same relation between 3, 4 and 81 can be written as

 $\log_3 81 = 4$  (read as : logarithm of 81 at base 3 is 4).

Thus:

$$3^4 = 81 \iff \log_3 81 = 4$$

**Definition:** If a, b and c are three real numbers such that  $a \ne 1$  and  $a^b = c$  then b is called logarithm of c at the base a and is written as  $\log_a c = b$ ; read as  $\log$  of c at the base a is b.

$$a^b = c \iff \log_a c = b$$

## 2 INTERCHANGING

(Logarithmic form vis-à-vis exponential form)

 $a^b = c$  is called the *exponential form* 

and,  $\log_a c = b$  is called the *logarithmic form*.

$$2^{-3} = 0.125$$

[Exponential form]

 $\Rightarrow$  log of 0.125 to the base 2 = -3

$$\log_2 0.125 = -3$$

[Logarithmic form]

$$\log_{64} 8 = \frac{1}{2}$$

[Logarithmic form]

$$\Rightarrow$$
 log of 8 to the base 64 =  $\frac{1}{2}$ 

$$(64)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 8$$

[Exponential form] and so on.

Similarly:

If x is positive;

(iii) 
$$x^0 = 1 \implies \log_x 1 = 0$$
 i.e. log of 1 to the base  $x = 0$ 

In general; the logarithm of 1 to any base is zero.

i.e. 
$$\log_5 1 = 0$$
;  $\log_{10} 1 = 0$ ;  $\log_a 1 = 0$  and so on.

(iv) 
$$x^1 = x \Rightarrow \log_x x = 1$$
 i.e.  $\log x$  to the base  $x = 1$ 

In general, the logarithm of any number to the same base is always one.

*i.e.* 
$$\log_5 5 = 1$$
;  $\log_{10} 10 = 1$ ;  $\log_a a = 1$  and so on.

Find: (i) the logarithm of 1000 to the base 10. 1

(ii) the logarithm of  $\frac{1}{9}$  to the base 3.

## Solution:

Let  $\log_{10} 1000 = x \implies 10^x = 1000$ (i)  $\Rightarrow$   $10^x = 10^3 \Rightarrow x = 3$ 

 $\log_{10} 1000 = 3$ 

Ans.

Let  $\log_3 \frac{1}{9} = x \implies 3^x = \frac{1}{9}$ (ii)  $\Rightarrow$   $3^x = 3^{-2} \Rightarrow x = -2$ 

 $\therefore \log_3 \frac{1}{9} = -2$ 

Ans.

2 Find x, if: (i)  $\log_2 x = -2$  (ii)  $\log_4 (x + 3) = 2$ 

(iii)  $\log_{x} 64 = \frac{3}{2}$ 

## Solution:

 $\log_2 x = -2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 2^{-2} = x$ (i)

Ans.

(ii)

Ans.

 $\log_x 64 = \frac{3}{2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad x^{\frac{3}{2}} = 64$ (iii)

 $\Rightarrow$   $x = (64)^{\frac{2}{3}} = (2^6)^{\frac{2}{3}} = 2^4 = 16$ 

Ans.

## EXERCISE 8(A)

1. Express each of the following in logarithmic form:

(i)  $5^3 = 125$  (ii)  $3^{-2} = \frac{1}{9}$ 

(iii)  $10^{-3} = 0.001$  (iv)  $(81)^{\frac{3}{4}} = 27$ 

2. Express each of the following in exponential form:

(i)  $\log_{8} 0.125 = -1$  (ii)  $\log_{10} 0.01 = -2$ 

(iii)  $\log_a A = x$ 

(iv)  $\log_{10} 1 = 0$ 

3. Solve for  $x : \log_{10} x = -2$ .

4. Find the logarithm of:

(i) 100 to the base 10

(ii) 0.1 to the base 10

(iii) 0.001 to the base 10

(iv) 32 to the base 4

(v) 0.125 to the base 2

(vi)  $\frac{1}{16}$  to the base 4

(vii) 27 to the base 9

(viii)  $\frac{1}{81}$  to the base 27

5. State, true or false:

(i) If  $\log_{10} x = a$ , then  $10^x = a$ .

(ii) If  $x^y = z$ , then  $y = \log_2 x$ .

(iii)  $\log_2 8 = 3$  and  $\log_8 2 = \frac{1}{3}$ .

6. Find x, if:

(i)  $\log_3 x = 0$  (ii)  $\log_x 2 = -1$ 

(iii)  $\log_9 243 = x$  (iv)  $\log_5 (x - 7) = 1$ 

(v)  $\log_4 32 = x - 4$  (vi)  $\log_7 (2x^2 - 1) = 2$ 

7. Evaluate:

(i)  $\log_{10} 0.01$ 

(ii)  $\log_2 (1 \div 8)$ 

(iii) log<sub>5</sub> 1 (iv) log<sub>5</sub> 125

(v)  $\log_{16} 8$  (vi)  $\log_{0.5} 16$ 

8. If  $\log_a m = n$ , express  $a^{n-1}$  in terms of a and m.

 $\log_a m = n \implies a^n = m$   $\implies a^{n-1} = \frac{a^n}{a^n} = \frac{m}{a^n}$ 

9. Given  $\log_2 x = m$  and  $\log_5 y = n$ .

(i) Express  $2^{m-3}$  in terms of x.

(ii) Express  $5^{3n+2}$  in terms of y.

0. If  $\log x = a$  and  $\log y = a$ , write  $72^a$  in

10. If  $\log_2 x = a$  and  $\log_3 y = a$ , write  $72^a$  in terms of x and y.

11. Solve for  $x : \log(x - 1) + \log(x + 1) = \log_2 1$ .

12. If  $\log(x^2 - 21) = 2$ , show that  $x = \pm 11$ .

## 8.3 LAWS OF LOGARITHM WITH USE

## First Law (Product Law):

The logarithm of a product at any non-zero base is equal to the sum of the logarithms of its factors at the same base.

i.e.  $\log_a (m \times n) = \log_a m + \log_a n$ 

 $\log_{r} (m \times n \times p) = \log_{r} m + \log_{r} n + \log_{r} p$  and so on.

**Remember:**  $\log_a (m+n) \neq \log_a m + \log_a n$ 

## Second Law (Quotient Law):

The logarithm of a fraction at any non-zero base is equal to the difference between the logarithm of the numerator minus the logarithm of the denominator, both at the same base.

i.e.  $\log_a \frac{m}{n} = \log_a m - \log_a n$ 

**Remember:**  $\frac{\log_a m}{\log_a n} \neq \log_a m - \log_a n. \text{ Also, } \log_a (m-n) \neq \log_a m - \log_a n$ 

## Third Law (Power Law):

The logarithm of a power of a number at any non-zero base is equal to the logarithm of the number (at the same base) multiplied by the power.

i.e.  $\log_a(m)^n = n \log_a m$ 

Corollary: Since  $\sqrt[n]{m} = m^{\frac{1}{n}}$ 

 $\therefore \qquad \log_a \sqrt[n]{m} = \log_a m^{\frac{1}{n}} = \frac{1}{n} \log_a m$ 

1. Logarithms to the base 10 are known as common logarithms.

2. If no base is given, the base is always taken as 10,

i.e.  $\log 8 = \log_{10} 8$ ;  $\log a = \log_{10} a$ ;  $\log 10 = \log_{10} 10$  and so on.

3.  $\log_{10} 1 = 0$ ;  $\log_{10} 10 = 1$ ;

 $\log_{10} 100 = 2 \qquad [\log_{10} 100 = \log_{10} 10^2 = 2\log_{10} 10 = 2 \times 1 = 2]$ 

Similarly,  $\log_{10} 1000 = 3$ ;  $\log_{10} 10000 = 4$  and so on.

# 8.4 EXPANSION OF EXPRESSIONS WITH THE HELP OF LAWS OF LOGARITHM

Let  $y = \frac{a^4 \times b^2}{c^3} \Rightarrow \log y = \log \frac{a^4 \times b^2}{c^3}$ 

i.e.  $\log y = \log(a^4 \times b^2) - \log c^3 \qquad [\because \log \frac{m}{n} = \log m - \log n]$ 

 $= \log a^4 + \log b^2 - \log c^3 \qquad [\because \log m \times n = \log m + \log n]$ =  $4 \log a + 2 \log b - 3 \log c$  [ $\because \log m^n = n \log m$ ]

 $\log y = 4 \log a + 2 \log b - 3 \log c$  is the logarithmic expansion of the

given expression 
$$y = \frac{a^4 \times b^2}{c^3}$$

Similarly,

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$$m = \frac{3^x}{5^y \times 8^z} \implies \log m = \log 3^x - \log (5^y \times 8^z)$$

$$= x \log 3 - [\log 5^y + \log 8^z]$$

$$= x \log 3 - y \log 5 - z \log 8$$

$$\implies \log m = x \log 3 - y \log 5 - z \log 8$$

Conversely:

$$\log V = \log \pi + 2 \log r + \log h - \log 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \log V = \log \pi + \log r^2 + \log h - \log 3$$

$$= \log \frac{\pi r^2 h}{3} \Rightarrow V = \frac{\pi r^2 h}{3}$$

3 Express  $\log_{10} \sqrt[5]{108}$  in terms of  $\log_{10} 2$  and  $\log_{10} 3$ .

## Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \log_{10} \sqrt[5]{108} &= \log_{10} (108)^{\frac{1}{5}} & \left[ \sqrt[n]{m} = m^{\frac{1}{n}} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{5} \log_{10} 108 & \left[ \log_{10} n^m = m \log_{10} n \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{5} \log_{10} (2^2 \times 3^3) & \left[ 108 = 2 \times 2 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 = 2^2 \times 3^3 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{5} \left[ \log_{10} 2^2 + \log_{10} 3^3 \right] & \left[ \log_{10} m \times n = \log_{10} m + \log_{10} n \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{5} \left[ 2\log_{10} 2 + 3\log_{10} 3 \right] & \text{Ans.} \end{aligned}$$

Express as a single logarithm:  $2 + \frac{1}{2} \log_{10} 9 - 2 \log_{10} 5$ 

## Solution:

$$= \log_{10} 100 + \log_{10} 9^{\frac{1}{2}} - \log_{10} 5^{2}$$
 [log<sub>10</sub>100 = 2; log 9 = log 3<sup>2</sup> and 2log 5 = log5<sup>2</sup>]  

$$= \log_{10} 100 + \log_{10} 3 - \log_{10} 25$$
  

$$= \log_{10} \frac{100 \times 3}{25} = \log_{10} 12$$
 [log  $a + \log b - \log c = \log \frac{a \times b}{c}$ ] Ans.

Find x, if: (i) 
$$\log_{10}(x+5) = 1$$
.  
(ii)  $\log_{10}(x+1) + \log_{10}(x-1) = \log_{10}11 + 2\log_{10}3$ 

#### Solution:

(i) 
$$\Rightarrow \log_{10}(x+5) = \log_{10}10$$
  
 $\Rightarrow x+5 = 10 \Rightarrow x=5$ 

Ans.

(ii) 
$$\Rightarrow \log_{10}(x+1)(x-1) = \log_{10}11 + \log_{10}3^2$$
  
 $\Rightarrow \log(x^2-1) = \log(11 \times 9)$ 

 $\Rightarrow$ 

$$x^2 - 1 = 99$$
  
 $x^2 = 100$  and,  $x = 10$ 

Ans.

6 If  $\log 2 = 0.3010$  and  $\log 3 = 0.4771$ , find the value of :

- (i) log 6
- (ii) log 5
- (iii)  $\log \sqrt{24}$

## Solution:

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(i) 
$$\log 6 = \log 2 \times 3 = \log 2 + \log 3 = 0.3010 + 0.4771 = 0.7781$$

Ans.

(ii) 
$$\log 5 = \log \frac{10}{2} = \log 10 - \log 2 = 1 - 0.3010 = 0.6990$$

 $[\because \log 10 = 1]$ 

 $[24 = 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 3 = 2^3 \times 3]$ 

(iii) 
$$\log \sqrt{24} = \log (24)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2} \log (2^3 \times 3)$$
 [
$$= \frac{1}{2} [3 \times \log 2 + \log 3]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [3 \times 0.3010 + 0.4771] = 0.69005$$

Ans.

## **EXERCISE 8(B)**

- 1. Express in terms of log 2 and log 3:
  - (i) log 36
- (ii) log 144
- (iii) log 4.5
- (iv)  $\log \frac{26}{51} \log \frac{91}{110}$

(v) 
$$\log \frac{75}{16} - 2 \log \frac{5}{9} + \log \frac{32}{243}$$

- 2. Express each of the following in a form free from logarithm:
  - (i)  $2 \log x \log y = 1$
  - (ii)  $2 \log x + 3 \log y = \log a$
  - (iii) a  $\log x b \log y = 2 \log 3$
- 3. Evaluate each of the following without using tables:
  - (i)  $\log 5 + \log 8 2 \log 2$
  - (ii)  $\log_{10} 8 + \log_{10} 25 + 2 \log_{10} 3 \log_{10} 18$
  - (iii)  $\log 4 + \frac{1}{2} \log 125 \frac{1}{5} \log 32$

4. Prove that:

$$2 \log \frac{15}{18} - \log \frac{25}{162} + \log \frac{4}{9} = \log 2.$$

5. Find x, if:

$$x - \log 48 + 3 \log 2 = \frac{1}{3} \log 125 - \log 3.$$

- 6. Express  $\log_{10} 2 + 1$  in the form of  $\log_{10} x$ .
- 7. Solve for x:
  - (i)  $\log_{10}(x-10) = 1$
  - (ii)  $\log (x^2 21) = 2$
  - (iii)  $\log (x 2) + \log (x + 2) = \log 5$
  - (iv)  $\log (x + 5) + \log (x 5)$  $= 4 \log 2 + 2 \log 3$
- 8. Solve for x:
  - (i)  $\frac{\log 81}{\log 27} = x$  (ii)  $\frac{\log 128}{\log 32} = x$
  - (iii)  $\frac{\log 64}{\log 8} = \log x$  (iv)  $\frac{\log 225}{\log 15} = \log x$

$$(i) \frac{\log 81}{\log 27} = x$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{\log 3^4}{\log 3^3} = \frac{4 \log 3}{3 \log 3} = \frac{4}{3}$$
 Ans.

- 9. Given  $\log x = m + n$  and  $\log y = m n$ , express the value of  $\log \frac{10x}{y^2}$  in terms of m and n.
- 10. State, true or false:
  - (i)  $\log 1 \times \log 1000 = 0$

(ii) 
$$\frac{\log x}{\log y} = \log x - \log y$$

(iii) If 
$$\frac{\log 25}{\log 5} = \log x$$
, then  $x = 2$ 

- (iv)  $\log x \times \log y = \log x + \log y$
- 11. If  $\log_{10} 2 = a$  and  $\log_{10} 3 = b$ ; express each of the following in terms of 'a' and 'b':
  - (i)  $\log 12$  (ii)  $\log 2.25$  (iii)  $\log 2\frac{1}{4}$

- (iv)  $\log 5.4$  (v)  $\log 60$  (vi)  $\log 3\frac{1}{8}$
- 12. If  $\log 2 = 0.3010$  and  $\log 3 = 0.4771$ ; find the value of :
  - (i) log 12
- (ii) log 1.2
- (iii) log 3-6
- (iv) log 15
- (v) log 25
- (vi)  $\frac{2}{3}$  log 8
- 13. Given  $2 \log_{10} x + 1 = \log_{10} 250$ , find :
  - (i) x
- (ii)  $\log_{10} 2x$
- 14. Given 3 log  $x + \frac{1}{2} \log y = 2$ , express y in term of x.
- 15. If  $x = (100)^a$ ,  $y = (10000)^b$  and  $z = (10)^c$ , find  $\log \frac{10\sqrt{y}}{x^2z^3}$  in terms of a, b and c.
- 16. If  $3(\log 5 \log 3) (\log 5 2 \log 6)$ =  $2 - \log x$ , find x.

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If  $\log_{10} 4 = 0.6020$ ; find the value of :

(i) log<sub>10</sub>8

(ii) log<sub>10</sub>2.5

## Solution:

If  $\log_{10} 4 = 0.6020 \implies 2 \log 2 = 0.6020$  [:  $\log 4 = \log 2^2 = 2 \log 2$ ]  $\implies \log 2 = \frac{0.6020}{2} = 0.3010$ 

(i)  $\log_{10} 8 = \log_{10} 2^3$ =  $3 \log 2 = 3 \times 0.3010 = 0.9030$ 

Ans.

(ii)  $\log_{10} 2.5 = \log \frac{25}{10} = \log \frac{5}{2} = \log \frac{10}{2 \times 2}$  $= \log 10 - 2 \log 2 = 1 - 2 \times 0.3010 = 0.3980$ 

Ans.

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Given  $\log_{10} x = a$  and  $\log_{10} y = b$ .

- (i) Write down  $10^{a-1}$  in terms of x.
- (ii) Write down  $10^{2b}$  in terms of y.
- (iii) If  $\log_{10} P = 2a b$ ; express P in terms of x and y.

## Solution:

(i) 
$$\log_{10} x = a \qquad \Rightarrow 10^a = x$$

$$10^{a-1} = \frac{10^a}{10^1} = \frac{x}{10}$$

Ans.

(ii)  $\log_{10}^{y} = b \qquad \Rightarrow 10^{b} = y$ 

 $10^{2b} = (10^b)^2 = y^2$  Ans.

(iii)  $\log_{10} P = 2a - b$ 

 $\Rightarrow \qquad \log_{10} P = 2\log_{10} x - \log_{10} y$ 

 $\Rightarrow \qquad \log P = \log x^2 - \log y \Rightarrow \log P = \log \frac{x^2}{y} \quad \therefore P = \frac{x^2}{y}$  Ans.

## EXERCISE 8(C)

1. If  $\log_{10} 8 = 0.90$ ; find the value of :

- (i) log<sub>10</sub> 4
- (ii)  $\log \sqrt{32}$
- (iii) log 0·125

2. If  $\log 27 = 1.431$ , find the value of :

- (i) log 9
- (ii) log 300

3. If  $\log_{10} a = b$ , find  $10^{3b-2}$  in terms of a.

4. If  $\log_5 x = y$ , find  $5^{2y+3}$  in terms of x.

5. Given:  $\log_3 m = x$  and  $\log_3 n = y$ .

(i) Express  $3^{2x-3}$  in terms of m.

(ii) Write down  $3^{1-2y+3x}$  in terms of m and n.

(iii) If  $2 \log_3 A = 5x - 3y$ ; find A in terms of m and n.

6. Simplify:

(i)  $\log (a)^3 - \log a$  (ii)  $\log (a)^3 + \log a$ 

7. If  $\log (a + b) = \log a + \log b$ , find a in terms of b.

8. Prove that:

(i)  $(\log a)^2 - (\log b)^2 = \log \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)$ .  $\log (ab)$ 

(ii) If  $a \log b + b \log a - 1 = 0$ , then  $b^a \cdot a^b = 10$ 

9. (i) If  $\log (a + 1) = \log (4a - 3) - \log 3$ ; find a.

(ii) If  $2 \log y - \log x - 3 = 0$ , express x in terms of y.

(iii) Prove that :  $\log_{10} 125 = 3(1 - \log_{10} 2)$ .

10. Given  $\log x = 2m - n$ ,  $\log y = n - 2m$  and  $\log z = 3m - 2n$ , find in terms of m and n, the value of  $\log \frac{x^2 y^3}{z^4}$ .

11. Given  $\log_x 25 - \log_x 5 = 2 - \log_x \frac{1}{125}$ ; find x.

## 8.5 MORE ABOUT LOGARITHMS

1. Since,  $2^3 = 8 \implies \log_2 8 = 3$ 

Also,  $2^3 = 8 \implies 8^{\frac{1}{3}} = 2 \implies \log_8 2 = \frac{1}{3}$ 

Thus,  $\log_2 8 = 3 \text{ and } \log_8 2 = \frac{1}{3} \implies \log_2 8 = \frac{1}{\log_8 2}$ 

In the same way,

 $5^4 = 625 \implies \log_5 625 = 4$ 

and,  $5^4 = 625 \implies 625^{\frac{1}{4}} = 5 \implies \log_{625} 5 = \frac{1}{4}$ 

 $\log_{5}625 = 4 \text{ and } \log_{625}5 = \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow \log_{5}625 = \frac{1}{\log_{625}5}$ 

Thus, if a and b are two positive numbers

$$\log_b a = \frac{1}{\log_a b} \text{ and } \log_a b = \frac{1}{\log_b a}.$$

2. Since, 
$$\log_b a = \frac{1}{\log_a b}$$
  $\Rightarrow$   $\log_b a \times \log_a b = 1$ 

 $\Rightarrow (i) \log_5 3 \times \log_3 5 = 1$ 

- (ii)  $\log_8 12 \times \log_{12} 8 = 1$
- (iii)  $\log_{18} 35 \times \log_{35} 18 = 1$  and so on.
- 3. Since, log of a number at the same base is 1 (one)

$$\log_a a = 1 \implies x \log_a a = x$$
 [On multiplying both the sides by x] 
$$\Rightarrow \log_a a^x = x$$

 $\Rightarrow \qquad \text{(i)} \ \log_2 2^5 = 5$ 

- (ii)  $\log_5 5^8 = 8$
- (iii)  $\log_8 8^4 = 4$  and so on.
- **4.**  $\log_b a = \frac{\log_x a}{\log_x b}$ , where a, b and x all are positive.

## For example:

$$\log_{100} 1000 = \frac{\log_{10} 1000}{\log_{10} 100}$$

$$= \frac{\log_{10} 10^3}{\log_{10} 10^2} = \frac{3\log_{10} 10}{2\log_{10} 10} = \frac{3 \times 1}{2 \times 1} = \frac{3}{2}$$

- 9 Evaluate:
  - (i)  $\log_{125}625 \log_{16}64$
- (ii)  $\log_{16} 32 \log_{25} 125 + \log_{9} 27$ .

## Solution:

(i) 
$$\log_{125} 625 - \log_{16} 64 = \frac{\log_{10} 625}{\log_{10} 125} - \frac{\log_{10} 64}{\log_{10} 16}$$
  $\left[\because \log_n m = \frac{\log_a m}{\log_a n}\right]$   
 $= \frac{\log 5^4}{\log 5^3} - \frac{\log 2^6}{\log 2^4}$   $\left[\because \log_{10} x = \log x\right]$   
 $= \frac{4 \log 5}{3 \log 5} - \frac{6 \log 2}{4 \log 2} = \frac{4}{3} - \frac{3}{2} = -\frac{1}{6}$  Ans.

(ii) 
$$\log_{16} 32 - \log_{25} 125 + \log_{9} 27$$
  
=  $\frac{\log 32}{\log 16} - \frac{\log 125}{\log 25} + \frac{\log 27}{\log 9}$ 

$$= \frac{\log 2^5}{\log 2^4} - \frac{\log 5^3}{\log 5^2} + \frac{\log 3^3}{\log 3^2}$$

$$= \frac{5 \log 2}{4 \log 2} - \frac{3 \log 5}{2 \log 5} + \frac{3 \log 3}{2 \log 3}$$

$$= \frac{5}{4} - \frac{3}{2} + \frac{3}{2} = \frac{5}{4} = 1\frac{1}{4}$$

Ans.

If 
$$\frac{1}{\log_a x} + \frac{1}{\log_b x} = \frac{2}{\log_c x}$$
, prove that :  $c^2 = ab$ .

## Solution:

Since, 
$$\log_b a = \frac{1}{\log_a b} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\log_a x} = \log_x a$$
,  $\frac{1}{\log_b x} = \log_x b$  and  $\frac{1}{\log_c x} = \log_x c$   

$$\therefore \frac{1}{\log_a x} + \frac{1}{\log_b x} = \frac{2}{\log_c x} \Rightarrow \log_x a + \log_x b = 2 \log_x c$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_x ab = \log_x c^2 \Rightarrow ab = c^2$$
Hence Proved.

## **EXERCISE 8(D)**

- 1. If  $\frac{3}{2} \log a + \frac{2}{3} \log b 1 = 0$ , find the value of  $a^9.b^4$ .
- 2. If  $x = 1 + \log 2 \log 5$ ,  $y = 2 \log 3$  and  $z = \log a \log 5$ ; find the value of a, if x + y = 2z.
- 3. If  $x = \log 0.6$ ;  $y = \log 1.25$  and  $z = \log 3 2 \log 2$ , find the values of : (i) x + y - z (ii)  $5^{x + y - z}$
- 4. If  $a^2 = \log x$ ,  $b^3 = \log y$  and  $3a^2 2b^3 = 6 \log z$ , express y in terms of x and z.
- 5. If  $\log \frac{a-b}{2} = \frac{1}{2} (\log a + \log b)$ , show that:  $a^2 + b^2 = 6ab$ .
- 6. If  $a^2 + b^2 = 23ab$ , show that :  $\log \frac{a+b}{5} = \frac{1}{2} (\log a + \log b)$ .
- 7. If  $m = \log 20$  and  $n = \log 25$ , find the value of x, so that :  $2 \log (x 4) = 2 m n$ .
- 8. Solve for x and y; if x > 0 and y > 0:  $\log xy = \log \frac{x}{y} + 2 \log 2 = 2$ .

- 9. Find x, if:
  - (i)  $\log_x 625 = -4$  (ii)  $\log_x (5x 6) = 2$ .
- 10. If  $p = \log 20$  and  $q = \log 25$ , find the value of x, if  $2 \log (x + 1) = 2p q$ .
- 11. If  $\log_2(x + y) = \log_3(x y) = \frac{\log 25}{\log 0.2}$ , find the values of x and y.
- 12. Given :  $\frac{\log x}{\log y} = \frac{3}{2}$  and  $\log (xy) = 5$ ; find the values of x and y.
- 13. Given  $\log_{10} x = 2a$  and  $\log_{10} y = \frac{b}{2}$ .
  - (i) Write  $10^a$  in terms of x.
  - (ii) Write  $10^{2b+1}$  in terms of y.
  - (iii) If  $\log_{10}P = 3a 2b$ , express P in terms of x and y.
- 14. Solve:

$$\log_5(x+1) - 1 = 1 + \log_5(x-1).$$

15. Solve for x, if:

$$\log_x 49 - \log_x 7 + \log_x \frac{1}{343} + 2 = 0.$$

16. If 
$$a^2 = \log x$$
,  $b^3 = \log y$  and  $\frac{a^2}{2} - \frac{b^3}{3} = \log c$ , find c in terms of x and y.

17. Given 
$$x = \log_{10}12$$
,  $y = \log_4 2 \times \log_{10} 9$  and  $z = \log_{10}0.4$ , find :

(i) 
$$x - y - z$$

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 (ii)  $13^{x - y - z}$ 

18. Solve for x, 
$$\log_x 15\sqrt{5} = 2 - \log_x 3\sqrt{5}$$
.

(i) 
$$\log_b a \times \log_c b \times \log_a c$$

(ii) 
$$\log_3 8 \div \log_9 16$$

(iii) 
$$\frac{\log_5 8}{\log_{25} 16 \times \log_{100} 10}$$

20. Show that:

$$\log_a m \div \log_{ab} m = 1 + \log_a b$$

$$\log_{a}m \div \log_{ab}m = \frac{\log_{a}m}{\log_{ab}m}$$

$$= \frac{\log_{a}ab}{\log_{m}a} \left[ \because \log_{b}a = \frac{1}{\log_{a}b} \right]$$

$$= \log_{a}ab \left[ \because \frac{\log_{x}a}{\log_{x}b} = \log_{b}a \right]$$

$$= \log_{a}a + \log_{a}b$$

$$= 1 + \log_{a}b$$