

Chapter 0 Revision1- brief solution

1. Simplify $(x^5)^4(-2x\sqrt{y})^2$ Ans: $4x^{22}y$
 $= (x^{20})(4x^2y)$

2. Simplify $\frac{4^x \cdot 8^{x+2}}{2^{x+6} \cdot 4^{2x}}$ Ans: 1
 $= \frac{2^{2x} \cdot 2^{3(x+2)}}{2^{x+6} \cdot 2^{2(2x)}}$

3. If $2x^{\frac{1}{3}} = 4^{\frac{1}{3}}$, find x Ans: $x = \frac{1}{2}$
 $\left(2x^{\frac{1}{3}}\right)^3 = \left(4^{\frac{1}{3}}\right)^3 \quad \therefore 2^3x = 4$

4. Solve $5 - 6^{x+4} = 4$ Ans: $x = -4$
Method 1:
 $6^{x+4} = 1 \quad (x+4)\log 6 = \log 1 = 0$
Method 2:
 $6^{x+4} = 1 \quad 6^{x+4} = 6^0 \quad \therefore x+4 = 0$

5. Solve $4x^{-\frac{1}{3}} = 64^{\frac{2}{3}}$ Ans: $x = \frac{1}{64}$
 $\left(4x^{-\frac{1}{3}}\right)^{-3} = \left(64^{\frac{2}{3}}\right)^{-3} \quad 4^{-3}x = 64^{-2} \quad \therefore \frac{1}{4^3}x = \frac{1}{64^2}$

6. Without using calculator, evaluate $2\log \frac{3}{2} + \log \frac{8}{9} - \log 2$ Ans: 0
 $2\log \frac{3}{2} + \log \frac{8}{9} - \log 2 = \log \left[\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 \cdot \frac{8}{9} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \right]$

7. Without using calculator, evaluate $\log 3^6 + \log \left(\frac{1}{9}\right)^3$ Ans: 0
 $\log 3^6 + \log \left(\frac{1}{9}\right)^3 = \log \left[3^6 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{9}\right)^3 \right] = \log \left(\frac{3^6}{3^{2 \cdot 3}} \right)$

8. Simplify $\frac{2\log x - \log \frac{1}{x}}{\log x^3 + 4\log x}$ Ans: $\frac{3}{7}$

$$\frac{2\log x - \log \frac{1}{x}}{\log x^3 + 4\log x} = \frac{\log(x^2 \cdot x)}{\log(x^3 \cdot x^4)} = \frac{\log x^3}{\log x^7}$$

9. Solve $\log(5x-4) - \log(2x-1) = 1 + \log \frac{1}{5}$ Ans: $x = 2$

$$\log(5x-4) - \log(2x-1) = 1 + \log \frac{1}{5} = \log 10 + \log \frac{1}{5} = \log 2$$

$$\log\left(\frac{5x-4}{2x-1}\right) = \log 2 \quad \therefore \left(\frac{5x-4}{2x-1}\right) = 2$$

10. Solve $5^{2x-1} = 7^{3x+1}$, giving the answers correct to 2 decimal places Ans: $x = -1.36$

$$(2x-1)\log 5 = (3x+1)\log 7$$

$$2x\log 5 - 3x\log 7 = \log 7 + \log 5$$

$$x(2\log 5 - 3\log 7) = \log 7 + \log 5$$