

Solve. Remember to check logarithmic equations for extraneous solutions. Check with the exact answers. The approximate answers are listed in the key.

1.) $6^x = \frac{1}{216}$

$6^x = 6^{-3}$

$x = -3$

2.) $3(5^{x-1}) - 7 = 28$

$3(5^{x-1}) = 35$

$5^{x-1} = \frac{35}{3}$

$\log_5 5^{x-1} = \log_5 \left(\frac{35}{3}\right)$

$x = \log_5 \left(\frac{35}{3}\right) + 1 \approx 2.5$

3.) $4^{(x-4)} \cdot 8^x = 4^{(x+4)}$

$2^{2(x-4)} \cdot 2^{3x} = 2^{2(x+4)}$

$2x-8+3x = 2x+8$

$5x = 2x+16$

$3x = 16$

$x = \frac{16}{3}$

4.) $\frac{2^{4x+12}}{2^{2x}} = 2^{3x-9}$

$4x+12-(2x) = 3x-9$

$2x+12 = 3x-9$

$12 = x-9$

$21 = x$

7.) $e^{2x} - 7e^x + 10 = 0$

$(e^x - 5)(e^x - 2) = 0$

$e^x = 5 \quad e^x = 2$

$x = \ln 5$

$x = \ln 2$

$x \approx 1.609$

$x \approx .693$

5.) $e^x = 3$

$\ln e^x = \ln 3$

$x = \ln 3$

$x \approx 1.099$

6.) $e^{4x} = e^{x^2+3}$

$4x = x^2 + 3$

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

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

$x = 3, x = 1$

8.) $\left(1 + \frac{0.10}{12}\right)^{12t} = 2$

$(1.008)^{12t} = 2$

$\log_{1.008} 12t = \log_{1.008} 2$

$12t = \log_{1.008} 2$

$t = \frac{\log_{1.008} 2}{12} \approx 6.960$

9.) $\log_4 x = 2$

$4^2 = x$

$16 = x$

10.) $2 \ln 4x = 15$

$\ln 4x = \frac{15}{2}$

$e^{15/2} = 4x$

$e^{15/2}$

$\frac{e}{4} = x$

$452.011 \approx x$

11.) $\ln \sqrt{x+1} = 2$

$e^2 = \sqrt{x+1}$

$e^4 = x+1$

$e^4 - 1 = x$

$53.598 \approx x$

12.) $\log_6(x+4) - \log_6 x = \log_6(x+2)$

$\log_6 \left(\frac{x+4}{x}\right) = \log_6(x+2)$

$\frac{x+4}{x} = \frac{x+2}{1}$

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

$0 = x^2 + x - 4$

$x = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1^2 - 4(1)(-4)}}{2(1)}$

$x = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{17}}{2}$

$x \approx 1.562$

$x \approx -2.562$

13.) On the Richter scale the magnitude R of an earthquake with intensity I is $R = \log \frac{I}{I_0}$, $I_0 = 1$. Find the intensity when the magnitude is 7.2

$$7.2 = \log \frac{I}{1}$$

$$10^{7.2} = I$$

$$I = 15,848,931$$

14.) You deposit money in a savings account. Find the amount of time to triple your money if it is compounded continuously at 3.5%.

$$3 = 1e^{.035t}$$

$$\ln 3 = .035t \ln e$$

$$\frac{\ln 3}{.035} = t$$

$$t \approx 31.34 \text{ YEARS}$$

15.) In a typing class the average number N of words per minute typed after t weeks of lessons was

$$N = \frac{157}{1 + 5.4e^{-0.12t}}. \text{ Find the time necessary to type 75 words per minute.}$$

$$75 = \frac{157}{1 + 5.4e^{-0.12t}}$$

$$75(1 + 5.4e^{-0.12t}) = 157$$

$$1 + 5.4e^{-0.12t} = 157/75$$

$$5.4e^{-0.12t} = \frac{157}{75} - 1$$

$$e^{-0.12t} = \left[\frac{157}{75} - 1 \right] / 5.4$$

$$-0.12t = \ln \left[\frac{157/75 - 1}{5.4} \right]$$

$$t = \ln \left[\frac{157/75 - 1}{5.4} \right] / -0.12 \approx 133$$

16.) The half-life of ^{239}Pu is 24,100 years. Find the initial amount if the amount after 1000 years is 0.4 grams.

$$y = ae^{kt}$$

$$1 = 2e^{k(24,100)}$$

$$.5 = e^{24,100k}$$

$$\ln(.5) = 24,100k$$

$$k = \frac{\ln(.5)}{24,100}$$

$$0.4 = ae^{\ln(.5)/24,100(1000)}$$

$$\frac{0.4}{e^{\ln(.5)/24,100(1000)}} = a$$

$$a \approx .412g$$

17.) The pH is a measure of the hydrogen ion concentration $[H^+]$ of a solution. The model is $\text{pH} = -\log[H^+]$. Find $[H^+]$ if the pH is 3.2.

$$3.2 = -\log[H^+]$$

$$-3.2 = \log[H^+]$$

$$10^{-3.2} = [H^+]$$

$$[H^+] \approx 6.31 \times 10^{-4}$$

18.) You deposit money into an account that is compounded continuously at 2%. After 10 years the amount is \$2000. Find the initial investment AND the time to double your deposit.

$$A = Pe^{rt}$$

$$2000 = Pe^{.02(10)}$$

$$2000 = Pe^{.2}$$

$$\frac{2000}{e^{0.2}} = P$$

$$P = \$1637.46$$

$$2 = 1e^{.02t}$$

$$\ln 2 = .02t$$

$$\frac{\ln 2}{.02} = t$$

$$t \approx 34.657 \text{ YEARS}$$

KEY:

1.) .3 2.) 2.5
12.) 1.562 13.) 15,848,931

3.) 16/3 4.) 21
14.) 31.4 15.) 13.3

5.) 1.099 6.) 1.3
16.) 0.41 17.) 6.3×10^{-4}

7.) 0.693, 1.609
18.) \$1637.46 and 34.7 yrs

8.) 6.960 9.) 16

10.) 452.011

11.) 53.598