

Logs & Surds

Single Correct Answer Type

1. Number of ordered triplets of natural number (a, b, c) for which $abc \leq 11$ is

- (A) 52 (B) 53 (C) 55 (D) 56

Key. D

Sol. $abc = 1$ in 1 ways
 $abc = 2, 3, 5, 7, 11$ in 15 ways
 $abc = 4, 9$ in 12 ways
 $abc = 8$ in 10 ways
 $abc = 6, 10$ in 18 ways
 So, total number of solution is 56

2. The value of $\sqrt{5-\sqrt{10}-\sqrt{15}+\sqrt{6}}$ is

- (A) $\frac{\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{3}-\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}}$ (B) $\frac{\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{2}}$
 (C) $\frac{\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{5}}{2}$ (D) $\frac{\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{3}-\sqrt{2}}{2}$

Key. B

Sol. $5-\sqrt{10}-\sqrt{15}+\sqrt{6}$ can be written as

$$\frac{3+2+5-2\sqrt{2}\sqrt{5}-2\sqrt{5}\sqrt{3}+2\sqrt{3}\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$= \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^2$$

3. $a > 0 (a \neq 1), b > 0 (b \neq 1)$ such that $a^{(\log_a^b)^x} = b^{(\log_b^a)^x}$ then $x =$

- (A) 1 (B) -1 (C) $\frac{1}{2}$ (D) 2

Key: C

Hint: Taking \log_b both sides we get

$$(\log_a^b)^x \log_b^a = (\log_b^a)^x$$

$$\therefore (\log_a^b)^x = (\log_b^a)^{x-1}$$

$$\therefore 1-x = x \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2}$$

4. Given that $\log_{10}^5 = 0.70$ and $\log_{10}^3 = 0.48$ then the value of \log_{30}^8 (correct upto 2 places of decimal) is
 (A) 0.56 (B) 0.61 (C) 0.68 (D) 0.73

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7. There exist positive integers A, B and C with no common factors greater than 1, such that $A \log_{200}^5 + B \log_{200}^2 = C$. The sum A + B + C equals
 (A) 5 (B) 6 (C) 7 (D) 8

Key: B

Sol. $A \log_{200}^5 + B \log_{200}^2 = C$
 $= C$
 $A \log 5 + B \log 2 = C \log 200 = C \log(5^2 \cdot 2^3) = 2C \log 5 + 3C \log 2$

hence, $A = 2C$ and $B = 3C$

for no common factor greater than 1, $C = 1$

$\therefore A = 2; B = 3 \Rightarrow A + B + C = 6$ Ans.

9. Given real numbers $a, b, c > 0$ ($\neq 1$) such that $\log_{\log_c a} e, \log_{(a^{c/2})} e, \log_{(\log_b c)} e$ are in H.P.

then c equal to

- (a) $\log_a(\log_a b)$ (b) $\log_a(\log_b a)$
- (c) $\log_b(\log_b a)$ (d) $\log_b(\log_a b)$

Key. B

SOL. $\text{LOG}_E(\text{LOG}_C A), \text{LOG}_E A^{C/2}, \text{LOG}_E(\text{LOG}_B C)$ ARE IN A.P.

$\Rightarrow \text{LOG}_C A, A^{C/2}, \text{LOG}_B C$ ARE IN G.P.

$\Rightarrow A^C = \text{LOG}_C A \text{ LOG}_B C$

$\Rightarrow A^C = \text{LOG}_B A$

$\Rightarrow c = \log_a(\log_b a)$

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Multiple Correct Answer Type

1. Which of the following is/are true

(A) $\log_2^3 < \log_5^{17}$

(B) $\log_2^{24} (\log_{96}^2)^{-1} - \log_2^{192} (\log_{12}^2)^{-1} = 3$

(C) $(\log_2^5)^2 > \log_2^{20}$

(D) $\log_{10}^5 \cdot \log_{10}^{20} + (\log_{10}^2)^2 = 1$

Key: A,B,C,D

Hint: (A) $\log_2^3 - \log_5^{17}$

$$= \frac{\log_2^3 \log_2^5 - \log_2^{17}}{\log_2^5}$$

But $\log_2^{17} > 4$

$$\therefore 2^5 > 5^2 \Rightarrow 2^{5/2} > 5$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{5}{2} > \log_2^5$$

$$\log_2^5 < \frac{5}{2}; 3^5 < 2^8$$

$$5 \log_2^3 < 8$$

$$\log_2^3 < \frac{8}{5}$$

$$\therefore \log \frac{5}{2} \cdot \log \frac{3}{2} < 4$$

$$\therefore \log_2^3 \cdot \log_2^5 - \log_2^{17} < 0 \Rightarrow \log_2^3 < \log_5^{17}$$

(B) $GE = \log 24 \cdot \log 96 - \log 192 \cdot \log 12$

$$= (3 \log 2 + \log 3)(5 \log 2 + \log 3) - (6 \log 2 + \log 3)(2 \log 2 + \log 3)$$

$$= 3(\log_2^2)^2 = 3$$

(C) Let $x = \log \frac{5}{2} > 2$

$$x^2 - x - 2 = (x-2)(x+1) > 0 \therefore x > 2$$

$$\therefore x^2 - x - 2 > 0 \Rightarrow (\log_2^5)^2 > \log_2^5 + 2 = \log_2^{20}$$

(D) $\log_{10}^5 (\log_{10}^2 + 1) + (\log_{10}^2)^2 = \log_{10}^2 [\log_{10}^9 + \log_{10}^2] + \log_{10}^5$

$$= \log_{10}^2 \cdot 1 + \log_{10}^5 = \log_{10}^{10} = 1$$

2. If $\frac{\log_2 X}{4} = \frac{\log_2 Y}{6} = \frac{\log_2 Z}{3k}$ and $x^3 y^2 z = 1$, then k is equal to

(A) -8

(B) -4

(C) 0

(D) $\log_2 \left(\frac{1}{256} \right)$

Key : A, D

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Sol : } \frac{\log_2 x}{4} &= \frac{\log_2 y}{6} = \frac{\log_2 z}{3k} \\ &= \frac{3\log_2 x + 2\log_2 y + \log_2 z}{12 + 12 + 3k} \\ &= \frac{\log_2(x^3 y^2 z)}{24 + 3k} \\ &= \frac{0}{24 + 3k}\end{aligned}$$

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Assertion Reasoning Type

1. 54. Statement – I : If $\log_{0.2}\left(\frac{x+1}{x}\right) \geq 1$ then $x \in [-1.25, -1)$

Statement – II : If $0 < a < 1$, $\log_a^x \geq \log_a^y \Leftrightarrow y \geq x > 0$

Key. A

Sol. $0 < \frac{x+1}{x} \leq 0.2 \Leftrightarrow \frac{x+1}{x} - \frac{1}{5} \leq 0$ and $\frac{x+1}{x} > 0$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{4x+5}{5x} \leq 0$ and $\frac{x+1}{x} > 0 \Rightarrow x \neq 0; x(4x+5) \leq 0; x(x+1) > 0$
 $\Rightarrow x \neq 0; -\frac{5}{4} \leq x \leq 0$ and $x < -1$ or $x > 0$
 $\therefore x \in \left[-\frac{5}{4}, -1\right)$

55. Statement – I : For $a, b \in R$, $\frac{|a+b|}{1+|a+b|} \leq \frac{|a|}{1+|a|} + \frac{|b|}{1+|b|}$

Statement – II : $a, b \in R \quad \max\{a, b\} = \frac{1}{2}(a+b+|a-b|)$

Key. B

Sol. If $a = 0$ or $b = 0$ or $a + b = 0$ then inequality is obvious Let $ab(a+b) \neq 0$

$$\frac{|a|}{1+|a|} + \frac{|b|}{1+|b|} \geq \frac{|a|}{1+|a|+|b|} + \frac{|b|}{|a|+1+|b|} = \frac{|a|+|b|}{1+|a|+|b|} = \frac{1}{1+\frac{1}{|a|+|b|}} \dots\dots(1)$$

$$\text{But } |a+b| \leq |a|+|b| \Rightarrow \frac{1}{|a+b|} \geq \frac{1}{|a|+|b|} \Rightarrow 1+\frac{1}{|a+b|} \geq 1+\frac{1}{|a|+|b|}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{1+\frac{1}{|a+b|}} \leq \frac{1}{1+\frac{1}{|a|+|b|}} \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

$$\text{From (1) and (2)} \Rightarrow \frac{|a|}{1+|a|} + \frac{|b|}{1+|b|} \geq \frac{1}{1+\frac{1}{|a+b|}} = \frac{|a+b|}{1+|a+b|}$$

$$\text{ST II:- } a \geq b \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}(a+b+|a-b|) = \frac{1}{2}\{a+b+a-b\} = a$$

$$a \leq b \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}(a+b+|a-b|) = \frac{1}{2}\{a+b-a+b\} = b$$

56. Statement – I : The greatest integer satisfying $x^2 - 6|x| + 5 < 0$ is '4'.

Statement – II: For $k_1, k_2 \in R^+, (k_1 < k_2)$ and $x \in R$ if $k_1 < |x| < k_2$ then $x \in (-k_2, -k_1) \cup (k_1, k_2)$.

Key. A

Sol. Conceptual

57. Statement – I: If $(0.5)^{\log_3 \log_{(1/5)}(x^2 - \frac{4}{5})} > 1$ then $|x| > 1$

Statement – II: The number of solution of inequality

$$\sqrt{3x^2 + 6x + 7} + \sqrt{5x^2 + 10x + 14} \leq 4 - 2x - x^2$$
 are two

Key. C

Sol. St-1 :

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\log_3 \log_{\frac{1}{5}}\left(x^2 - \frac{4}{5}\right)} > \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^0$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_3 \log_{\frac{1}{5}}\left(x^2 - \frac{4}{5}\right) < 0 \Rightarrow x^2 - \frac{4}{5} > \frac{1}{5} \Rightarrow x^2 > 1 \Rightarrow |x| > 1$$

St-2 :

$$\sqrt{3x^2 + 6x + 7} \geq 2 \text{ and } \sqrt{5x^2 + 10x + 14} \geq 3$$

$$\therefore LHS \geq 5 \quad RHS \leq 5$$

\therefore The equation hold only when LHS = RHS = 5

$$\therefore x = -1$$

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