

1. B 
$$\frac{\ln(x)}{1 + \ln(y)} = e \rightarrow \frac{1 + \ln(y)}{\ln(x)} = \frac{1}{e} \rightarrow \ln(y) = \frac{\ln(x)}{e} - 1 \rightarrow y = (e^{\ln(x)})^{\frac{1}{e}} * e^{-1}$$

$$= \frac{x^{\frac{1}{e}}}{e}.$$
2. A Substitute  $\log_4(x) = \frac{\log_2(x)}{2}$  for all occurrences of  $\log_4(x)$ , multiply the equation by 2 to get rid of fractions, and combine like terms. This gives us  $(\log_2(x))^3 + 4(\log_2(x))^2 - 52\log_2(x) + 80 = 0$ . This is simply a cubic in  $\log_2(x)$ . Using the rational root theorem, we can determine that  $\log_2(x) = 4, 2, -10$ , so  $x = 16, 4, \frac{1}{1024}$ . Thus the product of the largest and smallest solutions is  $16 * \frac{1}{1024} = \frac{1}{64}$ .
3. B First, consider  $\log_4(3) * \log_9(7)$ . When multiplying logarithms, we can switch the bases, so this equals  $\log_9(3) * \log_4(7) = \frac{\log_4(7)}{2} = \frac{\log_2(7)}{4} = \log_2(7^{\frac{1}{4}})$ . Adding  $\log_2(49)$ , we get  $\log_2(7^{\frac{1}{4}}) + \log_2(49) = \log_2(7^{\frac{1}{4}} * 7^2)$ . Raising 2 to this power gives us  $7^{\frac{9}{4}}$  or  $49^{\sqrt[4]{7}}$ .
4. D The polynomial inside the logarithm is equal to  $(2n - 3)^4$ , so our equation becomes  $\log_3((2n - 3)^4) = 8 \rightarrow 4\log_3(|2n - 3|) = 8$ . We need the absolute value since  $2n - 3$  may be positive or negative. Continuing, we have  $\log_3(|2n - 3|) = 2 \rightarrow |2n - 3| = 9$ . Thus we have  $2n - 3 = 9 \rightarrow n = 6$  or  $2n - 3 = -9 \rightarrow n = -3$ , which are both valid solutions.
5. A Using change of base, we have  $\log_2(k) = \frac{\ln(k)}{\ln(2)}$ . Thus, we have  $\ln(\ln(x)) + \frac{\ln(\ln(x))}{\ln(2)} = \frac{\ln(4e^2)}{\ln(2)}$ . Multiplying by  $\ln(2)$  and factoring the left side, we get  $\ln(\ln(x))(1 + \ln(2)) = \ln(4e^2)$ . Luckily,  $\ln(4e^2) = \ln(4) + \ln(e^2) = 2 + 2\ln(2)$ , so we have  $\ln(\ln(x)) = 2 \rightarrow \ln(x) = e^2 \rightarrow x = e^{e^2}$ .
6. A This is equivalent to  $2^{3 \log_2 3} = 2^{\log_2 27} = 27$ .
7. C Using the extended version of the binomial theorem, the fourth term is  $C(\frac{2}{3}, 3) * m^{\frac{-7}{3}} * n^3$ .  $C(\frac{2}{3}, 3) = \frac{\frac{2}{3} * \frac{-1}{3} * \frac{-4}{3}}{3!} = \frac{4}{81}$ , so our answer is  $\frac{4}{81} m^{\frac{-7}{3}} n^3$ .
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  - I. The right side is  $\log(6)$  while the left side is  $\log(1 * 2 * 3) = \log(6)$ . TRUE (Note: it is NOT true in general that  $\log(a + b) = \log(a) + \log(b)$ .)
  - II. Using change of base, we get that  $\log(a) * \ln(b) = \frac{\ln(a)}{\ln(10)} * \ln(b) = \ln(a) * \frac{\ln(b)}{\ln(10)} = \ln(a) * \log(b)$ . TRUE
  - III.  $a = 10$  is an easy counterexample to this. FALSE
9. A  $3^x$  has the range  $(0, \infty)$ .  $2^{3^x}$  can be 2 to the power of any number in the range  $(0, \infty)$ , so its range is  $(1, \infty)$ . Finally  $6^{2^{3^x}}$  can be 6 to the power of anything in the range  $(1, \infty)$ , so its range is  $(6, \infty)$ .
10. B  $5 \uparrow 2 = 5^2 = 25$ .  $5 \uparrow \uparrow 2 = 5 \uparrow 5 = 5^5 = 3125$ .  $25 + 3125 = 3150$
11. D  $5 \uparrow \uparrow 3 = 5 \uparrow (5 \uparrow 5) = 5^{5^5}$ . Since  $5^5 = 3125$ , this equals  $5^{3125}$ . Taking the base 10 logarithm, we get  $3125 \log(5)$ . We are given that  $\log(5) =$

- .69897, so  $3125 \log(5) = 2184.28$  (approximately), meaning that  $5^{3125} = 10^{2184.28}$ . Thus our original number has 2185 digits.
12. A Since  $2.\bar{3} = \frac{7}{3}$ , we can split this up as  $\ln(e^3) + \ln(7) - \ln(3) = 3 + b - a$ .
13. A This is a simple infinite geometric series with the sum  $\frac{\frac{2}{7}}{1 - \frac{2}{7}} = \frac{2}{5}$ .
14. C Taking the log mean of  $x, y$ , and  $z$ , we have  $10^{\frac{\log(x) + \log(y) + \log(z)}{3}} = 10^{\frac{\log(xyz)}{3}} = (10^{\log(xyz)})^{\frac{1}{3}} = \sqrt[3]{xyz}$ , which is the same as the geometric mean of  $x, y$ , and  $z$ . Thus our ratio equals 1.
15. B  $y = \sqrt{x + \sqrt{x + \sqrt{x + \dots}}} \rightarrow y = \sqrt{x + y} \rightarrow y^2 - y - x = 0 \rightarrow y = \frac{1 + \sqrt{1 + 4x}}{2}$  (y must be positive, so we ignore the negative solution to the quadratic.)  
 $y = \sqrt{x - \sqrt{x - \sqrt{x - \dots}}} \rightarrow y = \sqrt{x - y} \rightarrow y^2 + y - x = 0 \rightarrow y = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{1 + 4x}}{2}$ .  
 Therefore, the difference is  $\frac{1 + \sqrt{1 + 4x}}{2} - \frac{-1 + \sqrt{1 + 4x}}{2} = 1$ .
16. B  $C(10, 3) * x^3(-2y)^7 = -15360x^3y^7$ , so the coefficient is  $-15360$ .
17. B  $25^3 = 15625$ , so  $15626^{\frac{1}{3}}$  is slightly greater than 25.  $5^4 = 625$ , so  $650^{\frac{1}{4}}$  is slightly greater than 5. However the amount by which  $650^{\frac{1}{4}}$  exceeds 5 is greater than the amount by which  $15626^{\frac{1}{3}}$  exceeds 25. Thus the value inside the greatest integer function is slightly less than  $25 - 5$ , so the answer is 19.
18. C  $f(1) = 3(1) + 1$ .  $f^2(1) = 3(3(1) + 1) + 1 = 3^2 + 3 + 1$ . This can be extended as  $f^n(x) = 3^n + 3^{n-1} + \dots + 3 + 1$ . Therefore,  $f^6(x) = 3^6 + 3^5 + \dots + 3 + 1 = \frac{3^7 - 1}{3 - 1} = 1093$ .
19. C  $\log_{3\sqrt{3}}(3^{\frac{1}{5}} * (27^{\frac{1}{2}})^{\frac{1}{5}} * ((9^{\frac{1}{3}})^{\frac{1}{2}})^{\frac{1}{5}} * ((3^{\frac{1}{4}})^{\frac{1}{2}})^{\frac{1}{5}}) = \log_{3\sqrt{3}}(3^{\frac{1}{5}} * 3^{\frac{3}{10}} * 3^{\frac{1}{15}} * 3^{\frac{1}{40}})$   
 $= \log_{3\sqrt{3}}(3^{\frac{71}{120}}) = \frac{\frac{71}{120}}{\frac{7}{2}} = \frac{71}{180}$ .
20. E  $84 + 16\sqrt{5} = 84 + 2\sqrt{320}$ . We can find  $\sqrt{84 + 2\sqrt{320}}$  by finding 2 numbers that sum to 84 and have a product of 320. Since 80 and 4 satisfy these criteria,  
 $\sqrt{84 + 2\sqrt{320}} = \sqrt{4} + \sqrt{80} = 2 + 4\sqrt{5}$ . Thus,  $a + b + c = 2 + 4 + 5 = 11$ .
21. B  $\frac{8!}{1!*4!*2!*1!} (1)^1(x)^4(y)^2(z)^1$ . Thus the coefficient is  $\frac{40320}{24*2} = 840$ .
22. C This is one of the cube roots of unity, meaning that  $(\frac{-1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i)^3 = 1$ . Thus raising it to the fourth power gives us  $1 * (\frac{-1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i) = \frac{-1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i$ . If you did not notice this, you could have simply expanded it using the binomial theorem.
23. A We will start with the key realization of this problem. Clearly  $\ln(x) * \ln(5) = \ln(x) * \ln(5)$ . However we can further manipulate this equation as  $\ln(5^{\ln(x)}) = \ln(x^{\ln(5)}) \rightarrow 5^{\ln(x)} = x^{\ln(5)}$ . Using this insight, we can rewrite our problem's equation as  $(5^{\ln(x)})^2 - 5^{\ln(x)} - 6 \rightarrow (5^{\ln(x)})^2 - 5 * 5^{\ln(x)} - 6 \rightarrow (5^{\ln(x)} -$

- 6)  $(5^{\ln(x)} + 1)$ , which means  $5^{\ln(x)} = 6$  since  $5^{\ln(x)} = -1$  is impossible. Thus,  
 $\ln(x) = \log_5(6) \rightarrow \ln(x) = \frac{\ln(6)}{\ln(5)} \rightarrow x = 6^{\frac{1}{\ln(5)}}$ .
24. A  $x = \sqrt{6 + 2\sqrt{5}} - \sqrt{6 - 2\sqrt{5}} \rightarrow x^2 = 6 + 2\sqrt{5} + 6 - 2\sqrt{5} - 2\sqrt{16} = 4 \rightarrow x = 2$ .
25. A  $\log_9(a^2 + 2ab + b^2) = \log_3(a + b)$  since  $a$  and  $b$  are both positive. For our problem's equation, we have  $\log_3(a^3 + b^3) - \log_3(a + b) - 2\log_3(b) = 2 \rightarrow \log_3\left(\frac{a^3 + b^3}{a + b}\right) - \log_3(b^2) = 2 \rightarrow \log_3\left(\frac{a^2 - ab + b^2}{b^2}\right) = 2 \rightarrow \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^2 - \frac{a}{b} + 1 = 9 \rightarrow \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^2 - \frac{a}{b} - 8 = 0$ . This is a quadratic in  $\frac{a}{b}$ , so  $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{1 + \sqrt{33}}{2}$  (we ignore the negative solution since  $a$  and  $b$  are positive.)
26. E  $65536 = 2^{16}$  and  $16\sqrt{2} = 2^{\frac{9}{2}}$ , so our answer is  $\frac{16}{\frac{9}{2}} = \frac{32}{9}$ .
27. B Since the characteristic of  $\log_2(9)$  is 3 and the characteristic of  $\log_4(7)$  is 1, the ratio of the mantissas is  $\frac{\log_2(9) - 3}{\log_4(7) - 1} = \frac{\log_2\left(\frac{9}{8}\right)}{\log_4\left(\frac{7}{4}\right)} = \frac{\log_4\left(\frac{81}{64}\right)}{\log_4\left(\frac{7}{4}\right)} = \log_7\left(\frac{81}{64}\right)$ .
28. C  $\frac{3}{\log_2(7)} + 2\log_{0.5}(4) = 3\log_7(2) - 4 = \log_7(8) - \log_7(2401) = \log_7\left(\frac{8}{2401}\right)$ .
29. D  $(3^x)^k = 3^y$ , so  $k = \frac{y}{x}$ .
30. C Daniel will make a total of  $k\log_3(k)$  cuts in the log. Since cutting a log into 19 pieces requires 18 cuts, we have  $k\log_3(k) = 18$ . Guessing and checking, we find that  $k = 9$ .