

finish log SAT handout.

14. If  $\log_2 ab = 5$  and  $\log_3 b = 4$ , then  $a =$

(A)  $\frac{4}{81}$

(B)  $\frac{32}{81}$

(C)  $\frac{4}{5}$

(D)  $\frac{5}{4}$

(E)  $\frac{32}{5}$

$$ab = 2^5$$

$$b = 3^4$$

$$a = \frac{32}{b} = \frac{32}{81}$$

16. If  $\ln(x) = 1.58$ , then  $\ln(2x) =$

(A) 1.15

(B) 2.27

(C) 2.49

(D) 3.16

(E) 3.58

$$= \ln 2 + \ln x \quad \Bigg| \quad \ln 2 + 1.58$$

$\oplus$  1.58

29. Let  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $x$ , and  $y$  represent real numbers greater than 1. If  $y = b^{ax}$ , which of the following must be true?

(A)  $x \log_a y = b$

(B)  $x \log_b y = a$

(C)  $\log_{ax} y = b$

(D)  $\log_y b = ax$

(E)  $\log_b y = ax$

$$ax = \log_b y$$

31. One method for finding a given number that is in an ordered list of numbers requires a computer to repeatedly split the list in half until the number is found. For a list of  $n$  numbers, the maximum number of splits is the least integer greater than or equal to  $\frac{\log n}{\log 2}$ . What is the maximum number of splits needed to find a given number in a list of 300,000 numbers?

- (A) 3   (B) 6   (C) 15   (D) 18   (E) 19

$$\frac{\log 300000}{\log 2}$$

$$\frac{\log 3 + 5}{\log 2}$$

33. If  $f(x) = \log_2 x$  for  $x > 0$ , then  $f^{-1}(x) = 2^x$ .

(A)  $2^x$

(B)  $x^2$

(C)  $\frac{x}{2}$

(D)  $\frac{2}{x}$

(E)  $\log_x 2$

38. If  $(6.31)^m = (3.02)^n$ , what is the value of  $\frac{m}{n}$ ?

- (A) -0.32 (B) 0.32 (C) 0.48 (D) 0.60 (E) 1.67

$$\frac{m \ln 6.31}{n} = \ln 3.02$$

$$\frac{m}{n} = \frac{\ln 3.02}{\ln 6.31}$$

$$m \ln 6.31 = n \ln 3.02$$

$$\frac{m}{n} = \log_{6.31} 3.02 = \frac{\ln 3.02}{\ln 6.31}$$

45. If  $\log_a 3 = x$  and  $\log_a 5 = y$ , then  $\log_a 45 =$

- (A)  $2x + y$
- (B)  $x^2 + y$
- (C)  $x^2 y$
- (D)  $x + y$
- (E)  $9x + y$

$$\begin{aligned} & \log_a 3^2 \cdot 5 \\ &= 2 \log_a 3 + \log_a 5 \\ &= 2x + y \end{aligned}$$



**Exercise 1** Suppose that

$$\log_2(\log_3(\log_5(\log_7(N)))) = 11.$$

How many different prime numbers are factors of  $N$ ?

- (A) 1   (B) 2   (C) 3   (D) 4   (E) 7

$$7^5 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 2^{11} = N$$

Exercise 2 Suppose that

$$\log_2(\log_2(\log_2(x))) = 2.$$

How many digits are in the base-10 representation for  $x$ ?

- (A) 5    (B) 7    (C) 9    (D) 11    (E) 13

$$2^{10} = 1024$$

$$2^6 = 64$$

$$2^2 = 4$$

$$2^4 = 16$$

$$2^b$$

$$2^{10} \cdot 2^6 = 1024 \cdot 64 \approx 64000$$

**Exercise 3** How many positive integers  $b$  have the property that  $\log_b 729$  is also a positive integer? = c

- (A) 0    (B) 1    (C) 2    (D) 3    (E) 4

$$\begin{aligned}
 b &= 3^a \\
 b^c &= (3^a)^c \\
 &= 3^{ac} = 3^b
 \end{aligned}$$

$b^c = 729 = 3^6$

$= 3^b$

$$ac = 6$$

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