



PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS - SOLVING LOGARITHMIC EQUATIONS
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PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU CANNOT ALWAYS USE A CALCULATOR ON THE ACCUPLACER - COLLEGE-LEVEL MATHEMATICS TEST! YOU MUST BE ABLE TO DO SOME PROBLEMS WITHOUT A CALCULATOR!

Problem 1:

Solve $\log_2(x + 3) = 2$. Only find solutions that produce REAL numbers, except 0 , in the original equation when substituting for x !

Problem 2:

Solve $\log(x - 1) - \log(x + 1) = 1$. Only find solutions that produce REAL numbers, except 0 , in the original equation when substituting for x !

Problem 3:

Solve $\ln x + \ln(2x - 1) = 2$. Only find solutions that produce REAL numbers, except 0 , in the original equation when substituting for x ! Round to 4 decimal places.

Problem 4:

Solve $\log(4x + 2x^2) = \log(3x^2)$. Only find solutions that produce REAL numbers, except 0 , in the original equation when substituting for x !

This logarithmic equation contains only logarithmic expressions. Therefore, we can discard the word **log** on either side, leaving us with an algebraic equation

Problem 5:

Solve $\log(2x - 1) = \log(4x + 3) - \log x$. Only find solutions that produce REAL numbers, except 0 , in the original equation when substituting for x !

Problem 6:

Solve $\log(x + 4) - \log x = \log(x + 2)$. Only find solutions that produce REAL numbers, except **0**, in the original equation when substituting for **x**! Round to 4 decimal places.

Problem 7:

Solve for **x**: $2 \ln x = \ln(2 - x) + \ln(4 - x)$. Only find solutions that produce REAL numbers, except **0**, in the original equation when substituting for **x**!

Problem 8:

Solve $\log(x - 3) = \log(-x)$. Only find solutions that produce REAL numbers, except **0**, in the original equation when substituting for **x**!

Problem 9:

Solve $\log(3 - \frac{1}{2}x) = \log(-x)$. Only find solutions that produce REAL numbers, except **0**, in the original equation when substituting for **x**!

Problem 10:

Solve $\log x^2 = \log(-5x - 6)$. Only find solutions that produce REAL numbers, except **0**, in the original equation when substituting for **x**!

Problem 11:

Solve $2 \log x = \log(-5x - 6)$. Only find solutions that produce REAL numbers, except **0**, in the original equation when substituting for **x**!

Problem 12:

A medical technologist creates a reagent with a **pH** of 7.48. Find the concentration of hydrogen ions $[H^+]$ in the reagent using the formula $pH = -\log[H^+]$. Express your answer in *Scientific Notation* rounded to two decimal places.



SOLUTIONS

You can find detailed solutions below the link for this problem set!

1. 13	2. No solutions	3. 2.1883
4. 4	5. 3	6. 1.5616
7. 4/3	8. No solutions	9. -6
10. -3, -2	11. No solutions	12. 3.31×10^{-8}