

Practice 22

FOR USE WITH SECTION 4.3

Write each expression in terms of $\log_3 a$, $\log_3 b$, and $\log_3 c$.

1. $\log_3 a^5$

2. $\log_3 b^{1/2}$

3. $\log_3 ac^2$

4. $\log_3 \frac{b^{2/3}}{c^5}$

5. $\log_3 a^6 b^{1/4}$

6. $\log_3 \frac{ab^3}{c^4}$

7. $\log_3 \frac{a^7}{b^3 c}$

8. $\log_3 \frac{(ab)^{1/4}}{c}$

Write as a logarithm of a single number or expression.

9. $\frac{1}{2} \log_5 144$

10. $5 \log_b 2 + \log_b 3$

11. $\log_7 10 - 4 \log_7 5$

12. $3(\log_6 2 + \log_6 5)$

13. $\frac{3}{4} \log_3 16 + \log_3 6$

14. $2 \log_{11} x^3 - \log_{11} x^2$

15. $5 \log a + 2 \log b - 3 \log c$

16. $\frac{3}{2} \log_2 a^2 - \frac{5}{3} \log_2 b^3$

Let $x = \log_b 3$ and $y = \log_b 5$. Write each expression in terms of x and y .

17. $\log_b 15$

18. $\log_b \frac{1}{5}$

19. $\log_b \frac{5}{3}$

20. $\log_b 25$

21. $\log_b 81$

22. $\log_b 3\sqrt{5}$

23. $\log_b 5b^2$

24. $\log_b \frac{b}{3}$

25. The *magnitude* of a star is a measure of how bright the star appears in the night sky. Brighter stars have *smaller* magnitudes, and the magnitudes of the brightest stars are negative. Let B_0 = the brightness of a star of magnitude 0. Then the magnitude M of a star of brightness B is given by the formula

$$M = 2.5 \log \frac{B_0}{B}.$$

- Suppose a star has a brightness $0.01B_0$. (That is, the star is 100 times dimmer than a star of magnitude 0.) What is its magnitude?
- Two of the brightest stars, Canopus and Vega, have magnitudes of -0.72 and 0.04 , respectively. How many times brighter is Canopus than Vega? (Hint: Let B_1 and B_2 be the brightnesses of Canopus and Vega. Subtract.)