

Unit 5

(85) a) $\log_{32} 4 = x$

change to exponential form

$$32^x = 4$$

Rewrite so left & right sides have the same base

$$(2^5)^x = 2^2$$

Equate exponents

$$5x = 2$$

$$x = 2/5$$

b) $\log_{216} x = -2/3$

$$216^{-2/3} = x$$

$$(6^3)^{-2/3} = x$$

$$6^{-2} = x$$

$$\frac{1}{6^2} = x$$

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{36} = x}$$

c) $\log_x 625 = 4/3$

raise both sides to 3/4

$$x^{4/3} = 625$$

$$x = 625^{3/4}$$

$$x = (5^4)^{3/4}$$

$$x = 5^3$$

$$\boxed{x = 125}$$

(86) a) $\log_2 3 + \log_2 5 = \log_2 (3 \cdot 5) = \boxed{\log_2 15}$

b) $\log_5 4 + \log_5 8 - \log_5 2 = \log_5 \frac{4 \cdot 8}{2} = \boxed{\log_5 16}$

c) $3 \log_{12} 6 - \log_{12} 4 = \log_{12} 6^3 - \log_{12} 4 = \log_{12} \frac{6^3}{4} = \log_{12} \frac{216}{4} = \boxed{\log_{12} 54}$

(87) $\log_{10} 0.0001 = -4$

$$10^{-4} = 0.0001$$

(B)

(88) $x+1 = 8.3$

$$x+1 = \log_{4.2} 8.3$$

$$x+1 = \frac{\log 8.3}{\log 4.2}$$

$$x+1 = 1.4747$$

$$x \approx 0.4747 \quad (D)$$

(89) $\log_a 9 = 2$

$$a^2 = 9$$

$$a = \pm 3$$

a cannot be a negative #, so answer is (A)

(90)

94) a) $4^{7a} = 16^{5a-6}$
 $4^{7a} = (4^2)^{5a-6}$
 $7a = 2(5a-6)$
 $7a = 10a - 12$
 $-3a = -12$
 $a = 4$

b) $\log_x \frac{1}{49} = -2$
 $x^{-2} = \frac{1}{49}$
 $x^{-2} = 7^{-2}$
 $x = 7$

c) $\log_6 x = 2$
 $6^2 = x$
 $36 = x$