

The Laws of Logarithms

Multiplication

The logarithm of two numbers multiplied together may be found by adding the logarithm of the numbers together.

For example, if we have two numbers P & Q

$$\log_a P + \log_b Q \neq \log_a PQ$$

Then $\log_b PQ = \log_b P + \log_b Q$ (where b is the log base).

Division

The logarithm of two numbers divided may be found by subtracting the logarithm of the number you are dividing by from the logarithm of the number you are dividing into.

So if we have two numbers P & Q then,

$$\log_b \frac{P}{Q} = \log_b P - \log_b Q$$

(where b is the log base).

Powers

The logarithm of a number raised to any power is found by multiplying the logarithm of that number by the power.

If we have a number P and wish to raise it to a power 'n'

Then:

$$\log_b P^n = n \log_b P$$

$$\log_{10} 100000 = \log_{10} 10^5 = 5 \log_{10} 10 = 5$$

Composition of a Logarithm

A logarithm consists of two parts. The whole number before the decimal point is called the **characteristic**. The part after the decimal point is called the **mantissa**.

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Log Table

											Mean Difference								
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	0000	0043	0086	0128	0170	0212	0253	0294	0334	0374	4	8	12	17	21	25	29	33	37
11	0414	0453	0492	0531	0569	0607	0645	0682	0719	0755	4	8	11	15	19	23	26	30	34
12	0792	0828	0864	0899	0934	0969	1004	1038	1072	1106	3	7	10	14	17	21	24	28	31
13	1139	1173	1206	1239	1271	1303	1335	1367	1399	1430	3	6	10	13	16	19	23	26	29
14	1461	1492	1523	1553	1584	1614	1644	1673	1703	1732	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27
15	1761	1790	1818	1847	1875	1903	1931	1959	1987	2014	3	6	8	11	14	17	20	22	25
16	2041	2068	2095	2122	2148	2175	2201	2227	2253	2279	3	5	8	11	13	16	18	21	24
17	2304	2330	2355	2380	2405	2430	2455	2480	2504	2529	2	5	7	10	12	15	17	20	22
18	2553	2577	2601	2625	2648	2672	2695	2718	2742	2765	2	5	7	9	12	14	16	19	21
19	2788	2810	2833	2856	2878	2900	2923	2945	2967	2989	2	4	7	9	11	13	16	18	20
20	3010	3032	3054	3075	3096	3118	3139	3160	3181	3201	2	4	6	8	11	13	15	17	19
21	3222	3243	3263	3284	3304	3324	3345	3365	3385	3404	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18
22	3424	3444	3464	3483	3502	3522	3541	3560	3579	3598	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	15	17
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24	3802	3820	3838	3856	3874	3892	3909	3927	3945	3962	2	4	5	7	9	11	12	14	16
25	3979	3997	4014	4031	4048	4065	4082	4099	4116	4133	2	3	5	7	9	10	12	14	15
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27	4314	4330	4346	4362	4378	4393	4409	4425	4440	4456	2	3	5	6	8	9	11	13	14
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$$8235 + 6 = 8241$$

52	7160	7168	7177	7185	7193	7202	7210	7218	7226	7235	1	2	2	3	4	5	6	7	7
53	7243	7251	7259	7267	7275	7284	7292	7300	7308	7316	1	2	2	3	4	5	6	6	7
54	7324	7332	7340	7348	7356	7364	7372	7380	7388	7396	1	2	2	3	4	5	6	6	7
55	7404	7412	7419	7427	7435	7443	7451	7459	7466	7474	1	2	2	3	4	5	5	6	7
56	7482	7490	7497	7505	7513	7520	7528	7536	7543	7551	1	2	2	3	4	5	5	6	7
57	7559	7566	7574	7582	7589	7597	7604	7612	7619	7627	1	2	2	3	4	5	5	6	7
58	7634	7642	7649	7657	7664	7672	7679	7686	7694	7701	1	1	2	3	4	4	5	6	7
59	7709	7716	7723	7731	7738	7745	7752	7760	7767	7774	1	1	2	3	4	4	5	6	7
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62	7924	7931	7938	7945	7952	7959	7966	7973	7980	7987	1	1	2	3	3	4	5	6	6
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66	8195	8202	8209	8215	8222	8228	8235	8241	8248	8254	1	1	2	3	3	4	5	5	6
67	8261	8267	8274	8280	8287	8293	8299	8306	8312	8319	1	1	2	3	3	4	5	5	6
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69	8388	8395	8401	8407	8414	8420	8426	8432	8439	8445	1	1	2	2	3	4	4	5	6
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74	8692	8698	8704	8710	8716	8722	8727	8733	8739	8745	1	1	2	2	3	4	4	5	5
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77	8865	8871	8876	8882	8887	8893	8899	8904	8910	8915	1	1	2	2	3	4	4	4	5
78	8921	8927	8932	8938	8943	8949	8954	8960	8965	8971	1	1	2	2	3	4	4	4	5
79	8976	8982	8987	8993	8998	9004	9009	9015	9020	9025	1	1	2	2	3	4	4	4	5
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83	9191	9196	9201	9206	9212	9217	9222	9227	9232	9238	1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5
84	9243	9248	9253	9258	9263	9269	9274	9279	9284	9289	1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5
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92	9638	9643	9647	9652	9657	9661	9666	9671	9675	9680	0	1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4
93	9685	9689	9694	9699	9703	9708	9713	9717	9722	9727	0	1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4
94	9731	9736	9741	9745	9750	9754	9759	9763	9768	9773	0	1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4
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98	9912	9917	9921	9926	9930	9934	9939	9943	9948	9952	0	1	1	2	2	3	3	3	4
99	9956	9961	9965	9969	9974	9978	9983	9987	9991	9996	0	1	1	2	2	3	3	3	4

Antilogarithm Table																		
	Mean Differences																	
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9								
00	1002	1005	1007	1009	1012	1014	1016	1019	1021	0000	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	2
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02	1047	1050	1052	1054	1057	1059	1062	1064	1067	1069	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	2
03	1072	1074	1076	1079	1081	1084	1086	1089	1091	1094	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	2
04	1096	1099	1102	1104	1107	1109	1112	1114	1117	1119	0	1	1	1	1	2	2	2
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47	2951	2958	2965	2972	2979	2985	2992	2999	3006	3013	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	3
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63	4266	4276	4285	4295	4305	4315	4325	4335	4345	4355	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	3
64	4365	4374	4383	4393	4406	4416	4426	4436	4446	4457	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	3
65	4467	4477	4487	4498	4508	4519	4529	4539	4550	4560	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	3
66	4571	4581	4592	4603	4613	4624	4634	4645	4656	4667	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	3
67	4677	4688	4699	4710	4721	4732	4742	4753	4764	4775	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	3
68	4786	4797	4808	4819	4831	4842	4853	4864	4875	4887	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	3
69	4898	4909	4920	4932	4943	4955	4966	4977	4989	5000	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	3
70	5012	5023	5035	5047	5058	5070	5082	5093	5105	5117	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	3
71	5129	5140	5152	5164	5176	5188	5200	5212	5224	5236	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	3
72	5248	5260	5272	5284	5297	5309	5321	5333	5346	5358	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	3
73	5370	5383	5395	5408	5420	5433	5445	5458	5470	5483	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	3
74	5495	5508	5521	5534	5546	5559	5572	5585	5598	5610	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	3
75	5623	5636	5649	5662	5675	5689	5702	5715	5728	5741	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	3
76	5754	5768	5781	5794	5808	5821	5834	5848	5861	5875	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	3
77	5888	5902	5916	5929	5943	5957	5970	5984	5998	6012	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	3
78	6026	6039	6053	6067	6081	6095	6109	6124	6138	6152	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	3
79	6166	6180	6194	6209	6223	6237	6252	6266	6281	6295	1							

The Characteristic

To find this, we count the number of figures (not the value) before the decimal point and then subtract 1.

For example:

The characteristic of 157.8 is 2. $\rightarrow 3-1$

The characteristic of 27.96 is 1. $\rightarrow 2-1$

The characteristic of 3.765 is 0. $\rightarrow 1-1$

Handwritten notes showing the calculation of characteristics for various numbers:

- 12000.54 \rightarrow the characteristic of that number is 4
- 23549 \rightarrow " " " " 4
- 0.354 \rightarrow " " " " (-1)
- 0.0354 \rightarrow " " " " (-2)
- 0.00354 \rightarrow " " " " (-4)

The logarithm of a number less than 1 consists of a characteristic that is negative and a decimal part that is positive. To show it is only the characteristic which is negative, we put a bar over it.

For example:

Examples of characteristics with bars:

- The characteristic of 0.5608 is: $\overline{1}$ (Bar one)
- The characteristic of 0.03219 is: $\overline{2}$ (Bar two)
- The characteristic of 0.005761 is: $\overline{3}$ (Bar three)

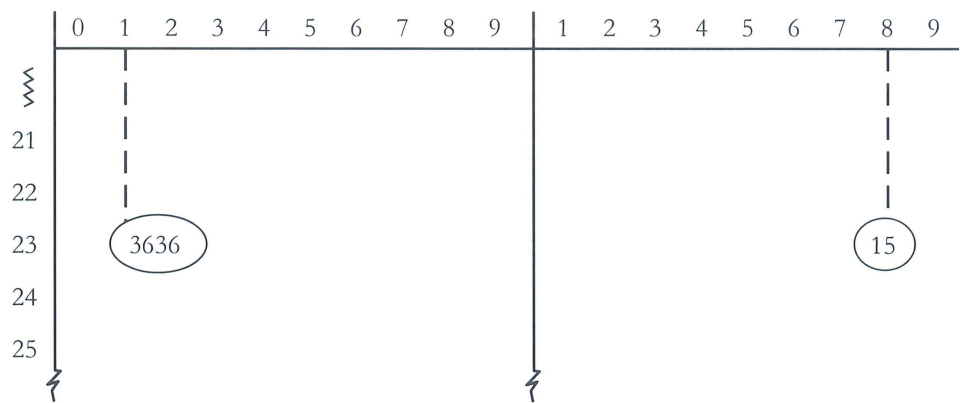
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The Mantissa

To find the logarithm of a number, we have to use logarithm tables. In these tables we look up the sequence of figures comprising the number.

For example, we would look up 2318 whether we were finding the logarithm of 0.02318, 0.2318, 2.318 or 23.18. The result would give the decimal part of the logarithm.

To look up 23.18, we find 23 from the extreme left hand column and then move across to the main body of the table under column 1, note the number and then move to the right hand side 'extra' columns and add on the number under column 8.



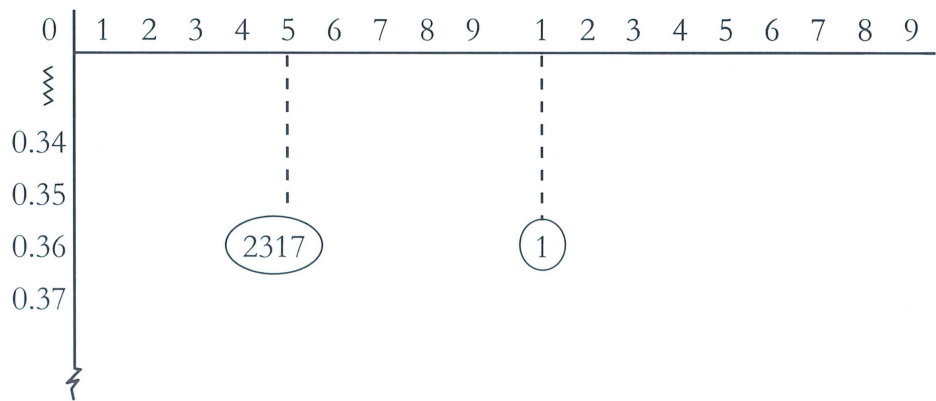
The result is 3651. i.e. $(3636 + 15)$ This is the *mantissa* or decimal part. There are two figures in front of the decimal point in 23.18 and so the characteristic is 1. Therefore the logarithm of 23.18 is 1.3651.

The logarithm of 231.8 would be 2.3651 (only the *characteristic* would change).

The Antilogarithm

If we have a logarithm, then we need to know what number it is the logarithm of. To do this we have to refer to the antilogarithm tables.

For example, on the previous page we had a logarithm of 1.3651. Look up the decimal part (.3651) in the antilog tables. The first two figures are found in the extreme left hand column and the other two as before in the main body and ‘extras’ column.



Add them together as before and we get 2318. i.e. $(2317 + 1)$

Now the characteristic of our logarithm is 1 (1.3651) and so we apply the reverse process at this stage and add 1. This gives us a value of 2. Starting on the extreme left of 2318 move two places to the *right* and insert the decimal point: (23.18). This is the number we started with.

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If the logarithm had been a bar number for example, $\bar{2}.3651$ then we would add 1 to make $\bar{1}$ and then move one place *left* from the start position giving 0.02318.

Multiplication

If we wish to multiply two numbers together using logarithms then the method is:

- Step 1 Look up the logarithm of each number.
- Step 2 Add these logarithms together.
- Step 3 Find the antilog of this sum.

Example 1 Evaluate 36.7×42.9

No.	Log
36.7	1.5647
42.9	1.6325
1574.7 ←	3.1972

$\log(ab) = \log a + \log b$

Example: Evaluate 23.44×1.729

No	log
23.44	1.3699
1.729	0.2377
40.52	1.6076

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It is a good idea to run a rough check.

The result should be around $40 \times 35 = 1400$.

It should be noted that logarithms give three figure accuracy only, so results should be quoted to three significant figures.

Example 2 Evaluate 35.9×0.00565

No.	Log
35.9	1.5550
0.0055	$\bar{3}.7528$
0.2028 ←	$\bar{1}.3078$

Approx. $36 \times 0.006 = 0.216$

Division

If we wish to divide one number by another using logarithms, then the method is:

- Step 1 Look up the logarithm of each number.
- Step 2 Subtract the log of the number you are dividing by from the log of the number you are dividing into.
- Step 3 Find the antilog of the result.

Example 1 Evaluate $84.21 \div 6.37$ $\log \frac{a}{b} = \log a - \log b$

No.	Log
84.21	1.9254
6.37	0.8041
13.222 ←	1.1213
Approx. $84 \div 6 = 14$	

Example 2 Evaluate $0.005068 \div 0.342$

No.	Log
0.005068	$\overline{3}.7048$
0.342	$\overline{1}.5340$
0.01482 ←	$\overline{2}.1708$
Approx. $0.005 \div 0.3 = 0.0167$	

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Powers

To find the square of a number, we look up its logarithm, multiply this by 2 and then find the antilogarithm of this product.

To find the cube of a number, we look up its logarithm, multiply this by 3 and then find the antilogarithm of the product.

So in general if we want to raise a number to the power n, we multiply its logarithm by n and find the antilogarithm of this product.

Example 1 Evaluate $(0.528)^2$ $\log(a)^b = b \log a$

No.	Log
0.528	$\overline{1.7226}$
	x 2
0.2787	$\overline{1.4452}$

Example 2 Evaluate $(0.1296)^3$

No.	Log
0.1296	$\overline{1.1126}$
	x 3
0.002177 ←	$\overline{3.3378}$

Roots

To find the square root, cube root or nth root of a number, we look up its logarithm divide this by 2, 3 or n and then find the antilogarithm of the result. This method needs great care and attention, because when the dividend has a negative characteristic a certain procedure has to be followed:

For example:

$$\frac{\overline{1.5683}}{3} = \frac{\overline{3} + 2.5683}{3} = \overline{1} + 0.8561$$
$$\frac{\overline{4.5298}}{7} = \frac{\overline{7} + 3.5298}{7} = \overline{7} + 0.5042$$

Note: The number under the bar is increased to the next integer which is exactly divisible by the divisor. You then have to balance this by adding the appropriate whole number to the decimal part.

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Example 1 Evaluate $\sqrt[4]{69.86}$

No.	Log
$\sqrt[4]{69.86}$	$4 \overline{)1.8442}$
2.892	← 0.4610

Example 2 Evaluate $\sqrt[3]{0.0657}$

No.	Log	
$\sqrt[3]{0.0657}$	$\overline{2.8176}$	$\overline{3 + 1.8176}$
	3	3
0.4035	←	$\overline{1.6059}$

Example 3 Evaluate $\sqrt[5]{0.00268}$

No.	Log	
$\sqrt[5]{0.00268}$	$\overline{3.4281}$	$\overline{5 + 2.4281}$
	5	5
0.3059	←	$\overline{1.4856}$

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Basic Algebra

Questions

- 1) Three times a certain number x plus five is equal to five times the number plus two. The correct algebraic expression for this is:

- a. $3x + 5 = 5 + x + 2$ $3 \times x + 5 = 5 \times x + 2$
 b. $3 + x + 5 = 5x + 2$ $3x + 5 = 5x + 2$
 c. $3x + 5 = 5x + 2$

- 2) $(3x + 5) - (x + 3)$ is equal to: $3x + 5 - x - 3 = 2x + 2$

- a. $2x + 2$
 b. $2x - 8$
 c. $2x - 2$

- 3) Which of the following is NOT equal to $\frac{1}{3}xy$:

- a. $\frac{xy}{3}$
 b. $\frac{x}{3y}$
 c. $\frac{1}{3}yx$

- 4) If $p = 3$ and $q = 4$, then $q^2 - p^2$ is equal to: $4^2 - 3^2 = 16 - 9 = 7$

- a. 7
 b. -7
 c. 1

5) When the brackets are removed from $2(3p - 2q)$ the answer is:

a. $23p - 22q$

$$2 \times 3p - 2 \times 2q = 6p - 4q$$

b. $6p - 4q$

c. $6p + 4q$

6) When $5x + 3x - 4x$ is simplified, the answer is:

$$8x - 4x = 4x$$

a. $12x$

b. $4x$

c. $-4x$

7) When $8a^2$ is divided by $2a^2$, the answer is:

a. $4a^2$

$$\frac{8a^2}{2a^2} = \frac{8}{2} = 4$$

b. $4a$

c. 4

8) When $4x + 8y$ is completely factorised, the correct answer is:

a. $4(x + y)$

$$4x + 8y = 2 \times 2 \times x + 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times y$$

b. $4(x + 2y)$

$$= 4 \times x + 4 \times 2y = 4(x + 2y)$$

c. $4(2x + 2y)$

9) When the equation $3x - 8 = 19$ is solved, the value of x is:

a. 8

$$3x - 8 + 8 = 19 + 8$$

b. 7

$$3x = 27$$

c. 9

$$x = 9$$

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10) When $(x + 5)(x + 2)$ is expanded and simplified, the answer is:

a. $2x + 7$

b. $x^2 + 10$

c. $x^2 + 7x + 10$

$$x \times x + x \times 2 + 5 \times x + 5 \times 2$$

$$x^2 + 2x + 5x + 10 = x^2 + 7x + 10$$

11) When c is made the subject of the formula $\frac{bc^2}{d} = a$, the answer is:

a. $c = \frac{da}{b}$

b. $c = \sqrt{\frac{a-d}{b}}$

c. $c = \sqrt{\frac{ad}{b}}$

$$\frac{bc^2}{d} = a \Rightarrow \frac{bc^2}{d} \times \frac{d}{1} = \frac{a}{1} \Rightarrow bc^2 = ad$$

$$\frac{bc^2}{b} = \frac{ad}{b}$$

$$c^2 = \frac{ad}{b}$$

$$c = \sqrt{\frac{ad}{b}}$$

12) When $x^2 - 9$ is factorised, the answer is:

a. $(x - 3)$ ✗

b. $(x - 3)(x - 3) = x^2 - 3x - 3x + 9 = x^2 - 6x + 9 \neq x^2 - 9$

c. $(x - 3)(x + 3) = x^2 + 3x - 3x - 9 = x^2 - 9$ ✓

13) $\text{Log } \frac{a}{b}$ is exactly the same as:

a. $\log(a - b)$

b. $\log a - \log b$

c. $\frac{\log a}{\log b}$

14) If $\log_{10} 2 = 0.3010$, then $\log_{10} 2000$ is:

- a. 2.3010
- ☒ b. 3.3010
- c. 301

$$\begin{aligned}\log_{10} 2000 &= \log_{10} (2 \times 1000) = \log_{10} 2 + \log_{10} 1000 \\ &= \log_{10} 2 + \log_{10} 10^3 \\ &= 0.3010 + 3 = 3.3010\end{aligned}$$

15) 58_{10} expressed in Binary is:

- a. 111001
- ☒ b. 111010
- c. 101111

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \overline{)58} \\ \underline{29} \\ 14 \\ \underline{7} \\ 3 \\ \underline{1} \\ 0 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \textcircled{0} \\ \textcircled{1} \\ \textcircled{0} \\ \textcircled{1} \\ \textcircled{1} \\ \textcircled{1} \end{array} \quad 111010$$

16) In common logarithmic form the characteristic of the number 0.002968 is:

- a. $\bar{2}$
- ☒ b. $\bar{3}$
- c. 2.968

17) The value of x in $\log_5 125 = x$ is:

- a. 5
- b. 25
- ☒ c. 3

$$\log_5 5^3 = 3 \log_5 5 = 3 \times 1 = 3$$

18) The binary number 1110111_2 expressed as a Base₁₀ i.e. Denary number is:

- a. 121
- ☒ b. 119
- c. 117

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 2^6 & 2^5 & 2^4 & 2^3 & 2^2 & 2^1 & 2^0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 \times 2^6 & + & 1 \times 2^5 & + & 1 \times 2^4 & + & 0 \times 2^3 & + & 1 \times 2^2 & + & 1 \times 2^1 & + & 1 \times 2^0 \\ 64 & + & 32 & + & 16 & + & 4 & + & 2 & + & 1 \\ 96 & + & 23 & = & 119 \end{array}$$

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- 19) When the Octal (Base 8) numbers 37 and 42 are added together, the answer is:

a. 79_8

b. 101_8

c. 110_8

$$\begin{array}{r} 37 \\ +42 \\ \hline 101 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 8^2 \ 8^1 \ 8^0 \\ 1 \ 0 \ 1 = 1 \times 8^2 + 0 \times 8^1 + 1 \times 8^0 = 65 \end{array}$$

$$37_8 = 3 \times 8^1 + 7 \times 8^0 = 31_{10}$$

$$42_8 = 4 \times 8^1 + 2 \times 8^0 = 34_{10}$$

- 20) When the Hexadecimal (Base 16) numbers 35_{16} and 48_{16} are added, the correct answer is:

a. 83_{16}

b. 713

c. $7D$

$$\begin{array}{r} 35 \\ +48 \\ \hline 7D \end{array}$$

A	B	C	D	E	F
10	11	12	13	14	15

- 21) The decimal value 625 coded in BCD is:

a. $0110 \ 0010 \ 0100$

b. $0110 \ 0010 \ 0101$

c. $0110 \ 0010 \ 0111$

0	0000	6	2	5
1	0001	0110	0010	0101
2	0010			
3	0011			
4	0100			
5	0101			
6	0110			
7	0111			
8	1000			
9	1001			

- 22) In the simultaneous equations $x + y = 6$, $x - y = 2$. If $y = 2$ then x is:

a. 3

b. 5

c. 4

$$\begin{array}{l} x + 2 = 6 \\ x = 6 - 2 = 4 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} x - 2 = 2 \\ x = 2 + 2 = 4 \end{array}$$

- 23) When $x^2 - 2x - 8$ is factorised the correct equation is:

a. $(x - 2)(x - 4) = x^2 - 4x - 2x + 16 = x^2 - 6x + 16 \neq x^2 - 2x - 8$

b. $(x + 2)(x + 4) = x^2 + 4x + 2x + 8 = x^2 + 6x + 8 \neq x^2 - 2x - 8$

c. $(x + 2)(x - 4) = x^2 - 4x + 2x - 8 = x^2 - 2x - 8 \checkmark$

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24) The logarithm of two numbers multiplied together may be found by:

- a. Adding the logarithms of the two numbers together
- b. Multiplying the logarithms together
- c. Subtracting the logarithms of the two numbers

25) $a^5 \times a^6$ is equal to:

- a. a^{30}
- b. a^{11}
- c. a^{15}

$$x^m \times x^n = x^{m+n}$$

$$a^5 \times a^6 = a^{5+6} = a^{11}$$

26) $\frac{x^9}{x^2}$ is equal to:

- a. x^{18}
- b. x^{11}
- c. x^7

$$\frac{x^a}{x^b} = x^{a-b}$$

$$\frac{x^9}{x^2} = x^{9-2} = x^7$$

27) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$ is equal to:

- a. $x^{1/2}$
- b. $x^{-1/2}$
- c. x^2

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} = \frac{1}{x^{1/2}} = x^{-1/2}$$

$$\frac{1}{x^a} = x^{-a}$$

28) 125^0 is equal to:

- a. 125^0
- b. δ
- c. 1

$$a^0 = 1 \quad \text{for any } a \text{ except } a=0$$

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- 29) $\frac{1}{9^{\frac{1}{2}}}$ is equal to:
- a. $\frac{1}{3}$
- b. $\frac{1}{4.5}$
- c. 81
- $\frac{1}{9^{\frac{1}{2}}} = \frac{1}{(3^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} = \frac{1}{3^{2 \times \frac{1}{2}}} = \frac{1}{3^1} = \frac{1}{3}$
- $(x^a)^b = x^{ab}$

Revision

Basic Algebra

Answers

- | | |
|-------|-------|
| 1. C | 16. B |
| 2. A | 17. C |
| 3. B | 18. B |
| 4. A | 19. B |
| 5. B | 20. C |
| 6. B | 21. B |
| 7. C | 22. C |
| 8. B | 23. C |
| 9. C | 24. A |
| 10. C | 25. B |
| 11. C | 26. C |
| 12. C | 27. B |
| 13. B | 28. C |
| 14. B | 29. A |
| 15. B | |

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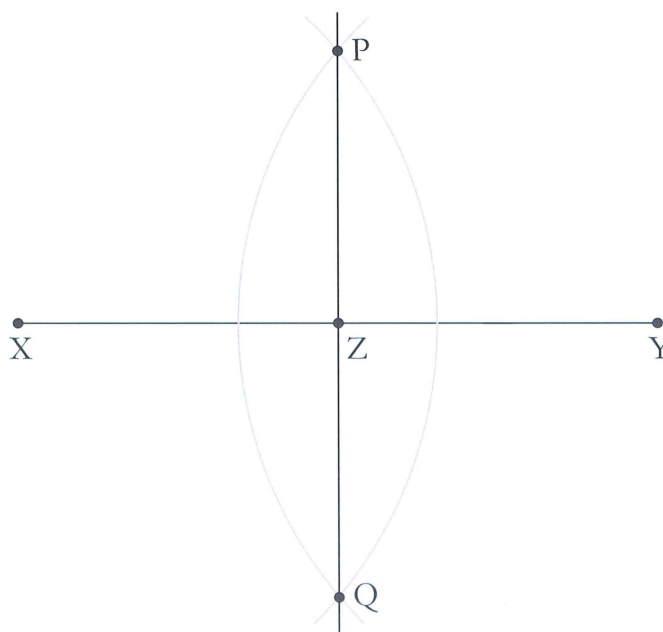
Construction Methods

Although you will *not* be asked to carry out an actual construction in the IR Part-66 examination, you may well be asked a multi-choice question on construction methods. For this reason it is important that you fully understand the following procedures.

To Bisect a Given Straight Line XY

Method

With centres X and Y and the same radius that is more than $\frac{1}{2} XY$ draw arcs to cut above and below the line at P and Q as shown:



Join P and Q to meet XY at Z. Z is then the mid-point of XY and PQ is the perpendicular bisector of XY.

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To Construct a Perpendicular from a Given Point (X) to a Line (AB)

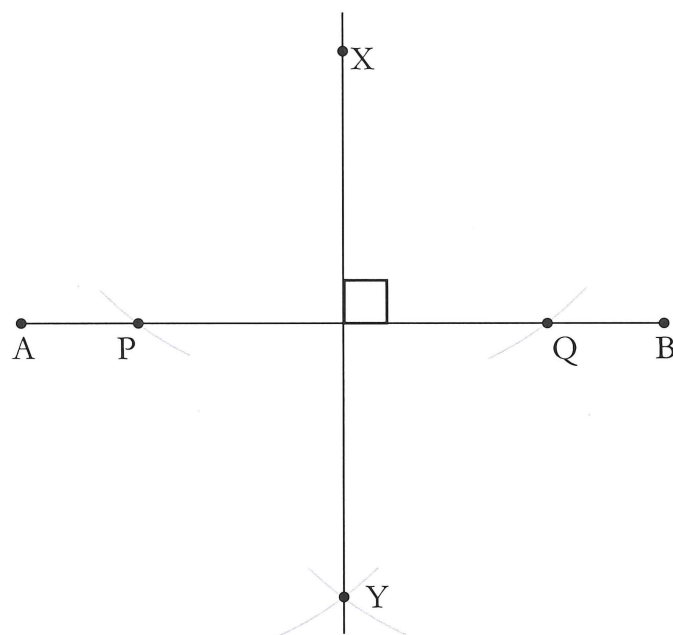
Method

Given a straight line AB and a point X which is not on the line

With centre X, draw arcs to cut AB at P and Q.

With the same radius and centre P and Q draw two arcs to meet at Y on the opposite side of AB from X.

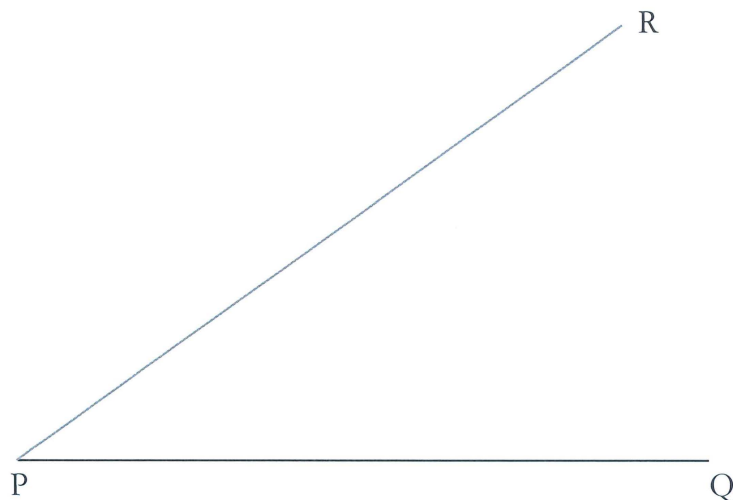
Join X and Y to form the perpendicular.



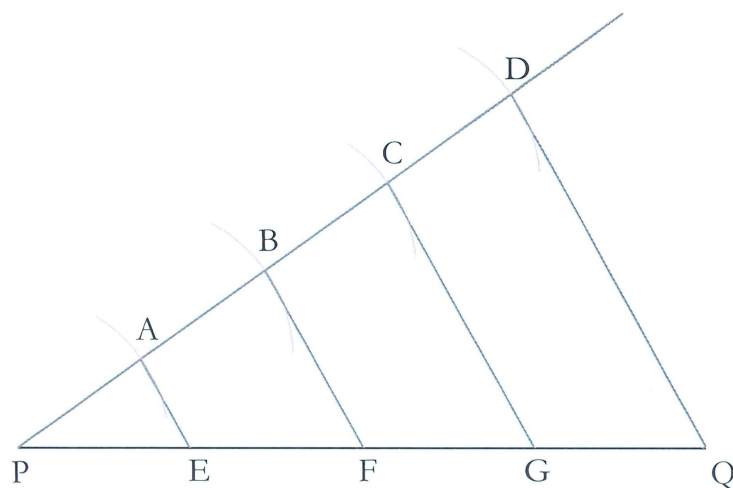
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To Divide a Straight Line into a Given Number of Equal Parts

Suppose we want the line PQ to be divided into four equal parts. To start we draw another line through P . i.e. PR



With a set of compasses, we then mark off any four equal distances on this line. For example, PA , AB , BC and CD .



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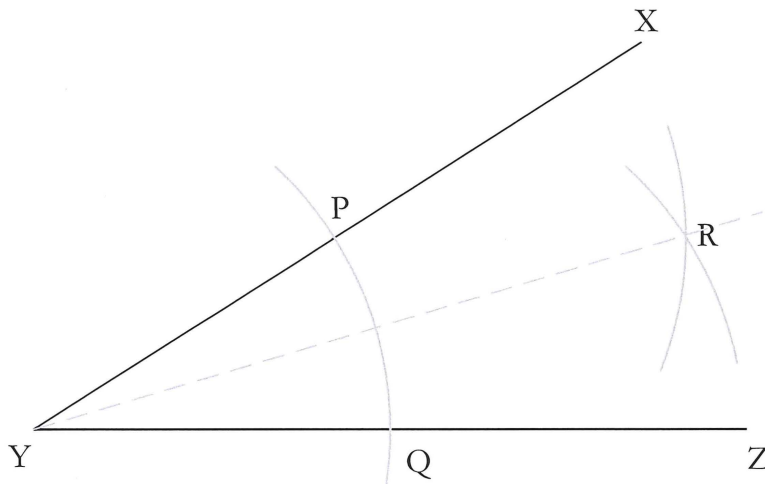
We then join DQ . Finally draw AE , BF , and CG parallel to DQ to meet PQ at E , F and G .

E , F , G divide PQ into four equal parts.

This same method can be used to divide a line into any other number of equal parts.

To Bisect a Given Angle

Suppose the angle to be bisected is $\angle XYZ$.



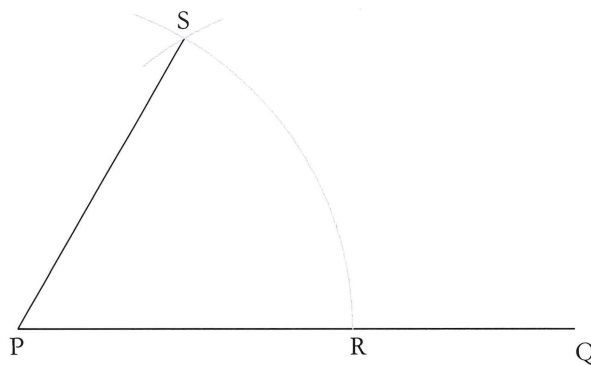
With centre Y and any sensible radius less than XY draw an arc to cut XY at P and YZ at Q.

Then with centres P and Q and the same radius draw arcs to intersect at R.

Join YR. YR is now the bisector of $\angle XYZ$.

To Construct an Angle of 60°

Draw a line PQ. With centre P and any radius draw a large arc to cut PQ at R. Then using the same radius and centre R, draw another arc to cut the first arc at S.



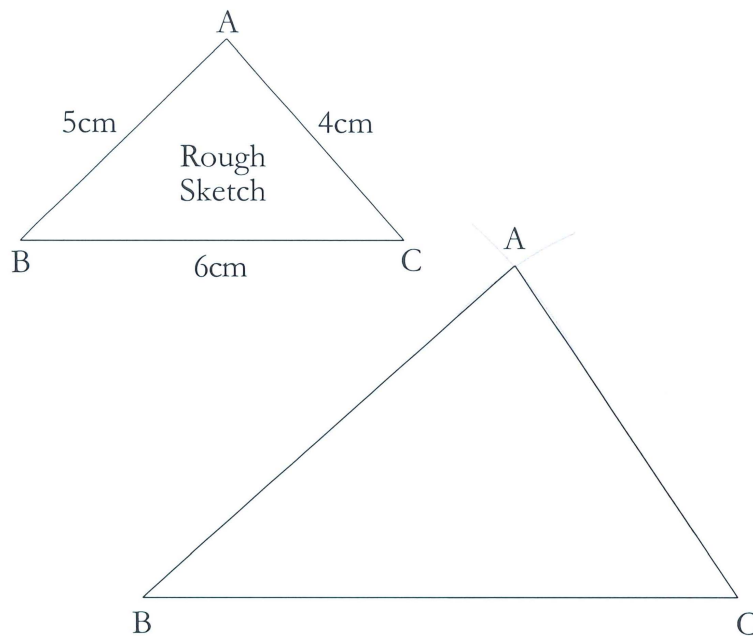
Join PS. $\angle SPQ = 60^\circ$

Construction of Triangles given the Lengths of the Three Sides

Suppose we wish to construct a triangle ABC, whose lengths of sides are:

$$AB = 5\text{cm}, AC = 4\text{cm and } BC = 6\text{cm}$$

For this type of construction it is wise to draw a rough sketch of the triangle.



The first step is to draw $BC = 6\text{cm}$

With centre B and radius 5cms draw an arc.

Then with centre C and radius 4cms draw an arc to cut the first arc at A.

Finally join AB and AC, to form the required triangle.

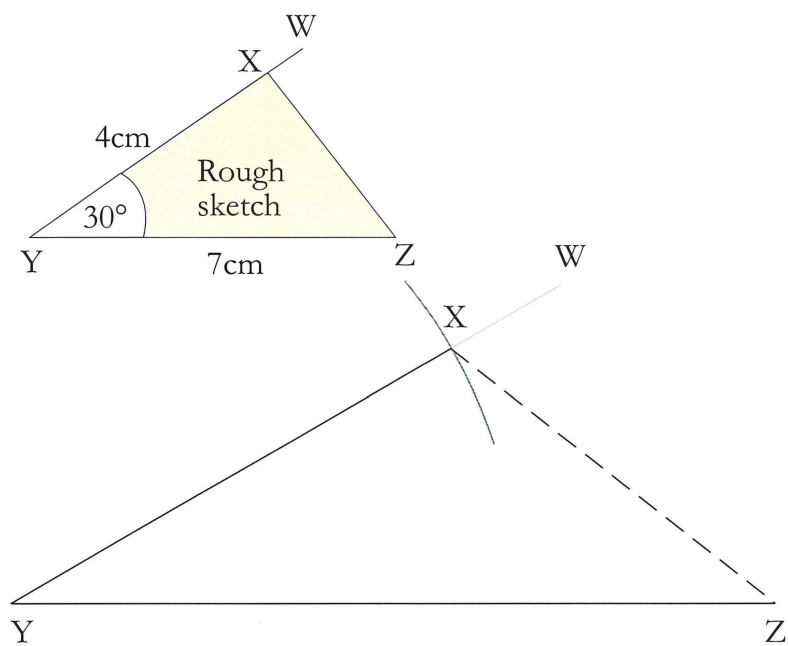
Construction of Triangles Given Two Sides and the Angle Between Them

Suppose we wish to construct a triangle XYZ, where:

$$YZ = 7\text{cm}, XY \text{ is } 4\text{cm and } \angle Y = 30^\circ$$

Again draw a rough sketch:

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The first step is to draw $YZ = 7\text{cm}$.

Then using a protractor draw YW so that $\angle ZYW = 30^\circ$.

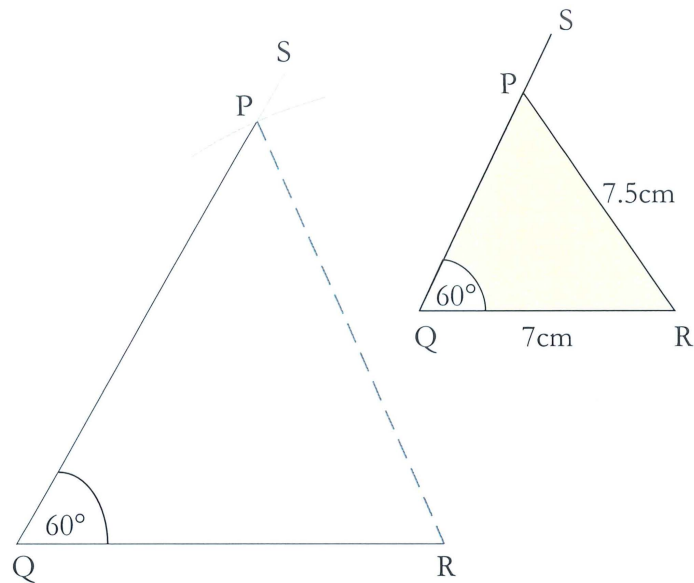
Then with centre Y and radius 4cm draw an arc to cut YW at X .

Finally join XZ . XYZ is then the required triangle.

Construction of a Triangle Given Two Sides and a Non-Included Angle

Suppose we wish to construct a triangle PQR where:

$$QR = 7\text{cm}, PR = 7.5\text{cm} \text{ and } \angle Q = 60^\circ$$

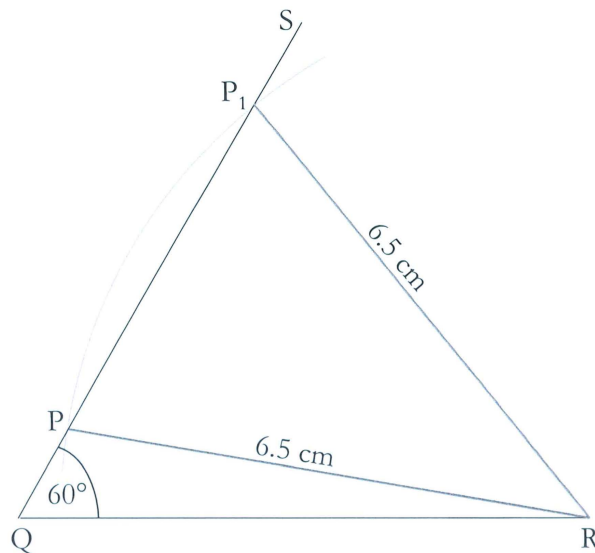


The first step is to draw $QR = 7\text{cm}$ and then draw QS so that $\angle RQS = 60^\circ$. Then with centre R and radius 7.5cm draw an arc to cut QS at P .

Finally join PR . PQR is then the required triangle.

But **note**, suppose $QR = 7\text{cm}$, $PR = 6.5\text{cm}$ and $\angle Q = 60^\circ$

The construction is the same as above but the arc with centre R cuts QS at two points $P + P_1$ (So there are two triangles that meet the conditions PQR and P_1QR).



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Construction of a Triangle Given Two Angles and the Length of the Side Opposite to the Third Angle

Suppose we wish to construct a triangle XYZ where $YZ = 5\text{cm}$, $\angle Y = 52^\circ$ and $\angle Z = 44^\circ$.

The first step is to draw the line $YZ = 5\text{cm}$. At centre Y using a protractor, draw a line that makes an angle of 52° with YZ . At centre Z draw a line that makes an angle of 44° with YZ .

The point where the lines intersect X is the third apex of the triangle. This completes the construction.

