

1.

a.  $\log_3(x+2) = 5$   $\rightarrow x = -3$

b.  $\log_2(x-1) = 3$   $\rightarrow x = 1$

c.  $\log_{\frac{1}{2}}(x+3) = -2$   $\rightarrow x = 241$

d.  $\log_2(-x-1) = 1$   $\rightarrow x = 9$

e.  $\log x = 3$   $\rightarrow x = 1000$

2.

a.  $\log_2 x = 3$   $x = 8 > 0$   
 $x = 2^3$   
 $x = 8$

b.  $\log_5 x = -1$   $x = \frac{1}{5} > 0$   
 $x = 5^{-1}$   
 $x = \frac{1}{5}$

c.  $\log_3(x+2) = 2$   $x+2 = 7+2 = 9 > 0$   
 $x+2 = 3^2$   
 $x+2 = 9$   
 $x = 9-2$   
 $x = 7$

d.  $3 \log_5 x = 3$   $x = 5 > 0$   
 $3 \log_5(x) : 3 = 3 : 3$   
 $\log_5 x = 1$   
 $x = 5^1$   
 $x = 5$

3.

a.  $\log(3) + \log(x-1) = \log(2) + \log(x+1) =$   
 $\log(3) + \log(x-1) - \log(x+1) = \log(2)$   
 $\log\left(\frac{x-1}{x+1}\right) = \log(2) - \log(3)$   
 $\log\left(\frac{x-1}{x+1}\right) = \log\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)$   
 $\frac{x-1}{x+1} = \frac{2}{3}$   
 $3(x-1) = 2(x+1)$   
 $3x-3 = 2x+2$   
 $3x-3-2x = 2$   
 $x = 2+3$   
 $x = 5$

$$b. \log_2(x+3) - \log_2(x-5) = 3$$

$$\log_2\left(\frac{x+3}{x-5}\right) = 3$$

$$\frac{x+3}{x-5} = 2^3$$

$$\frac{x+3}{x-5} = 8$$

$$x+3 = 8(x-5)$$

$$x+3 = 8x-40$$

$$x+3-8x = -40$$

$$-7x = -40-3$$

$$-7x = -43$$

$$-7x : (-7) = -43 : (-7)$$

$$x = \frac{43}{7}$$

$$c. \log(x-1) - \log(x-3) = \log 2$$

$$\log\left(\frac{x-1}{x-3}\right) = \log 2$$

$$\frac{x-1}{x-3} = 2$$

$$\cancel{(x-3)} \cdot \frac{(x-1)}{\cancel{(x-3)}} = 2(x-3)$$

$$x-1 = 2x-6$$

$$x-1-2x = -6$$

$$x-2x = -6+1$$

$$-x = -5$$

$$-1 \cdot (-x) = -1 \cdot (-5)$$

$$x = 5$$

$$d. \log_3(x^2-6x-7) - \log_3(x-7) = \log_2 4$$

$$\log_3\left(\frac{x^2-6x-7}{x-7}\right) = \log_2(2^2)$$

$$\log_3\left(\frac{x^2+x-7x-7}{x-7}\right) = 2$$

$$\log_3\left(\frac{x \cdot (x+1) - 7(x+1)}{x-7}\right) = 2$$

$$\log_3\left(\frac{(x+1) \cdot \cancel{(x-7)}}{\cancel{(x-7)}}\right) = 2$$

$$\log_3(x+1) = 2$$

$$x+1 = 3^2$$

$$x+1 = 9$$

$$x = 9-1 \rightarrow x = 8$$