

PRINCIPLES OF MATH 12
LOGARITHM REVIEW

Name: KEY



Except for Questions #5, 9, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 28 and 29.

1. Solve for x : $81^{x-1} = \left(\frac{1}{27}\right)^{x-4}$

A. -8

B. -3

C. $-\frac{3}{7}$

D. $\frac{16}{7}$

$$(3^4)^{x-1} = (3^{-3})^{x-4}$$

$$3^{4x-4} = 3^{-3x+12}$$

$$4x-4 = -3x+12$$

$$7x = 16$$

$$x = 16/7$$

2. Solve for x : $9^{x+2} = (3^{4x-3})(3^5)$

A. 0

B. 1

C. $\frac{17}{19}$

D. $\frac{19}{18}$

$$(3^2)^{x+2} = 3^{4x-3+5}$$

$$3^{2x+4} = 3^{4x+2}$$

$$2x+4 = 4x+2$$

$$-2x = -2$$

$$x = 1$$

3. Solve for x : $5 = 3^x$ (write in logarithmic form)

- A. $x = \log_5 3$
 B. $x = \log_3 5$
 C. $x = 3^5$
 D. $x = 5^3$

$$\log_3 5 = x$$

4. Solve for x : $ab^x = c$ ^{log it!}

A. $x = \frac{\log c}{\log a + \log b}$

B. $x = \frac{\log c + \log a}{\log b}$

C. $x = \frac{\log c - \log a}{\log b}$

D. $x = \frac{\log c}{\log b} - \log a$

$$\log(ab^x) = \log(c)$$

$$\log a + \log b^x = \log c$$

$$\log a + x \log b = \log c$$

$$-\log a \qquad -\log a$$

$$x \log b = \frac{\log c - \log a}{\log b}$$

$$x = \frac{\log c - \log a}{\log b}$$

5. Solve algebraically using logarithms: $2^x = 3(5^{x+1})$

(Answer accurate to at least 2 decimal places.)

$$\log 2^x = \log 3(5^{x+1})$$

$$x \log 2 = \log 3 + \log 5^{x+1}$$

$$x \log 2 = \log 3 + (x+1) \log 5$$

$$x \log 2 = \log 3 + x \log 5 + \log 5$$

$$x \log 2 - x \log 5 = \log 3 + \log 5$$

$$x(\log 2 - \log 5) = \log 3 + \log 5$$

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

$$x = -2.9554$$

6. Solve for x : $\log(3-x) + \log(3+x) = \log 5$

- A. $x = -2$
- B. $x = 2$
- C. $x = \pm 2$**
- D. no solution

$$\log((3-x)(3+x)) = \log 5$$

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

$$9 - x^2 = 5$$

$$x^2 = 4$$

$$x = \pm 2$$

7. Solve: $\log_2 8 + \log_3 \frac{1}{3} = \log_4 x$

A. $\frac{1}{64}$

B. $\frac{1}{16}$

C. 16

D. 64

$$\log_2 2^3 + \log_3 3^{-1} = \log_4 x$$

$$3 + -1 = \log_4 x$$

$$2 = \log_4 x \quad (\text{un-log it!})$$

$$4^2 = x$$

$$x = 16$$

8. Solve the following: $\log_2(\log_4(\log_5 x)) = -1$

A. $\frac{1}{25}$

B. 5

C. 25

D. 125

$$2^{-1} = \log_4(\log_5 x)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = \log_4(\log_5 x)$$

$$4^{1/2} = \log_5 x$$

$$2 = \log_5 x$$

$$5^2 = x$$

$$\underline{\underline{x = 25}}$$

work from
the outside in!
un-log it one
layer at a
time.

Check: $\log_5 25 = 2$, $\log_4 2 = \frac{1}{2}$, $\log_2 \frac{1}{2} = -1$ ✓

9. Solve algebraically: $2\log_4 x - \log_4(x+3) = 1$

$$\log_4 x^2 - \log_4(x+3) = 1$$

1st combine terms

$$\log_4 \frac{x^2}{x+3} = 1$$

Now unlog it

$$(x+3)4^1 = \frac{x^2}{(x+3)}(x+3)$$

$$x^2 - 4x - 12 = 0$$

$$(x-6)(x+2) = 0$$

$$x^2 = 4x + 12$$

$$x = \cancel{-2} \text{ or } 6$$

reject since

$x = 6$ $\log_4(-2)$ is not possible

10. Simplify: $\log_2 4^x$

A. x $\log_2 2^{2x}$

B. $2x$

C. 2^x

D. x^2

$$2x(\log_2 2)$$

$$2x \cdot 1 = \underline{\underline{2x}}$$

11. Write as a single logarithm: $3 + \frac{1}{2}\log_2 x - 3\log_2 y$

Need to write every term as a \log_2 of something

A. $\log_2 \left(\frac{1000\sqrt{x}}{y^3} \right)$

$$\log_2 8 + \log_2 \sqrt{x} - \log_2 y^3$$

B. $\log_2 \left(\frac{8\sqrt{x}}{y^3} \right)$

$$\log_2 \frac{8\sqrt{x}}{y^3}$$

C. $\log_2(1000 + \sqrt{x} - y^3)$

D. $\log_2(8 + \sqrt{x} - y^3)$

- hint: Use change of base rule.
12. If $\log_4 x = a$, determine $\log_{16} x$ in terms of a .

A. $\frac{a}{4}$ $\log_{16} x = \frac{\log_4 x}{\log_4 16} = \frac{a}{2}$

B. $\frac{a}{2}$

C. $2a$

D. $4a$

13. If $\log 2 = a$, $\log 3 = b$, determine an expression for $\log 2400$.

A. $2a^3b$

B. $3a + b + 2$

C. $3a + b + 100$

D. $a^3 + b + 2$

$$\log 2400 = \log 24 \cdot 100$$

$$\log 3 \cdot 8 \cdot 100$$

$$\log 3 + \log 2^3 + \log 10^2$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \downarrow \qquad \downarrow$$

$$b + 3\log 2 + 2\log 10$$

$$b + 3a + 2$$

14. Simplify: $a^{\log_a 8 + \log_a 2}$

A. 10

B. 16

C. a^{10}

D. a^{16}

$$a^{\log_a 8 + \log_a 2} = \log a^{\log_a 16} = 16$$

15. Determine the value of $\log_n ab^2$ if $\log_n a = 5$ and $\log_n b = 3$.

- (A) 11
- B. 14
- C. 16
- D. 45

$$\log_n ab^2 = \underbrace{\log_n a}_{5} + 2 \underbrace{\log_n b}_{3} = 5 + 2(3) = 11$$

16. Given $\log_a 2 = x$ and $(\log_a 8)(a^{\log_a x}) = 12$, solve for a .

- (A) 2
- B. ± 2
- C. $\sqrt{2}$
- D. $\pm\sqrt{2}$

$$(\log_a 2)^3 \cdot a^{\log_a x} = 12$$

$$3(x) \cdot x = 12$$

$$3x^2 = 12$$

$$x^2 = 4$$

$$x = \pm 2$$

reject $x = -2$.

$$(x = 2)$$

17. Change to exponential form: $\log_k \ell = m$

- A. $\ell = m^k$
- (B) $\ell = k^m$
- C. $k = m^\ell$
- D. $k = \ell^m$

$$k^m = \ell$$

18. If (a, b) is on the graph of $y = 3^x$, which point must be on the graph of $y = \log_3 x$?

- A. (a, b)
- (B) (b, a)
- C. $(3a, b)$
- D. $(a, 3b)$

$y = \log_3 x$ is the INVERSE of $y = 3^x$
 so x & y trade places.

19. Determine the inverse of $f(x) = 3^{x-1} - 2$.

$$y = 3^{x-1} - 2$$

$$x = 3^{y-1} - 2$$

$$x + 2 = 3^{y-1}$$

write in log form.

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

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

A. $f^{-1}(x) = \log_3(x+2) + 1$

B. $f^{-1}(x) = \log_3(x+2) - 1$

C. $f^{-1}(x) = \log_3(x-1) + 2$

D. $f^{-1}(x) = \log_3(x-1) - 2$

20. If \$5000 is invested at 7.2% per annum compounded monthly, which equation can be used to determine the number of years, t , for the investment to increase to \$8000?

A. $8000 = 5000(1.072)^t$

B. $8000 = 5000(1.006)^t$

C. $8000 = 5000(1.072)^{12t}$

D. $8000 = 5000(1.006)^{12t}$

$$A = P(1+i)^n \quad n = 12 \cdot t$$

$$\uparrow$$

$$i = \frac{.072}{12}$$

21. The population of a particular country is 25 million. Assuming the population is growing continuously, the population, P , in millions, t years from now can be determined by the formula $P = 25e^{0.022t}$. What will be the population, in millions, 20 years from now?

A. 29.90

B. 37.97

C. 38.63

D. 38.82

substitute 20 in for t .

$$P = 25e^{.022(20)} = 38.82$$

22. The population of a nest of ants can multiply threefold (triple) in 8 weeks.

If the population is now 12 000, how many weeks will it take for the population to reach 300 000 ants?

(Solve algebraically using logarithms. Answer accurate to at least 2 decimal places.)

$$\frac{300000}{12000} = \frac{12000(3)^{t/8}}{12000}$$

$$25 = 3^{t/8}$$

$$\frac{\log 25}{\log 3} = \frac{t}{8} \frac{\log 3}{\log 3}$$

$$\frac{t}{8} = \frac{\log 25}{\log 3}$$

$$t = 8 \left(\frac{\log 25}{\log 3} \right)$$

$$t = 23.4396 \text{ weeks.}$$

23. The radioactivity of a certain substance decays by 20% in 30 hours.
What is the half-life of the substance?

↙ so 80% is left

$$.80 = 1 \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{\frac{30}{x}}$$

$$\log .8 = \log \frac{1}{2}^{\frac{30}{x}}$$

$$x \cdot \log .8 = \frac{30}{x} \cdot \log .5$$

$$x = \frac{30 \log .5}{\log .8}$$

$$x = \underline{\underline{93.189}}$$

24. The intensity of light reduces by 7% for every 3 metres below the surface of the water.
At what depth will the light intensity be reduced to 60% of its original amount?

(60% left).

$$.60 = 1(1-.07)^{\frac{x}{3}}$$

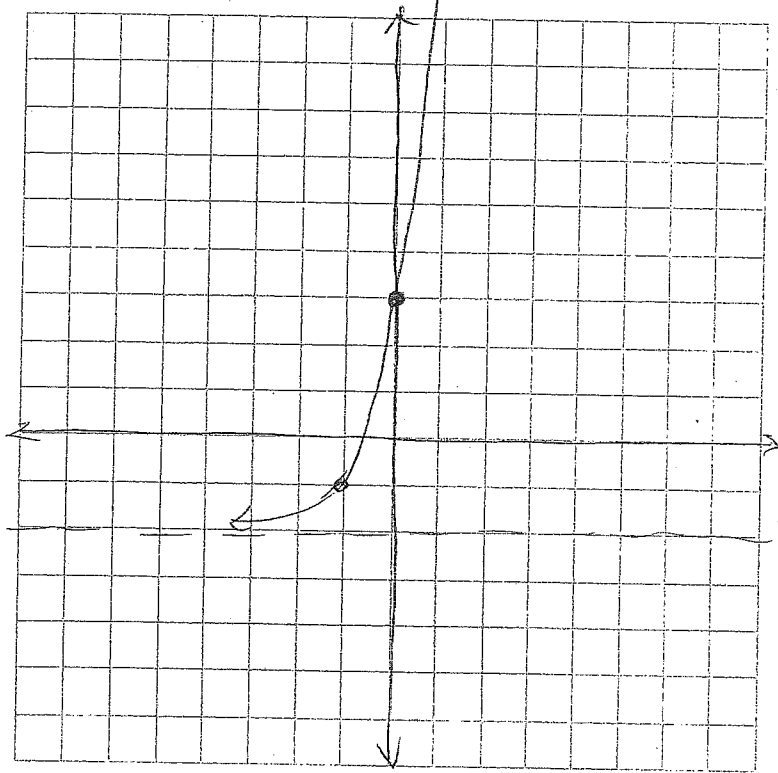
$$.6 = (.93)^{\frac{x}{3}}$$

$$\log .6 = \frac{x}{3} \log .93$$

$$\frac{3 \log .6}{\log .93} = x$$

$$\underline{\underline{x = 21.12 \text{ m}}}$$

25. Graph $\log_5(y+2) = x+1$ on the grid below. State any asymptotes and determine the x- and y-intercepts.



$y = -2$ is an asymptote.

$$\log_5(y+2) = x+1$$

is the same as $5^{x+1} = y+2$.

$$\text{or } y = 5^{x+1} - 2$$

which is $y = 5^x$ moved forward one and down 2.

26. The population of Canada is 30 million people and is growing at an annual rate of 1.4%. The population of Germany is 80 million people and is decreasing at an annual rate of 1.7%. In how many years will the population of Canada be equal to the population of Germany?

(Solve algebraically using logarithms. Answer accurate to at least 2 decimal places.)

$$\text{Canada: } P = P_0 (1.014)^x$$

$$\text{Germany: } P = 80 (.983)^x$$

want to know when (x) they will be the same

$$\frac{30}{30} (1.014)^x = \frac{80}{30} (.983)^x$$

$$\log(1.014)^x = \frac{8}{3} \log\left(\frac{8}{3} (.983)^x\right)$$

$$x \log 1.014 = \log \frac{8}{3} + x \log .983$$

$$x \log 1.014 - x \log .983 = \log \frac{8}{3}$$

$$\frac{x (\log 1.014 - \log .983)}{\log 1.014 - \log .983} = \frac{\log \frac{8}{3}}{\log 1.014 - \log .983}$$

$$\underline{\underline{x = 31.59 \text{ years}}}$$

27. Determine the domain of the function $y = \log(2x + 3)$.

A. $x > -\frac{3}{2}$

B. $x > -\frac{2}{3}$

C. $x > \frac{2}{3}$

D. $x > \frac{3}{2}$

Can NOT take the log of a number that is less than or equal to zero, so

$$2x + 3 > 0$$

$$x > -\frac{3}{2}$$

28. In 1976, an earthquake in Guatemala had a magnitude of 7.5 on the Richter scale and in 1960, an earthquake in Morocco had a magnitude of 5.8. How many times as intense was the 1976 Guatemalan earthquake compared to the 1960 Moroccan earthquake?

A. 1.29

B. 1.7

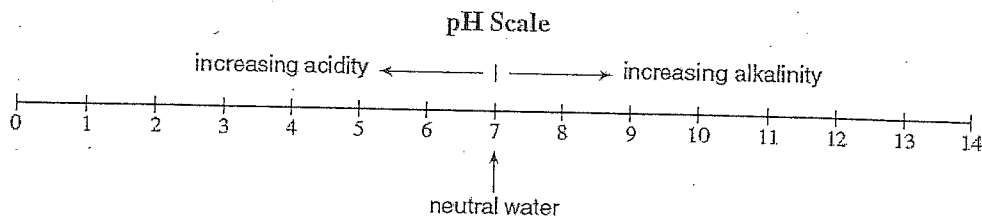
C. $10^{1.29}$

D. $10^{1.7}$

$$\frac{10^{7.5}}{10^{5.8}} = 10^{1.7} = 50.12$$

29. In chemistry, the pH scale measures the acidity (0-7) or alkalinity (7-14) of a solution. It is a logarithmic scale in base 10. Thus, a pH of 5 is 10 times more acidic than a pH of 6.

Solution A has a pH of 5.7. Solution B is 1260 times more acidic than Solution A. Find the pH of solution B.



A. 2.6

B. 4.4

C. 7.0

D. 8.8

$$\frac{10^{5.7}}{10^x} = 1260$$

$$\frac{10^{5.7}}{1260} = 10^x$$

$$10^x = 397.7676$$

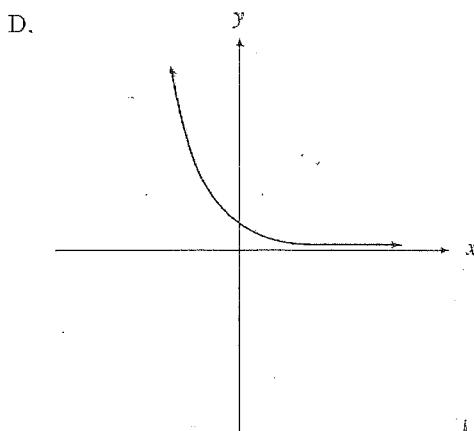
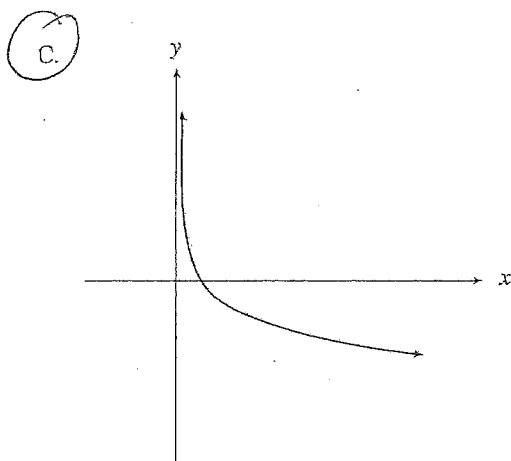
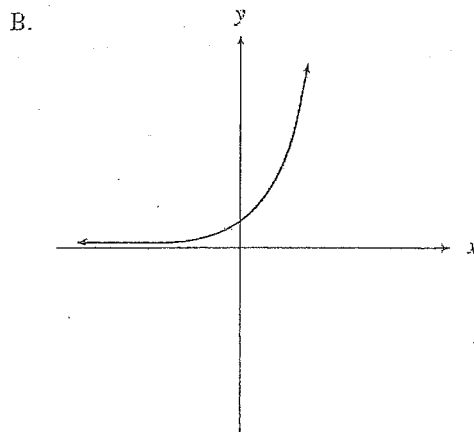
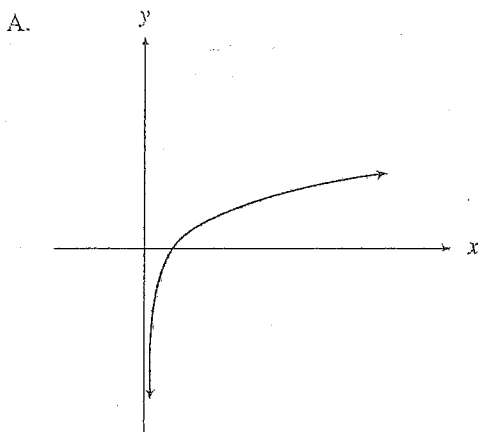
$$\log_{10} 397.7676 = x$$

$$x = 2.5996$$

$$\underline{\underline{x = 2.6}}$$

↙ means a is a fraction.

30. If $0 < a < 1$, which of the following is the best graph of $y = \log_a x$?



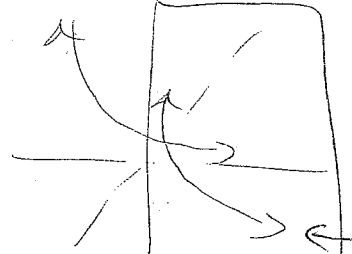
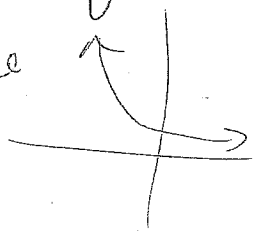
Method I

$$y = \log_a x$$

is the inverse of $a^x = y$.

$y = a^x$ looks like
when a is
a fraction

so the inverse

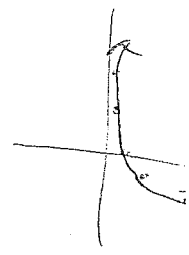


OR Method II

Choose a base:

$$y = \log_{\frac{1}{2}} x$$

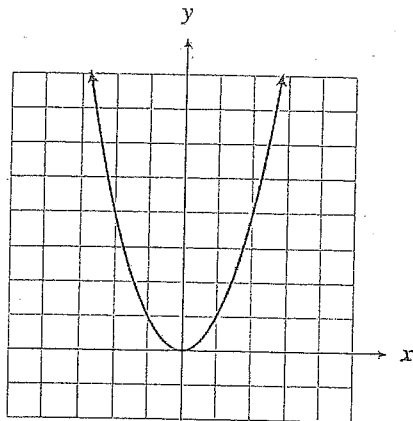
x	y
$\frac{1}{4}$	2
$\frac{1}{8}$	3
Φ	0
$\frac{1}{2}$	1
2	-1
4	-2



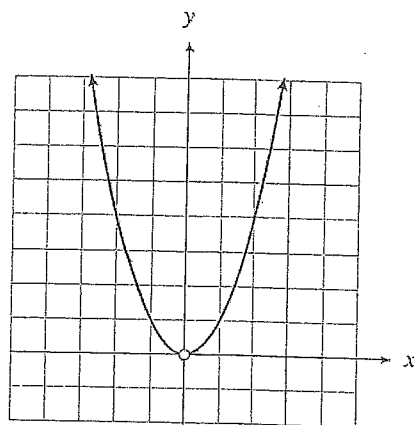
31. Which of the following is a graph of $\log_x y = 2$?

$x^2 = y$ BUT see below

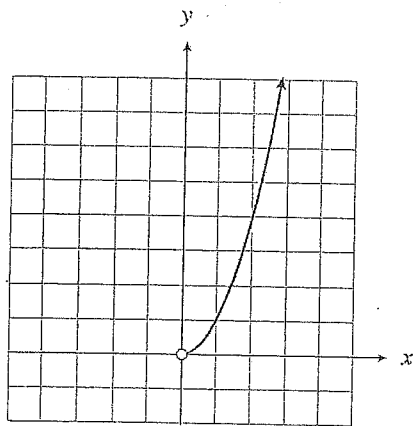
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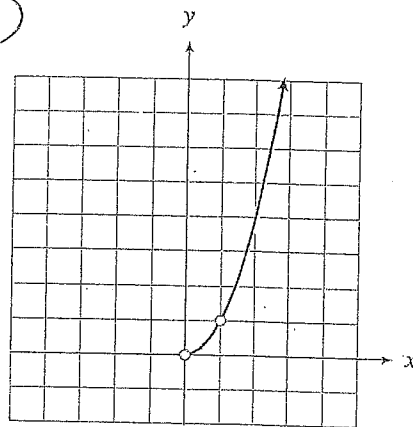
B.



C.



D.



BUT RESTRICTIONS ON LOGARITHMS:

The base must be greater than zero
and NOT = 1

so $x > 0$ & $x \neq 1$ \therefore Graph D

~~is~~ is the right equation (parabola)

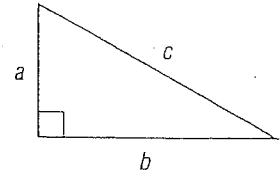
that also includes the
appropriate restrictions.

3.13 The Pythagorean Theorem

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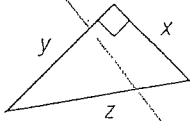
The Pythagorean Theorem states that in any right triangle, if c is the length of the hypotenuse, and a and b are the lengths of the legs, then

$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$

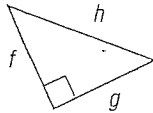


State the relationship in the form $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ for the sides in each triangle.

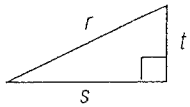
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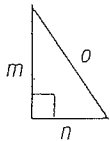
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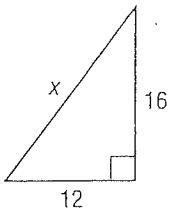


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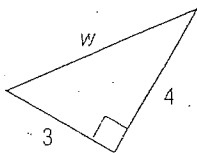
Find the length of the unknown side in each right triangle.

5.



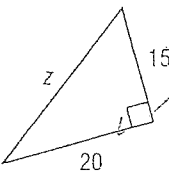
$x =$ _____

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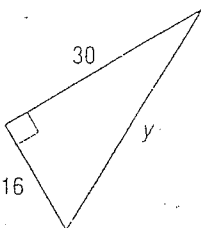
$w =$ _____

7.



$z =$ _____

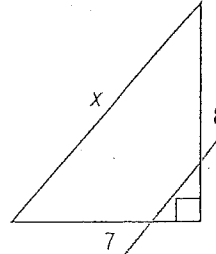
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$y =$ _____

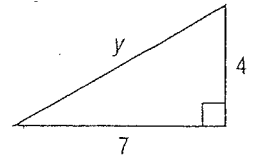
Calculate the length of the unknown side, to the nearest tenth.

9.



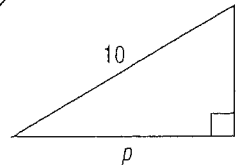
$x =$ _____

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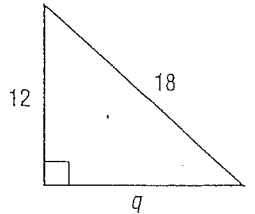
$y =$ _____

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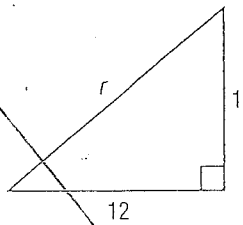
$p =$ _____

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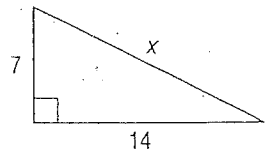
$q =$ _____

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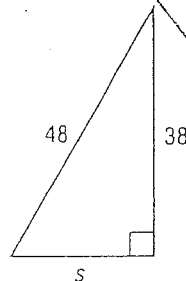
$r =$ _____

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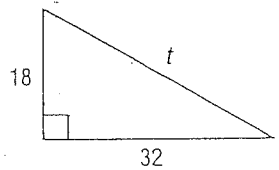
$x =$ _____

15.



$s =$ _____

16.



$t =$ _____

IGNORE!