

2008 FAMAT State Convention: Theta Logs and Exponents Solutions

1. A $x = \sqrt{2070 - x}$
 $0 = x^2 + x - 2070$
 $0 = (x - 45)(x + 46)$
2. E Use $u = \log_x 36$
 $2u^2 - 4u - 16 = 0$
 $2(u - 4)(u + 2) = 0$
 $\log_x 36 = 4, -2$

 $x = \sqrt{6}, \frac{1}{6}$
3. B $3^{\log_7 49^{-2}} = 3^{(-2)\log_7 49} = 3^{-4} = \frac{1}{81}$
4. B $[\log 2008 + \log_{2008} 2008^{2008}] = [\log 2008] + 2008 \log_{2008} 2008 = 3 + 2008 = 2011$
5. E The product contains $f(2007) = \log 1 = 0$, so the entire product is 0.
6. D $2008^{2008} = 251^{2008} \cdot 2^{3 \cdot 2008}$
 # of divisors = $(2008 + 1) \cdot (3 \cdot 2008 + 1)$
 # of proper divisors = $(2008 + 1) \cdot (3 \cdot 2008 + 1) - 1 = 2009 \cdot 3 \cdot 2008 + 2008$
7. E $(\log_2(\log_3(\log_2 x)))^2 = 1$
 $\log_2(\log_3(\log_2 x)) = 1$ or $\log_2(\log_3(\log_2 x)) = -1$
 $\log_3(\log_2 x) = 2$ or $\log_3(\log_2 x) = \frac{1}{2}$
 $\log_2 x = 9$ or $\log_2 x = \sqrt{3}$
 $x = 2^9, 2^{\sqrt{3}}$
8. D $\frac{\log 4}{\log 2} \cdot \frac{\log 5}{\log 3} \cdot \dots \cdot \frac{\log 15}{\log 13} \cdot \frac{\log 16}{\log 14} = \frac{\log 15}{\log 2} \cdot \frac{\log 16}{\log 3} = 4 \cdot \log_3 15$
9. A $\log_{d^2}(\sqrt[4]{p^7}) = \frac{\log p^{\frac{7}{4}}}{\log d^2} = \frac{7 \log p}{8 \log d} = \frac{7}{8} \log_d p = 1757$
10. C $4^4 + 4^4 + 4^4 + 4^4 = 4 \cdot 4^4 = 4^5 = 2^{10} = 1024$
11. B $\frac{251}{2008} = \frac{1}{8} = 3$ half-lives in 12 hours; half-life = 4 hours
12. A $\log_{\sqrt{2}}(x - 2) + \log_{\sqrt{2}}(x - 6) = \log_{\sqrt{2}}(x - 2)(x - 6) = 10$
 $(x - 2)(x - 6) = \sqrt{2}^{10} = 2^5 = 32$
 $x^2 - 8x - 20 = (x - 10)(x + 2) = 0$
 $(x - 2), (x - 6) > 0 \rightarrow x = 10$
13. A $\ln(e \cdot \sqrt{e} \cdot \sqrt[4]{e} \cdot \sqrt[8]{e} \cdot \dots) = \ln e + \ln \sqrt{e} + \ln \sqrt[4]{e} + \dots$
 $= \ln e + \frac{1}{2} \ln e + \frac{1}{4} \ln e + \dots$
 $= (\ln e)(1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots) = (1)(2) = 2$
14. D $2008 - x^3 > 0 \rightarrow x < \sqrt[3]{2008}$ (x can be negative, so an infinite number of values)
15. B $6 = e^{a+b}$
 $\ln \frac{1}{24} = -\ln 24 = -(\ln 2 + \ln 2 + \ln 2 + \ln 3) = -(3a + b)$

16. B $(x^2 - 9x + 19)^{x^2 - 8x + 12} = 1$ iff
 (a) $x^2 - 9x + 19 = 1$,
 (b) $x^2 - 8x + 12 = 0$, or
 (c) $x^2 - 9x + 19 = -1$ and $x^2 - 8x + 12$ evaluates to an even number

For (a), $x^2 - 9x + 18 = 0 \rightarrow x = 3, 6$

For (b), $x^2 - 8x + 12 = 0 \rightarrow x = 2, 6$

For (c), $x^2 - 9x + 20 = 0 \rightarrow x = 4, 5$

the exponent $x^2 - 8x + 12$ has an even value for $x = 4$, odd value for $x = 5$

$x = 2, 3, 4, 6$ are valid solutions, sum to 15

17. D $2^x = (2^3)^{y+5}$ and $(3^4)^x = (3^3)^{5-y}$
 $x = 3(y+5)$ and $4x = 3(5-y) \rightarrow x - y = 6 - (-3) = 9$

18. B Use $u = e^x$. $u + \frac{243}{u} = 36$

$$u^2 + 243 = 36u$$

$$e^x = u = 27, 9 \rightarrow \ln 27 - \ln 9 = \ln 3$$

19. C $\frac{8^{m+3} - 2^{3m+6}}{2^{3m+4}} = \frac{(2^3)^{m+3} - 2^{3m+6}}{2^{3m+4}} = 2^5 - 2^2 = 28$

20. B $(5^{-1} - 4^{-1})^{-1} = (\frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{4})^{-1} = (-\frac{1}{20})^{-1} = -20$

21. D $f(x) = a \log_b x \rightarrow f(xy) = a \log_b (xy) = a \log_b x + a \log_b y = f(x) + f(y)$

22. A $i^{2009} + i^{2008} - i^{2007} = i + 1 - (-i) = 1 + 2i$

23. B $\sqrt[3]{2x^2 + 3x - 2} > 0 \rightarrow 2x^2 + 3x - 2 > 0 \rightarrow (x+2)(2x-1) > 0$

$$\text{Domain} = (-\infty, -2) \cup (\frac{1}{2}, \infty)$$

24. D $f(x) = a \cdot b^x$

$$f(0) = a = 4$$

$$f(3) = 4 \cdot b^3 = 108 \rightarrow b = 3 \rightarrow f(x) = 4 \cdot 3^x \rightarrow f(2) - f(1) = 36 - 12 = 24$$

25. B $f(5) = 3^5 \cdot f(4) = 3^5 \cdot (3^4 \cdot f(3)) = \dots = 3^{5+4+3+2+1} \cdot f(0) = 3^{14}$

26. C $(1)(0) + (9)(1) + (90)(2) + (900)(3) + (1)(4) = 2893$

27. D $\frac{5!}{4! \cdot 1!} (2^4)(-2^1) = -160$

28. B $3^{(2x^2)} = 2^{(x-2)} \rightarrow$

$$2x^2 = \log_3 2^{(x-2)} = (x-2) \log_3 2$$

$$2x^2 - (\log_3 2)x + 2 \log_3 2 = 0 \rightarrow \text{Product} = \frac{c}{a} = \log_3 2$$

29. C At $x = 2$, and $x = 4$, also somewhere where $x < 0$ ($x \approx -0.767$)

30. C $\log_x 2 + \log_x 3 + \dots + \log_x 100 = 1$

$$\log_x (2 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot 100) = \log_x (100!) = 1 \rightarrow x = 100!$$