

## Paper II (Set 1) Suggested solution

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**1. The answer is B**

$$x-1 = \sqrt{5-5x}$$

$$(x-1)^2 = 5-5x$$

$$x^2 - 2x + 1 = 5 - 5x$$

$$x^2 + 3x - 4 = 0$$

$$(x-1)(x+4) = 0$$

$$x = 1 \text{ or } -4 \text{ (Rejected)}$$

**2. The answer is C**

$$2x(x+5) = 5(x+5)$$

$$(2x-5)(x+5) = 0$$

$$x = \frac{5}{2} \text{ or } x = -5$$

**3. The answer is C**

If  $x^2 - 2x + k = 1$  has no real roots, then  $\Delta < 0$ .

$$(-2)^2 - 4(1)(k-1) < 0$$

$$1 - (k-1) < 0$$

$$k > 2$$

**4. The answer is C**

If  $5x^2 - ax + 20 = 0$  has equal positive roots, then  $\Delta = 0$ .

$$(a)^2 - 4(5)(20) = 0$$

$$a = \pm 20$$

$$\text{When } a = -20, 5x^2 + 20x + 20 = 0 \Rightarrow x = -20$$

$$\text{When } a = 20, 5x^2 - 20x + 20 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 20$$

As the root is positive, so  $a = 20$

**5. The answer is A**

$$\sqrt{2-x} = x$$

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

$$2-x = x^2$$

$$x^2 + x - 2 = 0$$

$$x = 1 \text{ or } x = -2 \text{ (rejected)}$$

**6. The answer is C**

$$\text{Let } y = 2x + 1$$

$$y^2 - 3y + 2 = 0$$

$$y = 1 \text{ or } y = 2$$

$$2x + 1 = 1 \text{ or } 2x + 1 = 2$$

$$x = 0 \text{ or } x = \frac{1}{2}$$

**7. The answer is D**

$$3x^2 - 6x - 21 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 2x - 7 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{2^2 - 4(-7)}}{2} = 1 \pm 2\sqrt{2}$$

**8. The answer is D**

I. (True)

$$2x^2 - x + 1 = 0$$

$$\Delta = (-1)^2 - 4(2)(1) = -7 < 0 \implies \text{No real roots}$$

II. (True)

$$x^2 + ax - 1 = 0$$

$$\Delta = (a)^2 - 4(1)(-1) = a^2 + 4 > 0 \implies 2 \text{ distinct real roots}$$

III. (True)

$$y = x^2 + 2x + 1 = (x+1)^2 = (x - (-1))^2 + 0$$

So the minimum value of  $y$  is 0

**9. The answer is B**

$a > 0 \implies$  open upwards

$\Delta > 0 \implies 2$  roots

$a > 0, b < 0 \implies$  tends to the right. ( $-\frac{b}{2a} < 0$ )

**10. The answer is C**

$$y = x^2 - 6x - 7$$

$$y = (x-3)^2 - 16$$

So the vertex is  $(3, -16)$

**11. The answer is C**

$a < 0 \implies$  open downwards

$c > 0 \implies$   $y$ -intercept  $> 0$

$a > 0, b = 0 \implies$  tends to the middle.

**12. The answer is A**

open upwards

$\therefore a > 0$

tends to the left

$\therefore b > 0$  (as  $a > 0$ )

$y$ -intercept  $< 0$

$\therefore c < 0$

**13. The answer is B**

As the vertex is (4, 8),

$$\text{So } y = a(x-4)^2 + 8$$

Put (6, 0),

$$0 = 4a + 8 \implies a = -2$$

**14. The answer is C**

$$\text{Axis of symmetry: } x = \frac{-8+0}{2} \implies x = -4$$

**15. The answer is D**

$$\Delta = 0$$

$$(-8)^2 - 4c = 0$$

$$c = 16$$

**16. The answer is D**

open downwards  $\implies a < 0$

y-intercept  $< 0 \implies c < 0$

No real root  $\implies \Delta < 0$

**17. The answer is C**

Let  $x$  and  $y$  be the length and width of the rectangle.

$$\text{Perimeter: } 2(x + y) = 52$$

$$\implies x = 26 - y$$

$$\text{Area: } xy = 153$$

$$(26 - y)y = 153$$

$$y^2 - 26y + 153 = 0$$

$$y = 9 \text{ or } y = 17$$

$$\implies x = 17 \text{ or } x = 9$$

So the dimension is  $9 \times 17$

18. The answer is A

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha + \beta &= -\frac{3}{2}, \quad \alpha\beta = -\frac{1}{2} \\ \alpha + \frac{\beta^2}{\alpha + \beta} &= \frac{\alpha(\alpha + \beta) + \beta^2}{\alpha + \beta} = \frac{\alpha^2 + \alpha\beta + \beta^2}{\alpha + \beta} = \frac{(\alpha + \beta)^2 - \alpha\beta}{\alpha + \beta} \\ &= \frac{\left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 - \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)}{-\frac{3}{2}} = -\frac{11}{6}\end{aligned}$$

19. The answer is A

$$\begin{aligned}a + b &= 3, \quad ab = -1 \\ (a^2 - b) + (b^2 - a) &= a^2 + b^2 - a - b = (a + b)^2 - 2ab - (a + b) \\ &= (3)^2 - 2(-1) - 3 = 8 \\ (a^2 - b)(b^2 - a) &= (ab)^2 - a^3 - b^3 + ab = (ab)^2 + ab - (a^3 + b^3) \\ &= (ab)^2 + ab - (a + b)(a^2 - ab + b^2) = (ab)^2 + ab - (a + b)[(a + b)^2 - 3ab] \\ &= (-1)^2 - 1 - (3)[(3)^2 - 3(-1)] = -36 \\ \therefore \text{The equation with roots } a^2 - b \text{ and } b^2 - a \text{ is } x^2 - 8x - 36 &= 0\end{aligned}$$

20. The answer is A

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Since } \frac{\alpha^2}{k} - 2\alpha + p &= 0 \text{ and } \frac{\beta^2}{k} - 2\beta + p = 0, \alpha \text{ and } \beta \text{ are the roots of the} \\ \text{equation } \frac{x^2}{k} - 2x + p &= 0. \\ \alpha\beta &= \frac{p}{\frac{1}{k}} = pk\end{aligned}$$

21. The answer is A

$$\text{Axis of symmetry: } x - 3 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 3$$

**22. The answer is C**

$$\alpha + \beta = 5, \quad \alpha\beta = 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{3\alpha^2}{5} + 3\beta &= \frac{3\alpha^2}{5} + \frac{3(\alpha + \beta)}{5}\beta = \frac{3\alpha^2}{5} + \frac{3\alpha\beta + 3\beta^2}{5} = \frac{3}{5}(\alpha^2 + \alpha\beta + \beta^2) \\ &= \frac{3}{5}[(\alpha + \beta)^2 - \alpha\beta] = \frac{3}{5}[(5)^2 - 2] = \frac{69}{5} \end{aligned}$$

**23. The answer is A**

$$f(x)f(x-1) = x(x-1)(x-1)(x-2) = x(x-1)^2(x-2)$$

**24. The answer is B**

$$f(2) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2f(2) + b = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(1) + b = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow b = -1$$

**25. The answer is C**

$$f(-1) = f(1)$$

$$\Rightarrow a - b + c = a + b + c$$

$$\Rightarrow b = 0$$

**26. The answer is C**

$$f(x+1) = x^2 + 3x + 1$$

$$f((x-1)+1) = (x-1)^2 + 3(x-1) + 1 = x^2 + x - 1$$

$$f(x) = x^2 + x - 1$$

**27. The answer is D**

I.(false): counter example:  $f(x) = x, f(-x) = -x$ , so  $f(x) \neq f(-x)$

II.(false): counter example:  $f(x) = x^2, f(x+1) = (x+1)^2$ , so  $f(x)+1 \neq f(x+1)$

III. (false): counter example:  $f(x) = x, f(x) + f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = x + \frac{1}{x} \neq 1 = f(1)$

**28. The answer is C**

I.(true):  $x^2 = (-x)^2 \Rightarrow f(x) = f(-x)$

II.(false)

III.(true):  $(x-2)^2 = (2-x)^2 \Rightarrow f(x-2) = f(2-x)$

**29. The answer is C**

$$f(x) = 2x + 1$$

$$f(f(x)) = f(2x + 1) = 2(2x + 1) + 1 = 4x + 3$$

$$f(f(f(x))) = f(4x + 3) = 2(4x + 3) + 1 = 8x + 7$$

**30. The answer is C**

$$f(1) - f(2) + f(3) - f(4) + \dots + f(9) - f(10)$$

$$= 1 - 0 + 1 - 0 + 1 - 0 + 1 - 0 + 1 - 0$$

$$= 5$$

**31. The answer is B**

The domain of  $f(x)$  is all real numbers except  $\sqrt{x-2} - 2 \neq 0$ ,  $x - 2 \geq 0$

$\therefore$  The domain of  $f(x)$  is all real numbers greater than 2 except 6.

**32. The answer is A**

$$f(x) = 2x + 1, \quad g(x) = x + 1$$

$$f(g(x)) = f(x + 1) = 2(x + 1) + 1 = 2x + 3$$

**33. The answer is D**

**34. The answer is B**

$$f(x) = x^2 - 3x + 10 = \left(x - \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{31}{4}$$

so the minimum value of  $f(x)$  is  $\frac{31}{4}$

**35. The answer is B**

Let Keith's time be  $x$ .

$$\text{Rate of Zhu} = \frac{1}{x} \quad \text{Rate of Keith} = \frac{1}{x-10}$$

$$\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x-10} = \frac{1}{x-18}$$

$$\frac{x-10+x}{x^2-10x} = \frac{1}{x-18}$$

$$2x^2 - 36x - 10x + 180 = x^2 - 10x$$

$$x^2 - 36x + 180 = 0$$

$$(x-30)(x-6) = 0$$

$$x = 6 \text{ (rejected) or } 30$$

**36. The answer is C**

The straight line passes through the point  $(-9, 0)$  and  $(0, 2)$ .

The equation of straight line:

$$\frac{y-2}{x-0} = \frac{2-0}{0-(-9)}$$

$$\frac{y-2}{x} = \frac{2}{9}$$

$$9y - 18 = 2x$$

$$2x - 9y + 18 = 0$$

**37. The answer is B**

Method 1:

$$OM = \sqrt{(4-0)^2 + (-3-0)^2} = 5$$

$$\text{By mid point theorem, } AC = 2 \times OM = 10$$

Method 2:

Let the coordinate of  $A$  be  $(a, b)$  and the coordinate of  $C$  be  $(c, d)$ .

$$\frac{a+1}{2} = 0, \quad \frac{b+(-4)}{2} = 0, \quad \frac{c+1}{2} = 4, \quad \frac{d+(-4)}{2} = -3$$

$$a = -1, \quad b = 4, \quad c = 7, \quad d = -2$$

$$AC = \sqrt{(-1-7)^2 + (4-(-2))^2} = 10$$

**38. The answer is A**

$$\text{Slope of } 2x - 3y + 9 = 0: -\frac{2}{-3} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\text{Slope of } 6x + 4y - 5 = 0: -\frac{6}{4} = -\frac{3}{2}$$

Since  $\frac{2}{3} \times (-\frac{3}{2}) = -1$ , they are perpendicular to each other.

**39. The answer is A**

Let the coordinate of  $C$  be  $(x, y)$ .

Slope of  $BC$  = Slope of  $AD$

$$\frac{y-5}{x-4} = \frac{2-(-2)}{-5-(-7)} \Rightarrow \frac{y-5}{x-4} = 2 \Rightarrow 2x - y - 3 = 0 \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

Slope of  $DC$  = Slope of  $AB$

$$\frac{y-(-2)}{x-(-7)} = \frac{5-2}{4-(-5)} \Rightarrow \frac{y+2}{x+7} = \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow x - 3y + 1 = 0 \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

By solving (1) and (2),

$$x = 2, y = 1$$

$$\text{Slope of } AC = \frac{1-2}{2-(-5)} = -\frac{1}{7}$$

**40. The answer is B**

$$\text{Slope of } kx + 5y - 8 = 0: -\frac{k}{5}$$

$$\text{Slope of } 2x - 7y + 5 = 0: -\frac{2}{-7} = \frac{2}{7}$$

$$-\frac{k}{5} = \frac{2}{7}$$

$$k = -\frac{10}{7}$$

## Paper II (Set 2) Suggested solution

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2.C	7.D	12.A	17.A	22.D	27.D	32.D	37.C
3.D	8.C	13.A	18.A	23.D	28.C	33.A	38.C
4.D	9.B	14.C	19.B	24.C	29.C	34.D	39.C
5.D	10.C	15.C	20.A	25.C	30.D	35.B	40.B

1. The answer is A

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\sqrt{3} \tan 30^\circ \cos \theta}{2 \tan(90^\circ - \theta) \sin 30^\circ} &= \frac{\sqrt{3} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) \cos \theta}{2 \left( \frac{1}{\tan \theta} \right) \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)} \\ &= \cos \theta \tan \theta \\ &= \cos \theta \left( \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \right) \\ &= \sin \theta\end{aligned}$$

2. The answer is C

$$\sin(180^\circ + \theta) + \cos(270^\circ + \theta) = -\sin \theta + \sin \theta = 0$$

3. The answer is D

$$\sin^2 x = \sqrt{3} \sin x$$

$$\sin^2 x - \sqrt{3} \sin x = 0$$

$$\sin x (\sin x - \sqrt{3}) = 0$$

$$\sin x = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \sin x = \sqrt{3} \quad (\text{rejected } \because -1 \leq \sin x \leq 1)$$

$$x = 0^\circ, 180^\circ, 360^\circ$$

4. The answer is D

$(3 \sin \theta - 1)^2 - 2$  is maximum when  $(3 \sin \theta - 1)^2$  is maximum

$(3 \sin \theta - 1)^2$  is maximum when  $\sin \theta = -1$

$\therefore$  The maximum value of  $(3 \sin \theta - 1)^2 - 2$

$$= (3(-1) - 1)^2 - 2$$

$$= (-4)^2 - 2$$

$$= 14$$

5. The answer is D

$$\sin 30^\circ + \sin 60^\circ = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \frac{1 + \sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\sin 90^\circ = 1$$

$\therefore$  I is false

$$\cos 90^\circ = 0$$

$$2 \cos 45^\circ = 2 \left( \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right) = \sqrt{2}$$

$\therefore$  II is false

$$\frac{1}{2} \tan 60^\circ = \frac{1}{2} (\sqrt{3}) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\tan 30^\circ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$\therefore$  III is false

6. The answer is B

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\sin \theta \cos \theta} - \frac{1}{\tan \theta} &= \frac{1}{\sin \theta \cos \theta} - \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} \\ &= \frac{1 - \cos^2 \theta}{\sin \theta \cos \theta} \\ &= \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\sin \theta \cos \theta} \\ &= \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \\ &= \tan \theta \end{aligned}$$

7. The answer is D

$$2\cos\theta = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\cos\theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\theta = 330^\circ \quad (\because 180^\circ < \theta < 360^\circ)$$

8. The answer is C.

$$2\sin^2\theta - \sin\theta - 1 = 0$$

$$(\sin\theta - 1)(2\sin\theta + 1) = 0$$

$$\sin\theta = 1 \text{ or } -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\theta = 90^\circ, 210^\circ \text{ or } 330^\circ$$

9. The answer is B

$$f(2) = 8$$

$$2(3+k) = 8$$

$$k = 1$$

10. The answer is C

$$f(-1) = 0$$

$$(-1)^{99} + 99(-1) + c = 0$$

$$-1 - 99 + c = 0$$

$$c = 100$$

11. The answer is B

$$x^3 - 8 = x^3 - 2^3$$

$$= (x - 2)(x^2 + 2x + 2^2)$$

$$= (x - 2)(x^2 + 2x + 4)$$

12. The answer is A

$$f(3) = -8$$

$$f(-3) = 10$$

$$\text{Let } f(x) = (x^2 - 9)Q(x) + Ax + B$$

$$f(3) = 3A + B = -8 \dots \dots \dots (i)$$

$$f(-3) = -3A + B = 10 \dots \dots \dots (ii)$$

Solving (i) and (ii)

$$A = -3 \text{ and } B = 1$$

$\therefore$  The remainder when  $f(x)$  is divided by  $x^2 - 9$  is  $-3x + 1$

13. The answer is A

$$3 - 4 + 2x^2 - 5x^4$$

The coefficient of  $x^4$  is  $-5$

The coefficient of  $x^3$  is  $0$

The coefficient of  $x^2$  is  $2$

The coefficient of  $x$  is  $-4$

The constant term is  $3$

The degree of polynomial is  $4$

14. The answer is C

For A

$$\text{R.H.S.} = -(2x - 1) = -2x + 1 \neq \text{L.H.S.}$$

$\therefore$  A is not an identity

For B

$$\text{L.H.S.} = (x + 2)^2 = x^2 + 4x + 4 \neq \text{R.H.S.}$$

$\therefore$  B is not an identity

For C

$$\text{L.H.S.} = (x + 3)(x - 3) = x^2 - 9 = \text{R.H.S.}$$

$\therefore$  C is an identity

D is not an identity

15. The answer is C

$$\text{L.H.S.} = Ax^2 + B(x+1)(x-2)$$

$$= Ax^2 + Bx^2 - Bx - 2B$$

$$= (A+B)x^2 - Bx - 2B$$

By comparing coefficient

$$-2B = -4$$

$$B = 2$$

$$A + B = 5$$

$$A = 3$$

16. The answer is D

$$\text{Let } f(x) = x^3 + 2kx^2 + (k^2 + 1)x + 2k^2$$

$$f(-k) = 1$$

$$(-k)^3 + 2k(-k)^2 + (k^2 + 1)(-k) + 2k^2 = 1$$

$$-k^3 + 2k^3 - k^3 - k + 2k^2 = 1$$

$$2k^2 - k - 1 = 0$$

$$k = -\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } k = 1$$

17. The answer is A

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

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

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

18. The answer is A

$$x^3 - 4x^2 + x + 6 = (x+1)(x^2 - 5x + 6)$$

$$= (x+1)(x-2)(x-3)$$

19. The answer is B

I is not an identity since L.H.S. not always equal to R.H.S.

$$\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 = x^2 + 2 + \frac{1}{x^2}$$

∴ II is not an identity since L.H.S. not always equal to R.H.S.

∴ III is an identity

20. The answer is A

$$f(x) = (x - 1)Q(x)$$

$$f(2x + 1) = (2x + 1 - 1)Q(x) = 2xQ(x)$$

∴  $f(2x + 1)$  is divisible by  $x$

21. The answer is D

$$16 - a^2 - b^2 + 2ab$$

$$= 16 - (a^2 - 2ab + b^2)$$

$$= 4^2 - (a - b)^2$$

$$= (4 + a - b)(4 - a + b)$$

22. The answer is D

$$x^3 - 64 = (x - 4)(x^2 + 4x + 16)$$

∴ A can be factorize

$$9x^2 - 25y^2 = (3x + 5y)(3x - 5y)$$

∴ B can be factorize

$$x^3 + 64 = (x + 4)(x^2 - 4x + 16)$$

∴ C can be factorize

D cannot be factorize

23. The answer is D

$$(7^a)^a = 7^{a^2}$$

24. The answer is C

$$\frac{a^{n+1} + a^{n+2}}{a^n + a^{n+1}} = \frac{a^n(a + a^2)}{a^n(1 + a)} = a$$

25. The answer is C

$$\sqrt[3]{\frac{ab^{-2}}{a^{-\frac{1}{2}}b^4}} = \left(\frac{ab^{-2}}{a^{-\frac{1}{2}}b^4}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} = \left(a^{1-(-\frac{1}{2})}b^{-2-4}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} = \left(a^{\frac{3}{2}}b^{-6}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} = a^{\frac{1}{2}}b^{-2} = \frac{a^{\frac{1}{2}}}{b^2}$$

26. The answer is B

$$25^x + 125 = 6(5^{x+1})$$

$$(5^x)^2 + 125 = 30(5)^x$$

$$(5^x)^2 - 30(5)^x + 125 = 0$$

$$5^x = 5 \text{ or } 5^x = 25$$

$$x = 1 \text{ or } 2$$

27. The answer is D

$$\frac{\log a^4}{\log \sqrt{a}} = \frac{4 \log a}{0.5 \log a} = 8$$

28. The answer is C

29. The answer is C

30. The answer is D

$$f(\log_2 x) = \log_2(\log_2 x) - (\log_2 x)^{-1}$$

31. The answer is C

$$y = (\log 100x) + 1 = \log 100 + \log x + 1 = \log x + 3$$

So the graph of y will shift upwards 3 units

32. The answer is D

33. The answer is A

34. The answer is D

$$(\log_2 x)^2 = 2 + \log_2 x$$

$$(\log_2 x)^2 - \log_2 x - 2 = 0$$

$$\log_2 x = 2 \text{ or } \log_2 x = -1$$

$$x = 4 \text{ or } x = \frac{1}{2}$$

35. The answer is B

$$x = \log_{10} 5, y = \log_{10} 3$$

$$\log_{10} \sqrt{\frac{27}{8}}$$

$$= \log_{10} \left( \frac{3}{2} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} (\log_{10} 3 - \log_{10} 2)$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} \left( \log_{10} 3 - \log_{10} \frac{10}{2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} (\log_{10} 3 - \log_{10} 10 + \log_{10} 2)$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} (\log_{10} 3 - 1 + \log_{10} 2)$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} (x + y - 1)$$

36. The answer is B

$$\log_p k = 7 \Rightarrow p^7 = k$$

37. The answer is C

$$10^a = 2, 10^b = 3$$

$$a = \log 2, b = \log 3$$

$$\log \sqrt{4.5} = \frac{1}{2} \log(4.5) = \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{9}{2} = \frac{1}{2} (\log 3^2 - \log 2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (2 \log 3 - \log 2) = \frac{1}{2} (2b - a)$$

38. The answer is C

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\frac{1}{3}\log 8 + \frac{1}{2}\log 0.36}{\log 3 + 2\log 2} &= \frac{\log 8^{\frac{1}{3}} + \log 0.36^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\log 3 + \log 2^2} \\ &= \frac{\log 2 + \log 0.6}{\log 3(2^2)} \\ &= \frac{\log 1.2}{\log 12} \\ &= \frac{\log 12 - \log 10}{\log 12} \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{\log 12}\end{aligned}$$

39. The answer is C

$$\log_{10}(a^{\log_{10} a}) = \log_{10} a(\log_{10} a) = (\log_{10} a)^2$$

40. The answer is B

$$\begin{aligned}\log(x - 4) + \log x &= \log(3x - 10) \\ \log(x - 4)(x) &= \log(3x - 10) \\ \log(x^2 - 4x) &= \log(3x - 10) \\ x^2 - 4x &= 3x - 10 \\ x^2 - 7x + 10 &= 0 \\ x = 5 \text{ or } x = 2(\text{rejected})\end{aligned}$$