

Q	Marking instructions	AO	Mark	Typical solution
6	Takes logs of both sides and uses a log rule correctly	1.1a	M1	$\ln 5^x = \ln 3^{x+4}$ $x \ln 5 = (x + 4) \ln 3$ $x \ln 5 - x \ln 3 = 4 \ln 3$ $x(\ln 5 - \ln 3) = \ln 81$ $x = \frac{\ln 81}{\ln 5 - \ln 3}$
Applies all necessary log rules correctly so that $x$ is no longer an exponent and expresses $4 \ln 3$ in terms of $x$ Condone sign error	1.1a	M1		
Obtains $\ln 81$ from $4 \ln 3$ or from $3^x \times 3^4$	1.1b	B1		
Completes reasoned argument to show given result Must see $x(\ln 5 - \ln 3)$ on the penultimate line If natural logs are not used throughout then the base must be converted at the end to get this mark	2.1	R1		
	<b>Total</b>		<b>4</b>	