

Question	Scheme	Marks	AOs
2	$\frac{9^{x-1}}{3^{y+2}} = 81 \Rightarrow \frac{3^{2x-2}}{3^{y+2}} = 3^4$ or $\frac{9^{x-1}}{3^{y+2}} = 81 \Rightarrow \frac{9^{x-1}}{9^{\frac{1}{2}(y+2)}} = 9^2$	M1	1.1b
	$\Rightarrow 2x - 2 - y - 2 = 4 \Rightarrow y =$ or $\Rightarrow x - 1 - \frac{1}{2}y - 1 = 2 \Rightarrow y =$	dM1	1.1b
	$\Rightarrow y = 2x - 8$	A1	1.1b
		(3)	
Alt	Eg. $\log_3\left(\frac{9^{x-1}}{3^{y+2}}\right) = \log_3 81$	M1	1.1b
	$\Rightarrow (x-1)\log_3(9^{x-1}) - (y+2)\log_3(3^{y+2}) = 4$ $\Rightarrow 2(x-1) - y - 2 = 4 \Rightarrow y =$	dM1	1.1b
	$\Rightarrow y = 2x - 8$	A1	1.1b

(3 marks)

### Notes

**M1:** Attempts to set  $9^{x-1}$  and 81 as powers of 3. Condone  $9^{x-1} = 3^{2x-1}$  and  $9^{x-1} = 3^{3x-3}$ .

Alternatively attempts to write each term as a logarithm of base 3 or 9. You must see the base written to award this mark.

**dM1:** Attempts to use the addition (or subtraction) index law, or laws or logarithms, correctly and rearranges the equation to reach  $y$  in terms of  $x$ . Condone slips in their rearrangement.

**A1:**  $y = 2x - 8$