

Question	Scheme	Marks	AOs
11	$2\log_6(x+3) = 2 - \log_6(4-x)$		
	Uses the power law $\log_6(x+3)^2 = 2 - \log_6(4-x)$	M1	1.1b
	Uses the addition law $\log_6((x+3)^2(4-x)) = 2$	M1	1.1b
	Removes the log $(x+3)^2(4-x) = 36$	M1	1.1b
	Expands to a cubic in $x$ $-x^3 - 2x^2 + 15x + 36 = 36$	dddM1	3.1a
	Correct cubic expression = 0 $x^3 + 2x^2 - 15x = 0$	A1	1.1b
	Factorises and solves $x(x+5)(x-3) = 0 \Rightarrow x = \dots$	M1	1.1b
	$x = 0, x = 3$ only	A1	2.3
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**Notes:**

**M1:** Uses the power law of logs  $2\log_6(x+3) = \log_6(x+3)^2$

**M1:** Uses the addition law of logs following the above  $\log_6(x+3)^2 + \log_6(4-x) = \log_6((x+3)^2(4-x))$

Alternatively uses the subtraction law following use of  $2 = \log_6 36$ , i.e.,  $2 - \log_6(4-x) = \log_6 \frac{36}{4-x}$

**M1:** Removes the log or converts 2 into  $\log_6 36$ . Look for 2 going to 36.

**dddM1:** For attempting to expand their three brackets to achieve a cubic in  $x$

**A1:** For a correct cubic expression in  $x$ , set = 0

**M1:** For the correct method of solving their cubic = 0. May be implied by sight of two values for  $x$  from this cubic, i.e., two from  $x = 0, x = 3, x = -5$

**A1:**  $x = 0, x = 3$  only.