| Question | Scheme | Marks | AOs |
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| 12 | $\log _{x} 81+\log _{6} 9=\log _{x} 27-\log _{6} 4$ | M1 | 1.1b |
|  | $\log _{x} 3=-\log _{6} 36$ | M1 | 1.1b |
|  | $\log _{x} 3=-2$ | A1 | 1.1b |
|  | $x^{-2}=3 \Rightarrow x=\ldots$ | M1 | 2.1 |
|  | $x=\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$ oe | A1 | 1.1b |
|  |  | (5) |  |
| (5 marks) |  |  |  |

Note: Candidates are told they should not use a calculator for this question, so all stages of working must be seen.

M1: Attempts to use the power rule on at least one of the terms
M1: Attempts to use the addition or subtraction laws of logarithms at least once
A1: Correct equation (may be implied)
M1: Removes the log correctly and finds a value for $x$
A1: $\quad x=\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$ or $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ cso
Note: All previous M marks must have been scored, in particular the previous M mark cannot be implied i.e. an index equation, rather than a $\log$ equation, must be seen.

