

Question	Scheme	Marks	AOs
10	$2\log_3(x+1) = 1 + \log_3(x+7)$		
	$2\log_3(x+1) = \log_3(x+1)^2$	B1	1.1a
	$\log_3 \frac{(x+1)^2}{x+7} = 1$	M1	1.1b
	$\frac{(x+1)^2}{x+7} = 3$	A1	1.1b
	$(x+1)^2 = 3(x+7) \Rightarrow x^2 - x - 20 = 0 \Rightarrow x = \dots$	M1	1.1b
	$x = 5$ only	A1	2.3
		(5)	

(5 marks)

Notes:

B1: For $2\log_3(x+1) = \log_3(x+1)^2$ oe e.g. $2\log_3(x+1) = \log_3(x^2 + 2x + 1)$

M1: Uses the subtraction law of logs following the above $\log_3 \frac{(x+1)^2}{x+7}$

Alternatively uses the addition or subtraction law following use of $1 = \log_3 3$

i.e., $1 + \log_3(x+7) = \log_3(3(x+7))$

They must be combining the given terms and not e.g. $\log_3(x+7) = \log_3 x + \log_3 7 = \log_3 7x$

A1: **Correct** equation obtained with logs removed following correct work.

Allow equivalent **correct** equations e.g. $(x+1)^2 = 3(x+7)$

M1: **Depends on the B mark.**

Simplifies to a $3\text{TQ} = 0$ and attempts a correct method to solve their quadratic $= 0$ (usual rules) to obtain a value for x which may be via a calculator (you may need to check) and the “ $= 0$ ” may be implied.

A1: cso $x = 5$ only. If seen, -4 must have been rejected or $x = 5$ clearly selected.

There is no requirement to justify why the -4 has been rejected and any comments can be ignored whether correct or otherwise.

See below for some specific examples.

Examples with marking guidelines

$$\begin{aligned}2\log_3(x+1) &= 1 + \log_3(x+7) \\ \Rightarrow \log_3(x+1)^2 &= 1 + \log_3(x+7) \\ \Rightarrow \frac{(x+1)^2}{(x+7)} &= 3\end{aligned}$$

Scores B1M1A1 then follow the main scheme.

$$\begin{aligned}2\log_3(x+1) &= 1 + \log_3(x+7) \\ \Rightarrow \log_3(x+1)^2 &= 1 + \log_3(x+7) \\ \Rightarrow \frac{(x+1)^2}{(x+7)} &= 1 \\ (x+1)^2 = x+7 &\Rightarrow x^2 + x - 6 = 0 \Rightarrow x = \dots\end{aligned}$$

Scores B1M0A0M1A0

$$\begin{aligned}2\log_3(x+1) &= 1 + \log_3(x+7) \\ \Rightarrow \log_3(x+1)^2 &= 1 + \log_3(x+7) \\ \Rightarrow \log_3(x+1)^2 + \log_3 3 &= \log_3(x+7) \\ \Rightarrow \log_3 3(x+1)^2 &= \log_3(x+7) \\ 3(x+1)^2 &= x+7 \Rightarrow\end{aligned}$$

Scores B1M1A0 then apply the scheme

Beware incorrect log work which leads to the correct answer:

$$\begin{aligned}2\log_3(x+1) &= 1 + \log_3(x+7) \\ \log_3(x+1)^2 &= 1 + \log_3(x+7) \\ \log_3(x+1)^2 - \log_3(x+7) &= 1 \\ \frac{\log_3(x+1)^2}{\log_3(x+7)} &= 1 \Rightarrow \frac{(x+1)^2}{(x+7)} = 3 \\ (x+1)^2 &= 3(x+7) \Rightarrow x^2 - x - 20 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 5\end{aligned}$$

Scores B1M0A0M1A0