Question	Scheme		Marks	AOs
2(a)	y T	Correct shape or correct intercept – see notes	B1	1.2
		Fully correct – see notes	B1	1.1b
			(2)	
(b)	$4^{x} = 100 \Longrightarrow x = \log_{4} 100$			
	or e.g. $x \log 4 = \log 100 \Longrightarrow x = \frac{\log 100}{\log 4}$		M1	1.1b
	\Rightarrow (x =) awrt 3.32		A1	1.1b
			(2)	
			•	(4 marks)

Notes:

Note that B0B1 is not possible in part (a)

(a) Axes do not need to be labelled. No sketch is no marks.

- B1: Correct shape or correct intercept.
 - **Shape**: A positive exponential curve in quadrants 1 and 2 only, passing through a point on the positive *y*-axis. Must "level out" in quadrant 2 but not necessarily asymptotic to the *x*-axis and allow if the curve bends up slightly for x < 0 but do not allow a clear "U" shape. It must not clearly "stop" on the *x*-axis to the left of the *y*-axis. **OR**
 - **Intercept**: The intercept can be marked as 1 or (0, 1) or y = 1 or (1, 0) as long as it is in the correct place. May also be seen away from the sketch but must be seen as (0, 1) or possibly these coordinates in a table but it must correspond to the sketch. If there is any ambiguity, the sketch takes precedence.
- B1: Fully correct.
 - **Shape**: A positive exponential curve in quadrants 1 and 2 only, passing through a point on the positive *y*-axis. The curve must appear to be asymptotic to the *x*-axis **and it must level out at least half way below the intercept**. Allow if the curve bends up slightly for x < 0 but do not allow a clear "U" shape. The curve must not bend back on itself on the rhs of the *y*-axis. There must be no suggestion that the curve approaches another horizontal asymptote other than the *x*-axis e.g. a horizontal dotted line that the curve approaches. **AND**

Intercept: As above

See practice items and below for some examples:

M1: Uses logs in an attempt to solve the equation. E.g. takes log base 4 and obtains $x = \log_4 100$ Alternatively takes logs (any base) to obtain $x \log 4 = \log 100$ and proceeds to $x = \frac{\log 100}{\log 4}$ Allow if this subsequently becomes e.g. log 25 as long as $\frac{\log 100}{\log 4}$ is seen but $x \log 4 = \log 100 \Rightarrow x = \log 25$ or $x \log 4 = \log 100 \Rightarrow x = \log 100 - \log 4$ scores M0 A1: awrt 3.32. A correct answer only of awrt 3.32 scores M1A1

Note that a common incorrect answer is x = 3.218875... and comes from $\ln 25$ or $\ln 100 - \ln 4$ and unless $x = \frac{\ln 100}{\ln 4}$ is seen previously, this scores M0A0