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**(a)**

$$\log_2 x^2 (= \log_2 (kx - 1) + 3)$$

**B1**

**1.2**

Using  $a \log b = \log(b^a)$

Question		Answer	Marks	AO	Guidance	
		$\log_2 \left( \frac{x^2}{kx-1} \right) = 3$ $\frac{x^2}{kx-1} = 2^3$ $x^2 = 8(kx-1)$ $x^2 - 8kx + 8 = 0$	<b>M1*</b>  <b>Dep*M1</b>  <b>A1</b>	<b>2.1</b>  <b>1.1</b>  <b>1.1</b>	Re-arranging and correctly combining both log terms  Correctly remove logs  <b>AG</b>	Or re-write 3 as $\log_2 8$ and then combining e.g. $2\log_2 x = \log_2(8(kx-1))$ $x^2 = 8(kx-1)$  Must show sufficient working to justify the given answer (i.e. at least one more line of working from previous M mark)
<b>8</b>	<b>(b)</b>	$b^2 - 4ac = 0 \Rightarrow (-8k)^2 - 4(1)(8) = 0$ $k = (\pm) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ $k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \Rightarrow x = 2\sqrt{2}$ $k = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \Rightarrow x = -2\sqrt{2} \text{ and as } \log_2 x \text{ is only defined for } x > 0 \text{ so } x \neq -2\sqrt{2}$	<b>M1</b>  <b>A1</b>  <b>A1</b>  <b>A1</b>	<b>3.1a</b>  <b>1.1</b>  <b>2.2a</b>  <b>3.2b</b>	Use of $b^2 - 4ac = 0$  oe exact  <b>BC</b> oe exact  <b>BC</b> oe statement for rejection of negative value of $x$ (allow decimal argument)	Or state equation must be of the form $(x+p)^2 = 0$ with $p^2 = 8$  so $x = (\pm)2\sqrt{2}$  reject $x = -2\sqrt{2}$ with valid reason