

11 In this question you must show detailed reasoning.

(a) A student is asked to solve the inequality $x^{\frac{1}{2}} < 4$.

The student argues that $x^{\frac{1}{2}} < 4 \Leftrightarrow x < 16$, so that the solution is $\{x : x < 16\}$.

Comment on the validity of the student's argument. **[1]**

(b) Solve the inequality $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x < 4$. **[3]**

(c) Show that the equation $2 \log_2(x+8) - \log_2(x+6) = 3$ has only one root. **[5]**