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Date: Wednesday, December 12, 2002.

Time: 9:00 am

Duration: 2 hours

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*Instructions: Answer all questions*

1. (a) Evaluate without using calculators:  $\log_3 (81^{1/4} \times 9^{1/2}) / (3^2 \times 27^{2/3})$

(b) Write as simple quantities without negative indices:

(i)  $1/8^{-2}$       (ii)  $(1/2)^{-4}$       (iii)  $3a^{-2}$

2. Divide : (i)  $-8h^3k^3 - 6h^2k^2 + 2h^2k^4 - 4h^4k^2$  by  $-2h^2k^2$

(ii)  $12x^2 - 54x + 33$  by  $3x - 11$

3. Simplify (i)  $x - 3 - 2 \{ 2 - 3(x - y) \}$

(ii)  $[ - (m + n) - (3m - 4n) ] - [ (5m - n) - (9m - 4n) ]$

4 Write as simple fractions:

(i)  $5/(4c + 12) - 4/(2c + 6)$

(ii)  $(1/a + 2/b) / (3/5a + 2/b)$





- (i)  $24a^3 - 80a^2 + 24a$   
(ii)  $6a^2 - 11a - 35$   
(iii)  $2 \log a + 2x \log a$

6 (a) Given that  $1/p = 1/q - 1/f$  Write an expression for  $f$  in terms of  $p$  and  $q$ .

- (b) solve the following:
- (i)  $(x + 3)^{2/3} = 4 \frac{1}{2}$   
(ii)  $5^{(2x+3)} = 150$   
(iii)  $3/(a+4) - 7/a = -6/a$   
(iv)  $2m/3 = 8/(m+4)$   
(v)  $\log_{82y} 36 = 2$



- 8 A stockman must supply a ration which is 14 % crude protein by weight. ( 14 % CP). He plans to use a concentrate mix which is 28% CP with bananas which is 4% CP. Best Use of the concentrate is made if each animal is fed a maximum 6 lb of ration per day. What is the optimum amount of concentrate he should supply to a batch of 20 growers per day.
9. Calcium ammonium nitrate is 27% nitrogen by weight and Magnesium Sulphate is 8.4% magnesium by weight. These fertilizer materials are used to supply nitrogen and magnesium respectively to a tomato crop. If the crop requires 184 kg of nitrogen and 18 kg of magnesium per hectare respectively, how much of each fertilizer material is needed to supply a green house measuring 9.6 m x 24 m.