1. Simplify each expression to a single numeric value

a. 
$$\log_2(128)$$

c. 
$$e^{3 \ln(5)}$$

b. 
$$\log_3\left(\frac{1}{81}\right)$$

d. 
$$ln(2e^2) - ln(2e^{-3})$$

2. Solve the given equation for x

a. 
$$ln(x + 1) = 3$$

b. 
$$ln(x + 3) + ln(x) = ln(4)$$

3. Write each expression as a single logarithm.

(a) 
$$3 \ln(x) + 2 \ln(y)$$

(b) 
$$\frac{1}{2}\log_2(x) - 2\log_2(y) + \log_2(z)$$

(c) 
$$ln(7) + 3$$

4. Find a function of the form  $f(x) = ae^{bx}$  with the given function values.

a. 
$$f(0) = 2$$
,  $f(2) = 5$  Hint: First plug  $x = 0$  into  $f(x)$  to solve for a

b. 
$$f(0) = 4$$
,  $f(3) = 1$ 

- 5. (a) Explain why  $2 = e^{\ln(2)}$ 
  - (b) Use part (a) to explain why  $2^{\square} = e^{\ln(2)\square}$
  - (c) Use part (b) to explain why  $\log_2(x) = \frac{\ln(x)}{\ln(2)}$