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$$\log(x-3)(x-24) = 2$$

$$10^2 = (x-3)(x-24)$$

$$100 = x^2 - 27x + 72$$

$$0 = x^2 - 27x - 28$$

$$0 = (x-28)(x+1)$$

$$x = 28, -1$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -28 \\ -28 \times +1 \\ \hline -27 \end{array}$$

3. $2\log_2(x-6) - \log_2 x = 3$

$$\log_2(x-6)^2 - \log_2 x = 3$$

$$\log_2 \frac{x^2 - 12x + 36}{x} = 3$$

$$2^3 = \frac{x^2 - 12x + 36}{x}$$

$$8x = x^2 - 12x + 36$$

$$0 = x^2 - 20x + 36$$

$$0 = (x-2)(x-18)$$

$$x = 18$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 36 \\ -18 \times -2 \\ \hline -20 \end{array}$$

Answers

2. $\left[\log_5 4 - \frac{2}{3} \log_5 x = 2 \right] 3$

$$3\log_5 4 - 2\log_5 x = 6$$

$$\log_5 4^3 - \log_5 x^2 = 6$$

$$\log_5 \frac{64}{x^2} = 6$$

$$5^6 = \frac{64}{x^2}$$

$$15625 x^2 = 64$$

$$\sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{\frac{64}{15625}}$$

$$x = \pm \frac{8}{125}$$

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