

$$2\log_3 5x + 1 = 9$$

$$\frac{2\log_3 5x = 8}{2}$$

change to an exponential equation.

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} \log_3 5x = 1 \\ 3^4 = 5x \end{array}\right)$$

$$\frac{81}{5} = \frac{5x}{5}$$

Which of the values below, if any, could not be solutions to this logarithmic equation:

$$\log x + \log(5 - x) = 2$$

a)
$$x = 3$$

(b)
$$x = -1$$

$$(c) x = 6$$

These can't be solutions because when substituted for x you would be taking the logarithm of a negative number which you can't do. That is, the domain of a logarithm is positive numbers only.