

2. A manufacturer of beds has a daily production cost of $C = 0.25x^2 - 10x + 800$ where C is the total cost in dollars and x is the number of beds produced.

(a) (20 pts) Complete the square to write C in the form $p(x + q)^2 + r$.

SOLUTION: $0.25x^2 - 10x + 800 = p(x + q)^2 + r = px^2 + 2pqx + (pq^2 + r)$ implies $p = 0.25$.

$$\text{Also, } 2pq = -10 \Rightarrow 2(.25)q = -10 \Rightarrow q = -20.$$

$$\text{Finally, } pq^2 + r = 800 \Rightarrow (.25)(-20)^2 + r = 800 \Rightarrow r = 700.$$

$$\text{Thus, } \boxed{C = 0.25(x - 20)^2 + 700}$$

(b) (12 pts) Use part (a) to determine how many beds must be produced per day to minimize the cost? What is this minimum cost?

SOLUTION: From part (a), we see that the vertex of the parabola is at $(20, 700)$, so the number of beds is $\boxed{x = 20}$ and the cost is $\boxed{C = 700}$

(c) (12 pts) Use part (a) to determine how many beds must be produced so that the cost of production is \$821?

SOLUTION: Letting $C = 821$ in part (a), we get

$$821 = 0.25(x - 20)^2 + 700 \Rightarrow 121 = 0.25(x - 20)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 484 = (x - 20)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \pm 22 = x - 20$$

$$\Rightarrow -2 \text{ or } 42 = x$$

Since -2 beds is nonsense, $\boxed{x = 42}$

3. Suppose $\log_m(x) = 3.4$, $\log_m(y) = 5.8$, and $\log_m(z) = -2.3$.

(a) (15 pts) Calculate $\log_m\left(\frac{\sqrt{z}}{x^3y}\right)$ (**Round the answer to two decimal places**).

SOLUTION:

$$\begin{aligned}\log_m\left(\frac{\sqrt{z}}{x^3y}\right) &= \log_m(\sqrt{z}) - \log_m(x^3y) \\ &= \log_m(z^{1/2}) - (\log_m(x^3) + \log_m(y)) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\log_m(z) - 3\log_m(x) - \log_m(y) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(-2.3) - 3(3.4) - 5.8 \\ &= \boxed{-17.15}\end{aligned}$$

(b) (20 pts) If $\ln(x) = 2.5$, then what is m (**Round the answer to two decimal places**)?

SOLUTION: From the logarithm rules, $\log_m(x) = \frac{\ln(x)}{\ln(m)}$.

Substituting $\log_m(x) = 3.4$ and $\ln(x) = 2.5$, we get $3.4 = \frac{2.5}{\ln(m)}$.

Therefore, $\ln(m) = \frac{2.5}{3.4} \Rightarrow \boxed{m = e^{2.5/3.4} \approx 2.09}$

4. Suppose $f(x) = \frac{3x - 2}{1 - 5x}$ and $g(x) = \sqrt{4x + 9}$.

(a) (15 pts) Evaluate $f \circ g(2)$.

SOLUTION: $f \circ g(2) = f(g(2))$

$$= f(\sqrt{17})$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{3\sqrt{17} - 2}{1 - 5\sqrt{17}} \approx -.529}$$

(b) (18 pts) Evaluate $g \circ f(x)$.

SOLUTION: $g \circ f(x) = g(f(x))$

$$= g\left(\frac{3x - 2}{1 - 5x}\right)$$

$$= \boxed{\sqrt{4\left(\frac{3x - 2}{1 - 5x}\right) + 9}}$$

5. (20 pts) Solve $\log_2(2x - 1) + \log_2(x - 3) = 3$.

SOLUTION: $\log_2(2x - 1) + \log_2(x - 3) = 3 \Rightarrow \log_2((2x - 1)(x - 3)) = 3$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{\log_2((2x-1)(x-3))} = 2^3$$

$$\Rightarrow (2x - 1)(x - 3) = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x^2 - 7x + 3 = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x^2 - 7x - 5 = 0$$

By the quadratic formula, we get $x = \frac{7 \pm \sqrt{(-7)^2 - 4(2)(-5)}}{2(2)} = \frac{7 \pm \sqrt{89}}{4}$

However, $x = \frac{7 - \sqrt{89}}{4}$ is an extraneous root, so $x = \frac{7 + \sqrt{89}}{4}$