



Logarithmic Scales - Ratio and Magnitude to Magnitude

1

If a solution has 1,000,000 times the Hydrogen ion concentration as one with a pH of 9.9 on the pH scale, what is its pH?

$$\text{pH} = -\log [\text{H}^+]$$

$$\frac{[\text{H}^+]_2}{[\text{H}^+]_1} = 1,000,000$$

A	B
pH ₂ = 3.9	pH ₂ = 4.9

2

If a solution has 126 times the Hydrogen ion concentration as one with a pH of 5.3 on the pH scale, what is its pH?

$$\text{pH} = -\log [\text{H}^+]$$

$$\frac{[\text{H}^+]_2}{[\text{H}^+]_1} = 126$$

A	B
pH ₂ = 3.2	pH ₂ = 4.2

3

If a sound has 2,511,886 times the sound energy as one with a dB magnitude of 30 on the decibel scale, what is its dB magnitude?

$$\text{dB} = 10 \log \left(\frac{I}{I_0} \right)$$

$$\frac{I_2}{I_1} = 2,511,886$$

A	B
β ₂ = 95dB	β ₂ = 94dB

4

If an earthquake has 1.26 times the wave size as one with a magnitude of 6.2 on the Richter scale, what is its magnitude?

$$M = \log \left(\frac{I}{I_0} \right)$$

$$\frac{I_2}{I_1} = 1.26$$

A	B
M ₂ = 6.3	M ₂ = 6.8

5

If a solution has 630,957 times the Hydrogen ion concentration as one with a pH of 8.2 on the pH scale, what is its pH?

$$\text{pH} = -\log [\text{H}^+]$$

$$\frac{[\text{H}^+]_2}{[\text{H}^+]_1} = 630,957$$

A	B
pH ₂ = 3.9	pH ₂ = 2.4

6

If a sound has 1.58 times the sound energy as one with a dB magnitude of 127 on the decibel scale, what is its dB magnitude?

$$\text{dB} = 10 \log \left(\frac{I}{I_0} \right)$$

$$\frac{I_2}{I_1} = 1.58$$

A	B
β ₂ = 129dB	β ₂ = 135dB

7

If a solution has 199,526 times the Hydrogen ion concentration as one with a pH of 12.2 on the pH scale, what is its pH?

$$\text{pH} = -\log [\text{H}^+]$$

$$\frac{[\text{H}^+]_2}{[\text{H}^+]_1} = 199,526$$

A	B
pH ₂ = 6.9	pH ₂ = 8.9

8

If an earthquake has 63.1 times the wave size as one with a magnitude of 2.4 on the Richter scale, what is its magnitude?

$$M = \log \left(\frac{I}{I_0} \right)$$

$$\frac{I_2}{I_1} = 63.1$$

A	B
M ₂ = 4.2	M ₂ = 5.2