## Sheet 1

[SQA]

1. Evaluate $\log _{5} 2+\log _{5} 50-\log _{5} 4$.
2. (a) Given that $\log _{4} x=P$, show that $\log _{16} x=\frac{1}{2} P$.
(b) Solve $\log _{3} x+\log _{9} x=12$.
3. The diagram shows part of the graph with equation $y=3^{x}$ and the straight line with equation $y=42$. These graphs intersect at $P$.

Solve algebraically the equation $3^{x}=42$, and hence write down, correct to 3 decimal places, the coordinates of $P$.

4. Before a forest fire was brought under control, the spread of the fire was described by a law of the form $A=A_{0} e^{k t}$ where $A_{0}$ is the area covered by the fire when it was first detected and $A$ is the area covered by the fire $t$ hours later.
If it takes one and a half hours for the area of the forest fire to double, find the value of the constant $k$.

