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**Q1. (7 points)**(4.3 Textbook Exercise 54):

Graph the function  $f(x) = \log_{1/3}(3-x)$  and give the **domain** and the **range**. Find the intervals where the graph is **above** the  $x$ -axis.

**Solution:**

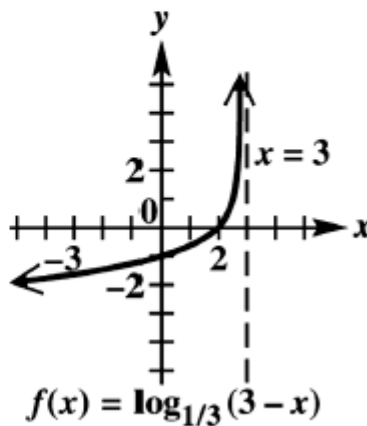
54.  $f(x) = \log_{1/3}(3-x)$

Since  $f(x) = y = \log_{1/3}(3-x)$ , we can write the exponential form as

$$3-x = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^y \Rightarrow x = 3 - \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^y \text{ to find ordered}$$

pairs that satisfy the equation. It is easier to choose values for  $y$  and find the corresponding values of  $x$ . Make a table of values.

$x$	$y = \log_{1/3}(3-x)$
-6	-2
0	-1
2	0
$\frac{8}{3} \approx 2.7$	1
$\frac{26}{9} \approx 2.9$	2



The graph has the line  $x = 3$  as a vertical asymptote.

$$D_f = (-\infty, 3) \text{ and } R_f = (-\infty, \infty)$$

The graph is above the  $x$ -axis on the interval  $(2, 3)$ .

**Q2. (3 points)** Find the domain of the function  $f(x) = \log(x^2 + 7x + 10) - 10$ .

**Solution:**

Q3.

The domain of the function,  $f(x) = \log(x^2 + 7x + 10) - 10$  is:

✓ A)  $(-\infty, -5) \cup (-2, \infty)$

B)  $(-\infty, 2) \cup (5, \infty)$

C)  $(-5, -2)$

D)  $(-\infty, -5] \cup [-2, \infty)$

E)  $(-\infty, -7) \cup (0, \infty)$

$$f(x) = \log(x+2)(x+5) - 10$$

$$(x+2)(x+5) > 0$$

$$(-\infty, -5) \cup (-2, \infty)$$

**Q3. (5 points)** (4.4 Additional Exercise 13): Assume all variables represent positive real numbers, write the logarithmic expression:  $2 - \log_3 x^2 - 8\log_9 y + \log_{\sqrt{3}} xy$  as a single logarithm with a base of 3

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 2 - \log_3 x^2 - 8\log_9 y + \log_{\sqrt{3}} xy &= \log_3 3^2 - \log_3 x^2 - 8 \frac{\log_3 y}{\log_3 9} + \frac{\log_3 xy}{\log_3 \sqrt{3}} \\
 &= \log_3 9 - \log_3 x^2 - 8 \frac{\log_3 y}{2} + \frac{\log_3 xy}{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 &= \log_3 9 - \log_3 x^2 - 4\log_3 y + 2\log_3 xy \\
 &= \log_3 9 - \log_3 x^2 - \log_3 y^4 + \log_3 (xy)^2 \\
 &= \log_3 9 + \log_3 (xy)^2 - (\log_3 x^2 + \log_3 y^4) \\
 &= \log_3 9(xy)^2 - \log_3 x^2 y^4 \\
 &= \log_3 \frac{9(xy)^2}{x^2 y^4} \\
 &= \log_3 \frac{9}{y^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

**Q4. (5 points)** (4.5 Textbook Exercise 61): Find the solution set of  $\log_2(x^2 - 100) - \log_2(x + 10) = 1$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 61. \quad \log_2(x^2 - 100) - \log_2(x + 10) &= 1 \\
 \log_2\left(\frac{x^2 - 100}{x + 10}\right) &= 1 \\
 \frac{x^2 - 100}{x + 10} &= 2^1 = 2 \\
 x^2 - 100 &= 2x + 20 \\
 x^2 - 2x - 120 &= 0 \\
 (x + 10)(x - 12) &= 0 \\
 x &= -10, 12
 \end{aligned}$$

If  $-10$  is substituted for  $x$  in  $\log_2(x + 10)$ , the argument becomes 0. Since this is not allowed, we reject this proposed solution.  
Solution set:  $\{12\}$