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$$8^{(2x-4)} = 64$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln(8^{(2x-4)}) = \ln(64)$$

$$\Rightarrow (2x-4)\ln(8) = \ln(64)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x\ln(8) - 4\ln(8) = \ln(64)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x\ln(8) = \ln(64) + 4\ln(8)$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{(\ln(64) + 4\ln(8))}{(2\ln(8))}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x = 3}$$

② $27^{(5x-2)} = 44^{(3x-4)}$

$$\Rightarrow \ln(27^{(5x-2)}) = \ln(44^{(3x-4)})$$

$$\Rightarrow (5x-2)\ln(27) = (3x-4)\ln(44)$$

$$\Rightarrow 5x\ln(27) - 2\ln(27) = 3x\ln(44) - 4\ln(44)$$

$$\Rightarrow 5x\ln(27) - 3x\ln(44) = -4\ln(44) + 2\ln(27)$$

$$\Rightarrow x(5\ln(27) - 3\ln(44)) = -4\ln(44) + 2\ln(27)$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{(-4\ln(44) + 2\ln(27))}{(5\ln(27) - 3\ln(44))}$$

$$\Rightarrow x \approx \boxed{-1.67}$$

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$$5e^{(3x+1)} - 17 = 33$$

$$\Rightarrow 5e^{(3x+1)} = 50$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{(3x+1)} = 10$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln(e^{(3x+1)}) = \ln(10)$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x+1 = \ln(10)$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{(\ln(10) - 1)}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow x \approx \boxed{.43}$$

④ $2.4e^{(4.3x)} - 1.3 = 55.7$

$$\Rightarrow 2.4e^{(4.3x)} = 57.0$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{(4.3x)} = 23.75$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln(e^{(4.3x)}) = \ln(23.75)$$

$$\Rightarrow 4.3x = \ln(23.75)$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \boxed{\frac{\ln(23.75)}{4.3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow x \approx \boxed{.74}$$

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$$\ln(x-6) + \ln(x+1) = \ln(8)$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln((x-6)(x+1)) = \ln(8)$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln(x^2 - 5x - 6) = \ln(8)$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{\ln(x^2 - 5x - 6)} = e^{\ln(8)}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 5x - 6 = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 5x - 14 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{-(-5) \pm \sqrt{(-5)^2 - 4(1)(-14)}}{2(1)}$$

$$= \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{25}}{2} = \frac{5 \pm 5}{2}$$

$$= \frac{5+5}{2} = 5 \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{5-5}{2} = 0$$

MUST CHECK

If $x = 7$
 $\Rightarrow x-6 = 7-6 = 1 > 0$
 $\Rightarrow x+1 = 7+1 = 8 > 0$

If $x = -2$
 $\Rightarrow x-6 = -2-6 = -8 < 0$ NO
 $\Rightarrow x+1 = -2+1 = -1 < 0$ NO

so we have
 $x = 7$

6. $\ln(x-2) + \ln(x-3) = 4.5$

$$\Rightarrow \ln((x-2)(x-3)) = 4.5$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln(x^2 - 5x + 6) = 4.5$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{\ln(x^2 - 5x + 6)} = e^{4.5}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 5x + 6 = e^{4.5}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 5x - 84.02 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{-(-5) \pm \sqrt{(-5)^2 - 4(1)(-84.02)}}{2(1)}$$

$$= \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{361.08}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{5 \pm 19.00}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{5+19.00}{2} = 12.00$$

$$\text{or} \quad \frac{5-19.00}{2} = -7.00$$

MUST CHECK

If $x = 12.00$
 $\Rightarrow x-2 = 12-2 = 10 > 0$
 $\Rightarrow x-3 = 12-3 = 9 > 0$

If $x = -7.00$
 $\Rightarrow x-2 = -7-2 = -9 < 0$ NO
 $\Rightarrow x-3 = -7-3 = -10 < 0$ NO

so we have
 $x = 12.00$

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$$\begin{aligned} \ln(x-6) + \ln(x+1) &= \ln(8) \\ \Rightarrow \ln((x-6)(x+1)) &= \ln(8) \\ \Rightarrow \ln(x^2 - 5x - 6) &= \ln(8) \\ \Rightarrow e^{\ln(x^2 - 5x - 6)} &= e^{\ln(8)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 5x - 6 = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 5x - 14 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{-(-5) \pm \sqrt{(-5)^2 - 4(1)(-14)}}{2(1)}$$

$$= \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{41}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{5 \pm 9}{2} \rightarrow \begin{aligned} &\frac{5+9}{2} = 7 \\ &\text{or} \\ &\frac{5-9}{2} = -2 \end{aligned}$$

MUST CHECK

$$\text{If } x = 7$$

$$\Rightarrow x-6 = 7-6 = 1 > 0 \quad \text{so}$$

$$\Rightarrow x+1 = 7+1 = 8 > 0 \quad \text{so } x=7$$

$$\text{If } x = -2$$

$$\Rightarrow x-6 = -2-6 = -8 \quad \text{NO}$$

so we have
 $x=7$

6. $\ln(x-2) + \ln(x-3) = 4.5$

$$\Rightarrow \ln((x-2)(x-3)) = 4.5$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln(x^2 - 5x + 6) = 4.5$$

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$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 5x + 6 = e^{4.5}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 5x - 84.02 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{-(-5) \pm \sqrt{(-5)^2 - 4(1)(-84.02)}}{2(1)}$$

$$= \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{361.08}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{5 \pm 19.00}{2} \rightarrow \begin{aligned} &\frac{5+19.00}{2} = 12.00 \\ &\text{or} \\ &\frac{5-19.00}{2} = -7.00 \end{aligned}$$

MUST CHECK

$$\text{If } x = 12.00$$

$$\Rightarrow x-2 = 12-2 = 10 > 0 \quad \text{so}$$

$$\Rightarrow x-3 = 12-3 = 9 > 0 \quad \text{so } x=12$$

$$\text{If } x = -7.00$$

$$\Rightarrow x-2 = -7-2 = -9 < 0 \quad \text{NO}$$

$$\text{so } x \neq -7.00$$

so we
have $x=12.00$