Read each problem very carefully before starting to solve it. Each problem is worth around 5 points. It is necessary to show all your work. Correct answers without explanations are worth 0 points. GOOD LUCK!!

1. [4 points]
(a) Use properties of logarithms to break (as much as possible).

$$
\log _{2}\left(\frac{x^{3} \sqrt{y}}{z^{5}}\right)=
$$

(b) Use properties of log to combine into a single logarithm. $3 \ln (x+7)-\frac{1}{2} \ln x+5 \ln (x-1)=$
2. [4 points] Solve the exponential equation $147 \cdot 7^{8 x+3}+5=8$.
3. [4 points] Solve the logarithmic equation

$$
\log _{12}(2 x+6)+\log _{12}(x+2)=2 .
$$

(Hint: Don't forget to check your solutions!)

