

8. [8 points] Archaeologists have discovered what seems to be scientific research papers near some dinosaur fossils. The papers talk about the “danger level”, L , of a potential asteroid impact. From what they can read, the formula is given by

$$L = 3 \log \left(\frac{4M}{k} \right)$$

where M is the mass of the asteroid, in kg, and k is a positive constant. For this problem, leave all your answers in **exact** form.

- a. [4 points] Suppose an asteroid has a danger level of 7.5. What would the mass of the asteroid be? Your answer should include units, and may involve the constant k .

Mass = _____

- b. [4 points] Let N be the danger level of an asteroid of mass $12A$ kg, and let n be the danger level of an asteroid of mass $5A$ kg, where A is a positive constant. Compute $N - n$. Simplify your answer so that it does *not* include k or A .

$N - n =$ _____