

(1) [5 points] Solve  $2^{2x-1} = 4$ .

$$2^{2x-1} = 4$$

$$2^{2x-1} = 2^2$$

$$\therefore 2x-1 = 2$$

$$2x = 3$$

$$x = \frac{3}{2}$$

(2) [5 points] Solve  $\log_3(x^2 + 1) = 2$ .

$$\log_3(x^2 + 1) = 2$$

$$\therefore 3^2 = x^2 + 1$$

$$x^2 = 8$$

$$x = \sqrt{8}, -\sqrt{8}$$

$\therefore$  solutions  
are  $x = \sqrt{8}, -\sqrt{8}$

Check!

$$\begin{array}{l} \underline{x = \sqrt{8}} : \\ \log_3(x^2 + 1) \\ \log_3((\sqrt{8})^2 + 1) \\ \log_3(9) \\ 2 \end{array} \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} \log_3(x^2 + 1) \\ \log_3((\sqrt{8})^2 + 1) \\ \log_3(9) \\ 2 \end{array}} \right\} \begin{array}{l} 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ = 2 \checkmark \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \underline{x = -\sqrt{8}} : \\ \log_3(x^2 + 1) \\ \log_3((- \sqrt{8})^2 + 1) \\ \log_3(9) \\ 2 \end{array} \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} \log_3(x^2 + 1) \\ \log_3((- \sqrt{8})^2 + 1) \\ \log_3(9) \\ 2 \end{array}} \right\} \begin{array}{l} 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ = 2 \checkmark \end{array}$$

(3) [5 points] Write as a single simplified logarithm:

$$\begin{aligned} & 8 \log_2 \sqrt{3x-2} - \log_2 \left( \frac{4}{x} \right) + \log_2 4 \\ &= 8 \log_2 (3x-2)^{\frac{1}{2}} - \log_2 \left( \frac{4}{x} \right) + \log_2 4 \\ &= \log_2 (3x-2)^{\frac{8}{2}} - \log_2 \left( \frac{4}{x} \right) + \log_2 4 \\ &= \log_2 \left[ \frac{(3x-2)^4}{\left( \frac{4}{x} \right)} \right] + \log_2 4 \\ &= \log_2 \left[ \frac{(3x-2)^4 (4)}{\left( \frac{4}{x} \right)} \right] \\ &= \log_2 \left[ \cancel{4} (3x-2)^4 \cdot \frac{x}{\cancel{4}} \right] \\ &= \log_2 \left[ x (3x-2)^4 \right] \end{aligned}$$