9. **In this question you must show detailed reasoning.**
Solutions relying on calculator technology are not acceptable.

(i) Solve

$$2\log_3(4x + 5) - \log_3(x + 3) = 2$$

(5)

(ii) Given that $a > 0$, $b > 0$ and

$$\log_{10} a + \log_{10} b = \log_{10}(a + b)$$

(a) prove that $a = \dfrac{b}{b-1}$

(3)

(b) Hence write down the full restriction on the value of b, giving a reason for your answer.

(2)

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