

THE 40<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL (2018) UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND  
HIGH SCHOOL MATHEMATICS COMPETITION  
PART I SOLUTIONS

1. If the smallest of the four consecutive integers is  $x$ , then we must have  $x + (x + 1) + (x + 2) + (x + 3) = 26$ . Thus,  $4x + 6 = 26$ , which implies  $x = 5$ . So, the product of the four integers is  $5 \times 6 \times 7 \times 8 = 1680$ . The answer is **d**.
2. Suppose George uses  $x$  blocks of height 30 feet and  $y$  blocks of height 21 feet. We must have  $30x + 21y = 555$ . Since 30 and 555 are divisible by 5, the integer  $y$  must also be divisible by 5. If we set  $y = 0$ , we get  $x = \frac{111}{6}$  which is not an integer. Thus, the smallest value of  $y$  is 5. This yields  $x = 15$  and  $y = 5$ . The answer is **a**.
3.  $\sin((60 \cos(120^\circ))^\circ) = \sin((60 \times (-1/2))^\circ) = \sin(-30^\circ) = -1/2$ . The answer is **a**.
4. By properties of log we have

$$4 + \log(3) + \log(2/3) + \log(5) = 4 + \log(3 \times 2/3 \times 5) = 4 + \log(10) = 4 + 1 = 5.$$

The answer is **c**.

5. The total score in this class is  $24 \times 75 = 1800$ . The total score of everybody except for Ethan and Emma is  $22 \times 73 = 1606$ . Therefore the total score of Ethan and Emma is  $1800 - 1606 = 194$ . Therefore the average score of Ethan and Emma is 97. The answer is **e**.
6. The lines  $x = 2$  and  $2y + 3x = 18$  intersect at  $(2, 6)$ . The lines  $y = 3$  and  $2y + 3x = 18$  intersect at  $(4, 3)$ . The lines  $x = 2$  and  $y = 3$  intersect at  $(2, 3)$ . Therefore the two legs of this right triangle are of length 3 and 2. This means the area of the triangle is  $3 \times 2/2 = 3$ . The answer is **d**.
7. Normally in each hour there are two instances that the hour hand and the minute hand of the clock lie on a straight line. The two exceptions are between 12:01 pm and 1 pm, between 11 pm and 11:59 pm, in which there is only one instance that the minute hand and the hour hand lie on a straight line. However the instance 6 pm is counted twice, once between 5 pm and 6 pm and once between 6 pm and 7 pm. Thus the answer is  $12 \times 2 - 3 = 21$ .

**Note:** This answer choice is not listed. We have given full credit to all students for this problem.

8. The  $x$ -intercepts of the two lines are  $7/a$  and  $5/10 = 1/2$ . Therefore, we must have  $7/a = 1/2$ , which implies  $a = 14$ . The answer is **b**.
9. Right after the  $k$ -th time Alex walks one minute he will have spent  $(60 + 1) + (60 + 2) + (60 + 3) + \dots + (60 + (k - 1)) + 60 = 60k + \frac{k(k - 1)}{2}$  seconds walking and resting combined. We are looking for the smallest  $k$  for which this amount is at least  $18 \times 60 = 1080$ . We can see that  $k = 16$  gives us precisely 1080 seconds. Therefore, Alex will have spent 16 minutes walking. Since his speed is 4 ft/sec, the distance between his school and home is  $16 \times 60 \times 4 = 3840$  ft. The answer is **b**.

10. We have  $100000 = 2^5 \times 5^5$ . Neither  $m$  nor  $n$  can have both 2 and 5 as factors. Therefore,  $m$  and  $n$  must be  $2^5$  and  $5^5$ . Thus  $m + n = 32 + 3125 = 3157$ . The answer is **e**.
11. Note that from each pair of numbers  $(1, 10), (2, 9), \dots, (5, 6)$  either both numbers are in  $X$  or neither is in  $X$ . Therefore, including the empty set, there are  $2^5$  possible such sets. Removing the empty set we get 31 balanced subsets. The answer is **d**.
12. Note that the area of a triangle  $ABC$  is evaluated by  $\frac{1}{2}|AB| \cdot |AC| \sin A$ . Thus, if the sides  $AB$  and  $AC$  are of lengths 15 and 20, the area is maximized when  $A = 90^\circ$ . In other words the area is maximized when the triangle is a right triangle. The answer is **c**.
13. Note that  $2[ABO] = |AO| \cdot |BO|$ ,  $2[CDO] = |CO| \cdot |DO|$ ,  $2[BCO] = |BO| \cdot |CO|$ , and  $2[ADO] = |AO| \cdot |DO|$ . This implies  $[ABO] \cdot [CDO] = [BCO] \cdot [ADO]$ . Therefore  $12 \times 21 = 14 \times [ADO]$ . The answer is **c**.
14.  $3x^2 - 10xy + 3y^2 = 0$ . By the quadratic formula we get  $x = \frac{10y \pm \sqrt{100y^2 - 36y^2}}{6} = \frac{10y \pm 8y}{6} = 3y, \frac{y}{3}$ . Therefore  $\frac{x}{y} = 3, 1/3$ . We have  $(x + y)/(x - y) = (3y + y)/(3y - y) = 2$  or  $x = (y/3 + y)/(y/3 - y) = -2$ . The answer is **a**.
15. Let  $H$  be the foot of the perpendicular from  $C$  to  $\ell$ . We know  $\angle HAC = 75^\circ$ . Therefore  $|CH| = |AC| \sin(75)$ . We know  $|AC| = \sqrt{2}$ . We also have

$$\sin(75) = \sin(45 + 30) = \sin(45) \cos(30) + \cos(45) \sin(30) = \frac{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2}}{4}$$

Therefore,  $|CH| = (\sqrt{3} + 1)/2$ . The answer is **b**.

16. We first find all points  $(m, n)$  where  $m, n$  are nonnegative integers that lie on the line  $10m + 99n = 990$ . Note that  $10m + 99n = 990 \implies 99 \mid m$  and  $10 \mid n$  (since 99 and 10 are relatively prime). If  $m$  and  $n$  were both positive, we would have  $10m + 99n \geq 2 \cdot 990$ , which is a contradiction. Thus the only nonnegative solutions to  $10m + 99n = 990$  are those in which one of  $m$  and  $n$  are zero — specifically,  $(99, 0)$  and  $(0, 10)$ .

Let  $B$  denote the box region in the plane defined by

$$B = \{(x, y) \mid 0 \leq x \leq 99, 0 \leq y \leq 10\},$$

which contains  $11 \cdot 100 = 1100$  integer points. The line  $10x + 99y = 990$  connects the two vertices  $(99, 0)$  and  $(0, 10)$  and splits  $B$  into two triangles,  $B_1$  and  $B_2$ . By symmetry, there are an equal number of integer points in  $B_1$  and  $B_2$ . Moreover, as noted above, there are only two integer points that lie in both  $B_1$  and  $B_2$ . Thus the desired answer is

$$(1100 - 2)/2 + 2 = 551.$$

The correct answer is **e**.

17. We will work mod 124. Using the properties of this sequence we obtain:  $n_1 \equiv 2n_0 + 1 \pmod{124}$ . Thus,  $n_2 \equiv 2(2n_0 + 1) + 1 = 2^2n_0 + 2 + 1$ , which implies  $n_3 = 2^3n_0 + 2^2 + 2 + 1$ . We can see that  $n_\ell = 2^\ell n_0 + 2^\ell - 1$ . Note that  $n_\ell \equiv n_0 \pmod{124}$  iff  $124 \mid (2^\ell - 1)(n_0 + 1)$ . Since  $124 = 4 \cdot 31$ , we have  $4 \mid (n_0 + 1)$ . Therefore  $n_0 + 1 \equiv 4$  or  $0 \pmod{124}$ . The latter is impossible,

because otherwise  $n_0 \equiv -1 \pmod{124}$ , which implies  $n_1 \equiv 2(-1) + 1 = -1 \pmod{124}$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore  $n_0 + 1 \equiv 4 \pmod{124}$ , which means  $31 \mid 2^\ell - 1$ , which implies  $\ell \geq 5$ . For  $n_0 = 3$ , we get the sequence 3, 7, 15, 31, 63, 3. The answer is **d**.

18.

$$\begin{aligned}
\prod_{i=1}^{99} \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{i}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{i+1}} \right) - \sqrt{\frac{1}{i} - \frac{1}{i+1}} \right] &= \prod_{i=1}^{99} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{i}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{i+1}} - \sqrt{\frac{(i+1) - i}{i(i+1)}} \right] \\
&= \prod_{i=1}^{99} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{i}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{i+1}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{i(i+1)}} \right] \\
&= \prod_{i=1}^{99} \left( \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{i}} \right] \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{i+1}} \right] \right) \\
&= \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} \right] \left( \prod_{i=2}^{99} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{i}} \right] \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{i}} \right] \right) \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{100}} \right] \\
&= [2] \left( \prod_{i=2}^{99} \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{i} \right] \right) \left[ \frac{9}{10} \right] \\
&= [2] \left( \prod_{i=2}^{99} \left[ \frac{i-1}{i} \right] \right) \left[ \frac{9}{10} \right] \\
&= [2] \left( \frac{1}{99} \right) \left[ \frac{9}{10} \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{55}
\end{aligned}$$

The answer is **c**.

19. This octahedron can be divided into two pyramids. Since the distance between centers of opposite faces of cube is 1, the height of each pyramid is  $1/2$ . The base of each pyramid is a square whose side length is the distance between centers of two adjacent faces. Let  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  be two adjacent faces of this cube. From the centers  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  of  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  drop perpendiculars to the side that is shared by  $F_1$  and  $F_2$ . Let  $H$  be the foot of this perpendicular. We have  $|C_1H| = |C_2H| = 1/2$ . Thus by the Pythagorean Theorem  $|C_1C_2|^2 = 1/2$ . Therefore, the volume of each pyramid is  $\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{12}$ , which implies the volume of the octahedron is  $1/6$ . The answer is **b**.
20. Let  $s$  and  $A$  be the semi-perimeter and area of triangle  $ABC$ , respectively. We know the inradius of  $ABC$  is  $A/s$ . Since triangle  $ADF$  and  $ACB$  are similar with the ratio of similarity  $1/6$ , the perimeter of  $ADF$  is  $2s/6 = s/3$ . Since  $AEG$  and  $ACB$  are similar with the ratio of similarity  $3/6$ , the area of  $ADF$  is  $A/4$ . Therefore, by assumption we have  $s/3 = 3A/4$ , which simplifies to  $4s = 9A$ . Therefore,  $A/s = 4/9$ . The answer is **c**.
21. Let  $\lfloor x \rfloor = k$ . Then we have  $k^2 \leq x \lfloor x \rfloor < (k+1)k$ . Therefore  $k^2 \leq n < k^2 + k$ . Thus, for a given  $k$ , there are  $k^2 + k - k^2 = k$  possible values of  $n$ . Note that  $44 \times 45 = 1930 < 2018$  but  $45^2 = 2025 > 2018$ . Thus the answer is  $\sum_{k=1}^{44} k = \frac{44 \times 45}{2} = 990$ . The answer is **e**.

22. There are four such triangles with  $A = 90^\circ$ , two on each side of line  $AB$ . Two of these four are reflections of the other two about the line  $AB$ . Thus, the sum of the  $x$ -coordinates of these four points  $C$  is four times the  $x$ -coordinate of  $A$ , which is  $4 \times 2 = 8$ .

Using the same logic for when  $B = 90^\circ$  we obtain  $4 \times 4 = 16$ .

There are also four more such triangles with  $C = 90^\circ$ , two on each side of line  $AB$ . The two on one side of  $AB$  are obtained by reflecting the other two about the midpoint of  $\overline{AB}$ . The midpoint of  $\overline{AB}$  is  $(3, 1)$ . Thus the sum of the  $x$ -coordinates of these points is  $4 \times 3 = 12$ .

The total of all  $x$ -coordinates is  $8 + 16 + 12 = 36$ , thus the answer is **a**.

23. Note that  $f(1) = f(2) = f(3) = f(4)$ , however the value of  $f$  changes at 5 and remains the same until  $n = 9$ , i.e.  $f(5) = \dots = f(9)$ . Then it changes and stays the same until  $n = 14$ . Thus the value of  $f$  changes precisely  $\lfloor 2018/5 \rfloor = 403$  times. Since it starts from 0, we obtain  $1 + 403 = 404$ . The answer is **b**.

24. Let  $n = \sqrt[3]{2+x} + \sqrt[3]{2-x}$ . Note that  $n > \sqrt[3]{x} + \sqrt[3]{-x} = 0$ . Cube both sides to obtain  $n^3 = 2+x+2-x+3\sqrt[3]{4-x^2}(\sqrt[3]{2+x} + \sqrt[3]{2-x}) = 4+3n\sqrt[3]{4-x^2}$ . This shows  $n^3 < 4+3n\sqrt[3]{4}$ . Thus,  $n^2 < 4/n + 3\sqrt[3]{4} \leq 4+5 = 9$ , which is only possible for  $n = 1, 2$ .

If  $n = 1$ , then  $1 = 4 + 3\sqrt[3]{4-x^2}$ . This implies  $4-x^2 = -1$ , which shows  $x = \sqrt{5}$ .

If  $n = 2$ , then  $8 = 4 + 6\sqrt[3]{4-x^2}$ . This implies  $4-x^2 = 8/27$ , which shows  $x = \sqrt{100/27} = \frac{10}{3\sqrt{3}}$ .

The sum of the two possible values of  $x$  is  $\sqrt{5} + \frac{10}{3\sqrt{3}}$ . The answer is **d**.

25. Factoring the quadratic we obtain  $(x+3y)(3x+7y) = 2^7 \times 5^6$ . Note that  $(x+3y) + (3x+7y) = 4x+10y$  is even. Thus  $x+3y$  and  $3x+7y$  are both even. If  $x+3y = 2a$  and  $3x+7y = 2b$ , then  $x = 3b-7a$  and  $y = 3a-b$ . Therefore we need to find the number of pairs of integers  $(a, b)$  for which  $(2a)(2b) = 2^7 \times 5^6$ , or equivalently  $ab = 2^5 \times 5^6$ . The number of positive divisors of  $2^5 \times 5^6$  is  $6 \times 7 = 42$ . The number of all divisors is 84. The answer is **d**.