

**WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE**  
**NINETEENTH ANNUAL INVITATIONAL MATH MEET**  
**OCTOBER 18, 2006**  
**INDIVIDUAL EXAM QUESTION SHEET**

DIRECTIONS: Please write your answers on the **Individual Answer Sheet** provided. This part of the contest is 45 minutes. Each correct answer to questions 1-4 is worth 1 point, to questions 5-8 is worth 2 points and to questions 9-11 is worth 3 points. Calculators **MAY NOT** be used.

1. A triangle is determined by three straight lines:

$$y = \sqrt{3}x + 2$$
$$y = 2$$

and

$$y = mx + b$$

Find a value for  $m$  so that the triangle is *equilateral*.

2. If the line  $y = mx + 1$  intersects the ellipse  $x^2 + 4y^2 = 1$  exactly once then the value of  $m^2$  is equal to what?
3. A circle passes through the vertices of a triangle with side lengths  $7\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $10$  and  $12\frac{1}{2}$ . What is the radius of the circle?
4. If an arc of 60 degrees of circle I has the same length as an arc of 45 degrees of circle II then the ratio of the area of circle I to circle II is \_\_\_\_\_.
5. A fair die is rolled 6 times. What is the probability of rolling at least a 5 at least 5 times?
6. In an equilateral triangle, the area is equal to the perimeter. What is the radius of the circumscribed circle?
7. What is the sum of the series

$$103 + 106 + 109 + 112 + \dots + 523?$$

8. Factor  $x^4 - 8x^3 - 9x^2 + 92x + 140$  as completely as possible.
9. A parabola has its focus at the point  $(4,0)$  and its directrix is the line  $y = -4$ . A beam of light travels right to left, and parallel to the  $x$  axis and strikes the parabola where  $x = 8$ , reflecting off of it. At what coordinates will the reflected beam contact the parabola again?
10. The number  $(2^{48} - 1)$  is divisible by two numbers between 60 and 70. What are they?
11. Fermat's Little Theorem states that if  $p$  is prime and  $a$  not a multiple of  $p$  then

$$a^p \bmod p \equiv a$$

If it has been computed that  $5^{106483} \bmod 106483 \equiv 6586$  then what can be concluded about the number **106483** from this?

(For two numbers to be *equivalent* or *congruent mod p*, indicated by  $\equiv$ , their difference must be a multiple of  $p$ . Thus  $38 \bmod 6 \equiv 14$  because  $38 - 14 = 24 = 4(6)$ )

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|------------------------|-----------------|-------|------------------------|---------------------|-------|
| 1                      | $m = -\sqrt{3}$ |       | 5                      | 13/729              |       |
| 2                      | $\frac{3}{4}$   |       | 6                      | $R = 4$             |       |
| 3                      | 25/4            |       | 7                      | 44133 or 141(313)   |       |
| 4                      | 9/16            |       | 8                      | $(x+2)^2(x-5)(x-7)$ |       |
| # CORRECT $\times$ 1 = |                 |       | # CORRECT $\times$ 2 = |                     |       |

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|------------------------|---------------------|-------|
| 9                      | $(2, -4\sqrt{2})$   |       |
| 10                     | 63 and 65           |       |
| 11                     | 106483 is not prime |       |
| # CORRECT $\times$ 3 = |                     |       |

**Individual Total**