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32nd INVITATIONAL MATH MEET

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INDIVIDUAL EXAM with Answers

DIRECTIONS: Please write your answers on the Individual Answer Sheet provided. This part of the contest is 45 minutes long. Questions 1-4 are each worth 1 point. Questions 5-8 are each worth 2 points. Questions 9-11 are each worth 3 points. Calculators and other electronics **MAY NOT** be used.

1 Point Each:

1. What are all the nonnegative integers x for which $(x-6)(x+14)$ is a perfect square?
ans: 6, 22

2. A cow on 30' rope is hooked to a corner of a 10' x 20' barn.
How many square feet of grazing area does she have? **ans:** 800π ft²

3. Assume that all of the following are $n \times n$ invertible matrices: $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{X}$. Solve the following equation for \mathbf{X} : $\mathbf{A}^2 \mathbf{B}^{-1} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{C} + \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{I}_n$. (\mathbf{I}_n denotes the $n \times n$ identity matrix)
ans: $\mathbf{B} \mathbf{A}^{-2} (\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{F}) \mathbf{C}^{-1}$

4. Consider the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 16$ and the ellipse $x^2/16 + y^2/9 = 1$. What is the area inside the circle and outside the ellipse?
ans: 4π

2 Points Each:

5. If x is a real number such that $2x^3 + 4x^2 + 6x + 8 = 2468$, what is the value of $x^3 + 9x^2 + 8x + 8$??
ans: 1988

6. What is the area of the smallest circle centered at the origin which touches both branches of the hyperbola $xy = 2$?
ans: 4π

7. Please evaluate

$$\sum_{j=2}^5 \sum_{i=1}^6 (ji^2 + 2)$$

ans: 1322

8. In a certain school, 60% of the students have a dog at home. Suppose that 8 students are sampled. What is the probability that exactly 5 have a dog at home? (no need to simplify your resulting answer)

ans: $(8!/(5!3!)) * (0.6)^5 (0.4)^3$

3 Points Each:

9. Consider the infinite series $1 + \frac{i}{2} - \frac{1}{4} - \frac{i}{8} + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{i}{32} \dots$ where $i = \sqrt{-1}$ which converges to a point in the complex plane. If the distance of that point from the origin is $\frac{a\sqrt{5}}{b}$ find a and b . **ans:** $a=2$ $b = 5$

10. What is the value of k for which

$$\frac{2000!}{1000!} = k(1 \times 3 \times 5 \times 7 \times \dots \times 1997 \times 1999) \quad ?$$

ans: $k = 2^{1000}$

11. How many **0**'s are at the end of **62!**

ans: 14