

**WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE
TWENTY-EIGHTH INVITATIONAL MATH MEET
OCTOBER 20, 2015
INDIVIDUAL EXAM QUESTION SHEET**

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. Find k so the following system is consistent:

$$x + y = 1$$

$$kx + y = 2$$

$$x + ky = 3$$

2. Simplify $(63! - 61!) \bmod 71$
3. A square 1 cm on a side has the corners cut off resulting in a regular octagon. What is the length of a side of the octagon?
4. Convert $89\frac{1}{8}$ into binary form.

2 points each:

5. Find the prime factors of $1,000,027$.
6. Compute the value of the continued fraction.

$$\frac{1}{5 + \frac{1}{5 - \frac{1}{5 + \frac{1}{5 - \dots}}}}$$

7. For the conic section $\frac{(y+3)^2}{9} - \frac{(x-7)^2}{25} = 1$ please describe its asymptotes.

8. Consider the graph of the discrete function $f(n) = \sum_{k=1}^n (3/7)^k$.

What will it have for a horizontal asymptote?

3 points:

9. Reduce the fraction $\frac{116,690,151}{427,863,887}$ to lowest terms.

10. Simplify $\frac{(4+\sqrt{15})^{3/2} + (4-\sqrt{15})^{3/2}}{(6+\sqrt{35})^{3/2} - (6-\sqrt{35})^{3/2}}$ to a rational fraction.

11. Find a number system so that the number **11111** in that system is a perfect square of another number in that system. Your answer should be the **base** for that number system.

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QUESTION	ANSWER	SCORE	QUESTION	ANSWER	SCORE
1	$k = 4$		5	$7 \cdot 19 \cdot 73 \cdot 103$	
2	0		6	$L = \frac{27 - \sqrt{27^2 - 100}}{10}$	
3	$\sqrt{2} - 1$		7	$y = -3 \pm (3/5)(x-7)$	
4	1011001.001_2		8	$y = 3/4$	
# CORRECT $\times 1 =$			# CORRECT $\times 2 =$		

QUESTION	ANSWER	SCORE
9	$3/11$	
10	$7/13$	
11	base = 3 (102^2_3)	
# CORRECT $\times 3 =$		

Individual Total