

Question #1  
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The lines with equation  $Ax + 2y = B$  and  $4x + 3y = C$  are perpendicular  
and both lines contain the point  $(-2, 3)$ .

Find:  $A + B + C$

Question #2  
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Let A = the 50th term of the arithmetic sequence  
 $-3, -7, -11, -15, \dots$

Let B = the 20th term of the geometric sequence  
 $8192, -4096, 2048, -1024, \dots$

Let C = the sum of the first 50 terms of the arithmetic  
series  $-3 + 3 + 9 + 15 + \dots$

Let D =  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 3\left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^n$

Find:  $A + BCD$

Question #3  
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Given:  $z = 1 + 2i$  ( $i = \sqrt{-1}$ )

Let A = the conjugate of  $z$

Let B = the reciprocal of  $z$

Let C = the opposite of  $z$

Let D = the absolute value of  $z$

If the product  $ABCD^2$  is written in the form  $x + yi$  ( $x, y \in \mathfrak{R}$ ),

find the sum of  $x$  and  $y$ .

Question #4  
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Given:  $x^2 + y^2 + 12x - 2y + 21 = 0$

$$x^2 - y^2 + 4x + 8y - 21 = 0$$

$$x^2 + 4y^2 + 10x + 24y + 45 = 0$$

Line 1 contains the center of the circle.

Line 2 contains the centers of the hyperbola and the ellipse.

Line 1 is perpendicular to Line 2.

If the equation for Line 1 is written in the form  $Ax + By = C$ , where  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  are relatively prime integers and  $A > 0$ , find the sum of  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$ .

Question #5  
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There are 120 red marbles and 80 blue marbles in a bag that contains 200 marbles. If only blue marbles are added to the bag so that the probability of randomly drawing a blue marble from the bag becomes  $\frac{2}{3}$ , how many blue marbles must be added to the bag?

Question #6  
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The cubic equation  $x^3 - 3x^2 + Ax + B = 0$  has rational coefficients and one of the roots is  $-1 + i\sqrt{3}$ .

Find:  $AB$

Question #7  
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- Let A = the number of degrees in the measure of the largest angle in a triangle whose angles are in the ratio 2:3:4
- Let B = the number of units in the distance from the center of a circle with diameter 26 to a chord of the circle with length 10
- Let C = the number of cubic units in the volume of a cube with a diagonal of length  $\sqrt{12}$
- Let D = the number of square units in the area of a right triangle with hypotenuse of length 10 and legs with lengths in the ratio 1:2
- Find:  $\frac{AB}{CD}$

Question #8  
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Given:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 5 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 4 \\ 6 & -8 \end{bmatrix}$

- Let V = the sum of the entries in  $A^{-1}$
- Let W = the sum of the entries in AB
- Let X = the sum of the entries in  $B^2$
- Let Y = the value of the determinant of A
- Let Z = the value of the determinant of B
- Find:  $W - X + VYZ$

Question #9  
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- Let A = the value of  $\log_{0.008} \left( 25^{\frac{3}{25}} \right)$
- Let B = the sum  $d + e + f$  (where d, e, and f are integers), if  $\log_{10} 2 = x$ ,  $\log_{10} 3 = y$  and  $\log_{10} 150 = dx + ey + f$
- Let C = the value of x if  $(2x)^{\log_{10} 2} = (4x)^{\log_{10} 4}$  ( $x \neq 0$ )
- Let D = the sum  $\log_3 p + \log_3 q$ , if p and q are the roots of the quadratic equation  $3x^2 - 7x + 1 = 0$
- Find:  $\frac{BD}{AC}$

Question #10  
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The parabola with equation  $y = x^2 - 8x + 10$  intersects the line with equation  $y = 2x - 11$  in the points (A, B) and (C, D).

Find:  $A + B + C + D$

Question #11  
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Let A = the value of the discriminant of the quadratic equation  $3x^2 + 4x = 1$

Let B = the minimum value of the quadratic expression  $x^2 - 4x + 8$   
( $x \in \mathfrak{R}$ )

Let C = the sum of the x and y coordinates of the vertex of the graph of the quadratic function  $f(x) = -x^2 - 6x + 2$

Let D = the sum of the x and y coordinates of the focus of the graph of the quadratic function  $f(x) = x^2 + 2x - 3$

Find:  $AB + CD$

Question #12  
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Given the following recursively defined function:

$$f(1) = 100$$

$$f(n) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} f(n-1), & \text{if } f(n-1) \text{ is even} \\ \frac{1}{2} f(n-1) + \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } f(n-1) \text{ is odd.} \end{cases} \quad (\text{for } n \geq 2)$$

Find:  $f(5)$

Question #13  
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Given:  $a$  and  $b$  are distinct positive integers and  $5a + b = 32$

Find the sum of all possible values of  $a$ .

Question #14  
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Given:  $f(a,b) = (a^b)(b^a)$

Find:  $f(4, f(1,2))$

Question #15  
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Given:  $f(x) = x^4 - Ax^3 + Bx^2 + 9x - 12$  (A and B are positive integers)

Find: the product of all possible rational roots of  $f(x)$