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Theta Division

Individual Questions:

1. The largest number of consecutive zero place holders that would appear in the product of 11625000 and 102120000 is what?

Answer: 9

Solution: checking out the products  $12(25) = 300$  and  $625(12) = 7500$  which implies that you will get an additional 2 zeros in addition to the 3 zeros from the first number and 4 numbers from the second number therefore 9 zeros total.

2. Three vertices of a regular hexagon are chosen at random. What is the probability that an isosceles triangle will be formed by connecting these three vertices.

Answer:  $\frac{2}{5}$

Solution:  ${}_6C_3 = 20$  total possibilities. There are six isosceles triangles and 2 equilateral triangles

3. If  $\log_2 X + \log_4 X - \log_8 X = 7$ , then X equals what?

Answer: 64

Solution:  $\log_2 X + \log_4 X - \log_8 X = 7$ ;

$$\log_2 X + \log_{2^2} X - \log_{2^3} X = 7; \log_2 X + \frac{1}{2} \log_2 X - \frac{1}{3} \log_2 X = 7; \frac{7}{6} \log_2 X = 7; \log_2 X = 6; x = 64$$

4. If  $P(x+2) = x^3 + 9x^2 + 26x + 23$ , then  $P(x-2)$  is what?

Answer:  $X^3 - 3X^2 + 2X - 1$

Solution:  $P(x-2) = P(x-4) = (x-4)^3 + 9(x-4)^2 + 26(x-4) + 23 = x^3 - 12x^2 + 48x - 64 + 9x^2 - 72x + 144 + 26x - 104 + 23 = X^3 - 3X^2 + 2X - 1$

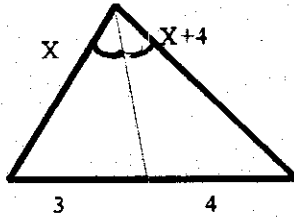
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Group Questions:

5. One side of a triangle is 4 inches longer than another side. The ray bisecting the angle between these two sides divides the third side into 3 inch and 4 inch segment. Find the perimeter, in inches, of the triangle.

Answer: 35

Solution:  $\frac{X}{3} = \frac{X+4}{4}$  ;  $4X = 3X + 12$ ;  $X = 12$ ;  $P = 12 + 16 + 3 + 4$



6. A RUNSUM is a sequence of consecutive positive integers. Three is the smallest RUNSUM of two consecutive integers. (1 + 2). Nine is the first number that has two different RUNSUMS: (2 + 3 + 4 and 4 + 5). Fifteen is the first number that has three RUNSUMS: (1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 and 7 + 8 and 4 + 5 + 6) What is the smallest number with four different RUNSUMS?

Answer: 45

Solution: 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 6 + 7 + 8 + 9 and 7 + 8 + 9 + 10 + 11 and 14 + 15 + 16 and 22 + 23

7. Find the area of the triangle formed using the centers of the following conic sections.

$$X^2 + Y^2 - 4X - 10Y + 25 = 0; \quad 3X^2 + 4Y^2 - 24X + 8Y + 40 = 0; \quad 3X^2 - 2Y^2 + 36X - 8Y + 94 = 0$$

Answer: 23

Solution: In graphing form the three conic equations are:  $(x - 2)^2 + (y - 5)^2 = 4$ ;  $\frac{(x - 4)^2}{4} + \frac{(y + 1)^2}{3} = 1$ ;

$\frac{(x + 6)^2}{2} - \frac{(y + 2)^2}{3} = 1$  The centers are (2, 5), (4, -1), (-6, -2). Using matrices you can find the area

to be 23. 
$$\pm \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 1 & 1 \\ -6 & -2 & 1 \\ 2 & 5 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 23$$

8. For a given line, the sum of the x and y-intercepts is  $6\frac{1}{3}$  and the product is 10. Find all possible value for the slope of this line.

Answer:  $-\frac{9}{10}, -\frac{10}{9}$

Solution: Intercepts:  $(x,0), (0,y)$  Slope =  $\frac{0-y}{x-0} = -\frac{y}{x}$   $xy = 10 \Rightarrow y = \frac{10}{x}$   $x+y = x + \frac{10}{x} = \frac{19}{3}$   
 $3x^2 - 19x + 30 = 0$   $(3x-10)(x-3) = 0$   $x=3 \rightarrow y = \frac{10}{3}$  Slope =  $-\frac{10}{9}$   $x = \frac{10}{3}$   $y=3$  slope =  $-\frac{9}{10}$

9A. Find all rational zeros of  $f(x) = 4x^3 - 12x^2 - 19x + 12$

Answer:  $4, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}$

Solution:  $4x^3 - 12x^2 - 19x + 12 = 0; (x-4)(2x-1)(2x+3) = 0; x = 4, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}$

9B. Find the area bounded by the functions  $f(x) = -\frac{2}{3}(x+4)^2 + 3$  and  $f(x) = -3$

Answer: 24 units<sup>2</sup>

Solution: Area of a parabolic section of  $A = \frac{2}{3}bh$  The vertex is  $(-4, 3)$  and when  $y = -3$  you get  $(-7, -3)$  and  $(-1, -3)$ . The function  $f(x) = -3$  creates a base of length 6 and a height of 6.  $A = \frac{2}{3}(6)(6) = 24$

10A. Solve for x over the Real Numbers:  $8^{\frac{1}{6}} + x^{\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{7}{3-\sqrt{2}}$

Answer: 27

Solution:  $8^{\frac{1}{6}} + x^{\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{7}{3-\sqrt{2}}$   $(2^3)^{\frac{1}{6}} + x^{\frac{1}{3}} = 3 + \sqrt{2}$   $x^{\frac{1}{3}} = 3$   $x = 27$

10B. Find the positive value of m such that P(m, 2m) is 5 units from the line  $12x + 5y = 1$ .

Answer: 3

Solution:  $\frac{|12m + 5(2m) - 1|}{\sqrt{144 + 25}} = 5$   $|22m - 1| = 65$   $22m - 1 = 65$  or  $22m - 1 = -65; m = 3,$   
 $m = \frac{-32}{11}$

11A. Find  $g(4)$  if  $g(x-1) = x^2 + 2$

Answer: 27

Solution: If  $x = 1$  then  $g(0) = 2$ ; if  $x = 2$  then  $g(1) = 6$ ; if  $x = 3$  then  $g(2) = 11$ ; if  $x = 4$  then  $g(3) = 18$ ; if  $x = 5$  then  $g(4) = 27$

11B. Find  $g^{-1}(4)$  if  $g(x) = x^3 - 4$

Answer: 2

Solution:  $y = g(x) = x^3 - 4$      $x = y^3 - 4$      $y = \sqrt[3]{x + 4}$      $g^{-1}(4) = \sqrt[3]{4 + 4} = \sqrt[3]{8} = 2$

11C. Find  $f^{-1}(g(h(5)))$  if  $f(x) = x - 1$ ,  $g(x) = 3x$ , and  $h(x) = \frac{5}{x}$

Answer: 4

Solution:  $h(5) = 1$ ;  $g(1) = 3$ ;  $f^{-1}(3) = 4$

11D. Find the value of  $A$  if the point  $(3, 2)$  lies on the graph of the inverse of  $f(x) = 2x^2 + x + A$

Answer: -15

Solution: If  $(3, 2)$  lies on the inverse of  $f$ , then the point  $(2, 3)$  lies on  $f$ . Substituting in  $f$  gives  $2 \cdot 2^3 + 2 + A = 3$ ;  $A = -15$

12A. Given  $f = \{(0, -3), (2, 5), (-1, 1), (4, 2)\}$ ,  $g = \{(-1, 2), (1, 4), (4, 3), (0, -1)\}$ , and  $h = \{(4, 2), (1, 0), (-3, 4), (3, -1)\}$ , find  $f(g(h(x)))$ .

Answer:  $\{(1, 1), (3, 5)\}$

Solution: Starting with set  $h$  the only ordered pairs that are able to have a value for  $f(g(h(x)))$  are  $(1, 0): 1 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow -1 \rightarrow 1$ ;  $(3, 5): 3 \rightarrow -1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 5$

12B. Solve for all values of  $x$ :  $2^x + 2^x + 2^x + 2^x = 2^{x^2}$

Answer: 2, -1

Solution:  $2^x + 2^x + 2^x + 2^x = 2^{x^2}$ ;  $4(2^x) = 2^{x^2}$   $2^{x+2} = 2^{x^2}$ ;  $x^2 = x + 2$ ;  $x^2 - x - 2 = 0$   
 $(x-2)(x+1)=0$ ;  $x = 2, x = -1$

12C. In the expansion of  $(2x + c)^8$ , for some non-zero value of the constant  $c$ , the fourth and fifth terms have the same numerical coefficient. Find the value of  $c$ .

Answer:  $\frac{8}{5}$

Solution:  ${}_8C_3 \cdot 2^5 \cdot c^3 = {}_8C_4 \cdot 2^4 \cdot c^4$   $56 \cdot 2 = 70 \cdot c$   $c = \frac{8}{5}$

12D. Find the smallest positive integer which has exactly 27 distinct positive integral factors.

Answer: 900

Solution: A number of the form  $(a^2)(b^2)(c^2)$  with  $a, b,$  and  $c$  prime has  $(2+1)(2+1)(2+1) = 27$  factors  
The smallest such integer is  $2^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^2 = 900$