

PRECALCULUS BOWL SOLUTIONS

1. $9\frac{1}{3}$ or $\frac{28}{3}$ **Part A**—We have $a + 30d = 16$ & $a + 72d = 46$. Solving gives $a = -2$ & $d = \frac{2}{3}$.
 Hence, the 6th term is $\frac{4}{3}$. **Part B**—We have $ar = 4$ & $ar^5 = 16$. Solving gives $r = \sqrt{2}$ & $a = 2\sqrt{2}$.
 Hence, the 4th term is 8. Sum the parts to get the answer.

2. $\frac{53}{112}$ **Part A**—This must be split into 2 inf. series: $\frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{7^2} + \frac{1}{7^3} + \dots = \frac{1}{6}$ & $\frac{1}{7^2} + \frac{1}{7^4} + \frac{1}{7^6} + \dots = \frac{1}{48}$.
 $1 - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{8} - \dots = 1 - \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} = 0$
 The sum of these series is $\frac{3}{16}$. **Part B**—Split the series again:
 $\frac{2}{8} + \frac{2}{64} + \dots = \frac{\frac{2}{8}}{1 - \frac{1}{8}} = \frac{2}{7}$.
 & The sum of these series is $\frac{2}{7}$. Sum the parts to get the answer.

3. **230** **Part A**—For ea question, there are 2 choices. So, there are $2^5 = 32$ choices. **Part B**—
 The books that must be together are treated as a single unit. Those books may be in 2 diff orders, so mult by 2 at the end. We have 4 book units that can be arranged in $4! = 24$ ways. Mult by 2 = 48 ways. **Part C**—A palindrome is of the form tht . The h digit is chosen in 9 ways (can't be 0), and the t digit is chosen in 10 ways. The total # is 90 ways. **Part D**—We need 1 of 4 flavors and 2 of 6 toppings. This is $C(4,1) \cdot C(6,2) = (4)(15) = 90$. Sum the parts for the answer

4. **52** **Part A**—First, count the 4 corner posts, then 9 posts (side of length 20) to the next corner, then 5 posts (side of width 12), to the next corner, etc, for a total of 32 posts. **Part B**—Ten degrees = $\frac{5}{3}$ mins. So, we need the time when the hour hand is $\frac{5}{3}$ mins from the min. hand. Let the min. hand be at x mins. So, the hour hand is $\frac{x}{60}$ of the way from hour 4 to hour 5. The hour hand is at min $20 + 5\left(\frac{x}{60}\right) = 20 + \frac{x}{12}$. The 1st time the 2 hands are 10 degrees apart, the min hand is before the hour hand. So, $x + \frac{5}{3} = 20 + \frac{x}{12}$. This gives $x = 20$. Sum parts for the answer.

5. **235** **Part A**—There will be no inverse exactly when the determinant = 0. Solving the 3×3 determinant gives $c = -1$. **Part B**—The determinant of a product is the product of the determinants. So, the determinant of D = $(2)(4) - (1)(3) = 5$, of E is $(2)(4) - (3)(5) = -7$, and of F is $(2)(1) - (1)(6) = -4$. The product is 140. **Part C**—Solving this determinant by row reducing and then solving, gives 96. Sum the parts to get the answer.

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6. $\frac{163}{36}$ **Part A**—Use the identity $\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$ to add together all 8 trig terms, pairing the terms with identical angles. This sum is 4, and the sum of the squares of the sines is $\frac{9}{4}$, so the required sum is $4 - \frac{9}{4} = \frac{7}{4}$. **Part B**—Since $\tan x = \frac{1}{\cot x}$ and $\cot x = \frac{1}{\tan x}$, then rewrite $\frac{1}{\tan x} + \frac{1}{\cot x}$ as $\cot x + \tan x$, which is given as $\frac{25}{9}$. Sum the parts to get the answer.

7. $\frac{1}{8}$ or $\frac{9}{8}$ **Part A**—Factoring the bottom gives $(\sqrt{x} - 4)(\sqrt{x} + 4)$. Cancelling leaves the problem as $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x} + 4}$ and the limit is $\frac{1}{8}$. **Part B**—The denom. goes to infinity as the num. oscillates btwn 1 & -1, so the limit is 0. **Part C**—Mult the top and bottom by the conjugate of the bottom and simplify to get $\frac{4x}{\sqrt{4x^2 + 5x} + \sqrt{4x^2 + x}} = \frac{4}{\sqrt{4 + \frac{5}{x}} + \sqrt{4 + \frac{1}{x}}} = \frac{4}{4} = 1$. Sum the parts to get the answer.

8. $78\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{157}{2}$ **Part A**—We get $(2 + 4 + 6 + \dots + 38 + 40) - (1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + 37 + 39) = 1 + 1 + 1 + \dots + 1 + 1 = 20$. **Part B**—The avg of the 1st 50 positive integers is the same as the avg of the 1st and last of these integers, hence, 25.5. **Part C**—We know the sum of n integers is $\frac{1}{2}n(n + 1)$. We want $\frac{1}{2}n(n + 1) \leq 200$. The largest such n is 19. **Part D**—If term 4 + term 5 = term 6, then term 5 = term 6 - term 4 = 6 - 4 = 2. Then term 7 = term 5 + term 6 = 2 + 6 = 8. So, term 8 = term 6 + term 7 = 6 + 8 = 14. Sum the parts to get the answer.

9. $\frac{4}{3}$ **Part A**—To find $y = f^{-1}(-2)$, we write $-2 = f(y) = \frac{1}{y+2} \rightarrow y = -\frac{5}{2}$. Then $g(f^{-1}(-2)) = g\left(-\frac{5}{2}\right) = 3$. **Part B**—to find $f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$, we need to find x such that $g(x) = 1 - x^2 = \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$. So, $f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = f\left(g\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)\right) = 1$. Sum the parts to get the answer.

10. $\frac{2}{3}$ **Part A**—Both the numerator's and the denominator's values are 1 because the value of ea of the products (sin)(csc) and (cos)(sec) and (tan)(cot) is 1. **Part B**—Since $\tan x = \frac{1}{\tan(90 - x)}$, then $\tan 15 - \tan 75 = 1$ & $\tan 30 \cdot \tan 60 = 1$. So, $(1)(1)\tan 45 = 1$. Sum the parts to get the answer.

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11. $33\frac{3}{4}$ or $\frac{135}{4}$ **Part A**—The reciprocals of the sequence are $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{6.1}{3.1}, \dots$ This is now an arithmetic sequence and the 8th term is $\frac{4}{3}$. The 8th term in the harmonic sequence is the reciprocal of this, or $\frac{3}{4}$. **Part B**—Using the given relation, we get $a_n = 33$. Sum the parts to get the answer.

12. **554** **Part A**—Convert from log form to exponential form: $\cos x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \rightarrow x = 45$. **Part B**—Converting again gives $b^2 = \log_2 x^2 \rightarrow (\log_2 [x])^2$. Rearrange & factor to get $(\log_2 3x)^2 - (-2 + \log_2 3x) = 0 \rightarrow \log_2 3x = 2 \& x = 9$.
Part C— $(\log_x [2x]) (\log_{10} [x]) = 3 \Rightarrow \left(\frac{\log 2x}{\log x}\right) \left(\frac{\log x}{\log 10}\right) = \log_{10} 2x = 3 \rightarrow 10^3 = 2x \rightarrow x = 500$. Sum the parts to get the answer.

13. $\frac{1}{26} + \frac{16}{25}$ **Part A**—This is simply a counting problem. There are $52!$ ways to order the cards. To count the ways that 2 given cards can be adjacent, we consider them as a unit, so we can now order 51 cards in $51!$ ways. Since the 2 given cards can be ordered in 2 ways, the final probability is $[2(51!)]/52! = 1/26$. **Part B**—Applying $P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$, we get

$$P = \frac{\binom{1}{2} \binom{4}{6}}{\binom{1}{2} \binom{4}{6} + \binom{1}{2} \binom{3}{8}} = \frac{16}{25}$$
Sum the parts to get the answer.

14. **119** **Part A**—The stamps which are not on the border form an 8 x 8 square of 64 stamps. Thus, the required probability is 64% (we use 64). **Part B**—The largest box is not empty; it contains 10 smaller boxes. Since exactly 6 boxes are not empty, then 5 of the 10 smaller boxes are empty. The other 5 smaller boxes each contain 10 empty boxes. Therefore, the number of empty boxes is $5 + (5)(10) = 55$. Sum the parts to get the answer.
