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State Math Contest (Junior)

Instructions:

- Do not turn this page until your proctor tells you.
 - Enter your name, grade, and school information following the instructions given by your proctor.
 - Calculators are **not** allowed on this exam.
 - This is a multiple choice test with 40 questions. Each question is followed by answers marked a), b), c), d), and e). Only one answer is correct.
 - Mark your answer to each problem on the bubble sheet Answer Form with a #2 pencil. Erase errors and stray marks. Only answers properly marked on the bubble sheet will be graded.
 - **Scoring:** You will receive 6 points for each correct answer, 1.5 points for each problem left unanswered, and 0 points for each incorrect answer.
 - You will have 2 hours and 30 minutes to finish the test.
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Solution:

Correct answer: $16/7$ miles per hour.

The current helps the duck swim downstream and hinders her swimming upstream. Let the duck's speed in still water be x and the speed of the current be y . Then, swimming downstream the duck's speed is $x+y$, while swimming upstream it is $x-y$. Hence, we have for downstream

$$(x+y)2 = 8$$

and for upstream

$$(x-y)14 = 8.$$

Solving these equations, we have $x = 16/7$ and $y = 12/7$. Hence, the duck's speed in still water is $16/7$ miles per hour.

4. You are rolling 2 dice. What is the probability that the absolute value of the difference of the outcomes is at least 4?

a) $\frac{1}{6}$

b) $\frac{1}{2}$

c) $\frac{1}{5}$

d) $\frac{1}{9}$

e) $\frac{3}{5}$

Solution:

Correct answer: a

There are 6 options for each die making the total number of out comes $6 \times 6 = 36$. The ways you could get a difference of more than 3 are:

$$1,6; \quad 6,1; \quad 1,5; \quad 5,1; \quad 2,6; \quad 6,2.$$

Making the probability $\frac{6}{36} = \frac{1}{6}$.

5. A triangle in the xy -plane has vertices at $(7, 3)$, $(12, 3)$, and $(c + 7, 15)$. Find values of c so that this is a right triangle.

a) 4

b) 3 and -2

c) 8 and -4

d) 0 and -3

e) 0 and 5

f) 9

Solution:

Correct answer: e

For the three points to form a right triangle $c + 7$ needs to equal 7 or 12. Thus $c = 0, 5$.

6. A parabola in the xy -plane is known to have its vertex at $(2, 5)$ and its focus 2 units to the left of the vertex. What is its equation?

a) $(y - 2)^2 = -8(x - 5)$

b) $(y - 5)^2 = -8(x - 2)$

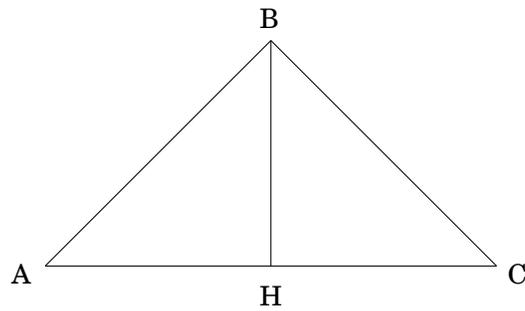
c) $(y - 5)^2 = 2(x - 2)$

d) $(y - 2)^2 = -2(x - 5)$

e) $(y - 5) = 4(x - 2)^2$

Solution:

Correct answer: b



a) $8\sqrt{3}$

b) $4\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

c) 16

d) 10

e) $4\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$

Solution:

Correct answer: a

The triangle $\triangle ABH$ is congruent to the triangle $\triangle BCH$.

The angle $\angle BAH$ is complementary to the angle $\angle ABH$ since $\triangle ABH$ is a right triangle.

Thus $\triangle ABH$ is a $(\frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{\pi}{2})$ right triangle and AH has length $4\sqrt{3}$. So the length of AC is $8\sqrt{3}$.

16. Find the sum of all the even integers from 546 to 854 inclusive:

$$546 + 548 + 550 + \dots + 852 + 854.$$

a) 106,400

b) 109,200

c) 107,800

d) 107,100

e) 108,500

Solution:

Correct answer: e

$$(546 + 854) + (548 + 852) + (550 + 850) + \dots + (696 + 704) + (698 + 702) + 700$$

$$1400 + 1400 + 1400 + \dots + 1400 + 1400 + 700$$

Since $698 - 546 = 152$ and we have only even numbers we have $76 + 1 = 77$ times 1400 are added together.

$$(77 \times 1400) + 700 = 108500$$

17. Find a real number a such that equation $||x - a| - a| = 2$ has exactly three different solutions.

a) -1

b) 1

c) 0

d) -2

e) 2

Solution:

Correct answer: e

Removing one absolute value sign, we have

$$|x - a| = a \pm 2.$$

It is clear that when $a = 2$, there are three solutions: 2, 6, -2.

18. Let x and y be positive numbers satisfying

$$2 + \log_2 x = 3 + \log_3 y = \log_6(x + y).$$

Find the value of $\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y}$.

a) 54

b) 36

c) 108

d) 216

e) 81

Solution:

Correct answer: c

Let

$$a = 2 + \log_2 x = 3 + \log_3 y = \log_6(x + y).$$

Then,

$$x = 2^{a-2}, y = 3^{a-3}, (x + y) = 6^a.$$

Hence,

$$\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} = \frac{x + y}{xy} = \frac{6^a}{2^{a-2}3^{a-3}} = 2^2 \times 3^3 = 108.$$

19. What is the minimal value of $4(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) - (x + y + z)^2$ when x, y, z are different integers?

a) 8

b) 9

c) 7

d) 6

e) 10

Solution:

Correct answer: a

Note

$$4(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) - (x + y + z)^2 = (x - y)^2 + (y - z)^2 + (z - x)^2 + x^2 + y^2 + z^2.$$

So it has the minimal value 8 when $x = 1, y = 0$, and $z = -1$.

20. The probability that a baseball player gets a hit is $1/5$. Find the probability that the player gets exactly 2 hits when batting 4 times in his next game.

a) $\frac{95}{625}$

b) $\frac{98}{625}$

c) $\frac{92}{625}$

d) $\frac{94}{625}$

e) $\frac{96}{625}$

Solution:

Correct answer: e

The probability of getting a hit, a hit, a miss, and a miss, in the order is $\frac{1}{5} \frac{1}{5} \frac{4}{5} \frac{4}{5} = \frac{4^2}{5^4}$. We then multiply it by the number of possible order in which the hits can come, which is the number of ways to choose 2 of 4 at bats to be hits, that is 6. Thus, the total probability is $6 \times \frac{4^2}{5^4} = \frac{96}{625}$.

21. Find x if $3^{27^x} = 27^{3^x}$.

a) $x = 1/3$

b) $x = 1/2$

c) $x = 3/2$

d) $x = 1/4$

e) $x = 2/3$

Solution:

Correct answer: b

Express the both sides with the same base 3. Then we have

$$3^{27^x} = 27^{3^x} = (3^3)^{3^x} = 3^{(3)3^x} = 3^{3^{1+x}}.$$

Hence, $27^x = 3^{1+x}$. Again express the both sides with the same base 3, we have

$$3^{1+x} = (3^3)^x = 3^{3x}.$$

Hence $1 + x = 3x$, that is $x = 1/2$.

22. Find y if $(2, y)$ lies on the line joining $(0, 3/2)$ and $(9/4, 0)$.

a) $y = -1/6$

b) $y = 1/6$

c) $y = -1/3$

d) $y = 1/3$

e) $y = 5/6$

Solution:

Correct answer: b

The line in equation is given by $4x + 6y = 9$. Plugging in $x = 2$, we have $8 + 6y = 9$, hence $y = 1/6$.

23. Find the *shortest* path which starts at the origin and visits all five of the following points and returns to the origin: $\{(0, 0), (1, 0.5), (2, 1), (2, 0), (0, 3)\}$.

a) $(0, 0), (1, 0.5), (2, 1), (2, 0), (0, 3), (0, 0)$

b) $(0, 0), (2, 0), (1, 0.5), (2, 1), (0, 3), (0, 0)$

c) $(0, 0), (1, 0.5), (2, 0), (2, 1), (0, 3), (0, 0)$

d) $(0, 0), (0, 3), (1, 0.5), (2, 0), (2, 1), (0, 0)$

e) $(0, 0), (0, 3), (2, 0), (1, 0.5), (2, 1), (0, 0)$

Solution:

Correct answer: c

By inspection the path (c) is shorter than the path (d) and the path (a) is shorter than the path (e). Let x be the distance from $(0, 0)$ to $(1, 0.5)$. Then the distance from $(1, 0.5)$ to $(2, 0)$ and the distance $(1, 0.5)$ to $(2, 1)$ are also both equal to x . Notice that $x > 1$. Let y be the $(2, 0)$ to $(0, 3)$ and z be the distance from $(2, 1)$ to $(0, 3)$. Then $z < y$.

The length of the path (a) is $2x + y + 4$.

The length of the path (b) is $2x + z + 5$.

The length of the path (c) is $2x + z + 4$.

Thus the path (c) is the shortest.

Solution:

Correct answer: e

The units digit of 13^{2017} is the same as that of 3^{2017} . Since $2017 = 4 \times 504 + 1$, we have

$$3^{2017} = 3^{4 \times 504 + 1} = 3^{4 \times 504} 3 = (3^4)^{504} 3 = 81^{405} 3.$$

So the units digit is 3.

35. Find all real numbers a such that $f(x) = x^2 + a|x - 1|$ is an increasing function on the interval $[0, \infty)$.

a) $[-2, \infty)$

b) $[-2, 0]$

c) $(-\infty, 0]$

d) $[0, 2]$

e) $[-2, 2]$

Solution:

Correct answer: b

For $0 \leq x \leq 1$, $f(x) = x^2 - ax + a$. Thus $f(x)$ is increasing on the interval $[0, 1]$ if and only if $a \leq 0$. On the interval $[1, \infty)$, $f(x) = x^2 + ax - a$. Hence, $f(x) = x^2 + ax - a$ is increasing on $[1, \infty)$ if and only if $a \geq -2$. Hence $[-2, 0]$ is the set of real numbers such that the function is increasing.

36. Let $f(x)$ be an odd function defined on \mathbb{R} satisfying

(a) $f(x + 2) = -f(x)$, for all real numbers x ;

(b) $f(x) = 2x$ when $0 \leq x \leq 1$.

Find the value of $f(10\sqrt{3})$.

a) $20\sqrt{3} - 36$

b) $-20\sqrt{3} + 36$

c) $-10\sqrt{3} + 18$

d) $10\sqrt{3} + 18$

e) $-20\sqrt{3} - 36$

Solution:

Correct answer: b

Since $f(x + 2) = -f(x)$, we have

$$f(x + 4) = -f(x + 2) = f(x).$$

Hence f is a periodic function with period 4. Then using that $f(x)$ is an odd function and $f(x) = 2x$ when $0 \leq x \leq 1$, we have

$$f(10\sqrt{3}) = f(10\sqrt{3} - 16) = -f(-10\sqrt{3} + 16)$$

$$= f(-10\sqrt{3} + 18) = 2(-10\sqrt{3} + 18) = -20\sqrt{3} + 36.$$

37. Assume x and y are real numbers and satisfy $x^3 + 2x^2y - 3y^3 = 0$. Then $x^2 + y^2$ must be equal to which of the following?

a) 2

b) $2x$

c) $2x^2$

d) $2x^3$

e) $2y$

Solution:

Correct answer: c

If $y \neq 0$, then dividing by y^3 we obtain $\frac{x^3}{y^3} + 4\frac{x^2}{y^2} - 3 = 0$. Letting $z = \frac{x}{y}$ this gives $z^3 + 2z^2 - 3 = 0$ which has a unique real solution $z = 1$. Thus $x = y$ and $x^2 + y^2 = 2x^2$.

If $y = 0$ then $x^3 = 0$. Thus $x = 0$ and $x^2 + y^2 = 2x = 0$.

38. $\sqrt[3]{2\sqrt{13}+5} - \sqrt[3]{2\sqrt{13}-5} =$

a) -1

b) $2\sqrt{13}$

c) 10

d) 1

e) 3

Solution:

Correct answer: d

Let $A = \sqrt[3]{2\sqrt{13}+5}$ and $B = \sqrt[3]{2\sqrt{13}-5}$. Then we wish to solve for $A - B$. Notice that $A^3 - B^3 = 2\sqrt{13} + 5 - (2\sqrt{13} - 5) = 10$ and $AB = \sqrt[3]{(2\sqrt{13}+5)(2\sqrt{13}-5)} = 3$.

$(A - B)^3 = A^3 - 3A^2B + 3AB^2 - B^3 = A^3 - B^3 - 3AB(A - B) = 10 - 9(A - B)$

$(A - B)^3 + 9(A - B) - 10 = ((A - B) - 1)((A - B)^2 + (A - B) + 10) = 0$. Since $A - B$ is real, $A - B = 1$.

39. Suppose real numbers x, y, z satisfy the equation $\frac{x}{y+z} + \frac{y}{z+x} + \frac{z}{x+y} = 1$.

Compute the value of

$$\frac{x^2}{y+z} + \frac{y^2}{z+x} + \frac{z^2}{x+y}.$$

a) 1

b) -1

c) 2

d) 0

e) -2

Solution:

Correct answer: d

We first note that $x + y + z \neq 0$. Otherwise,

$$\frac{x}{y+z} + \frac{y}{z+x} + \frac{z}{x+y} = -3.$$

Thus, we have

$$\left(\frac{x}{y+z} + \frac{y}{z+x} + \frac{z}{x+y}\right)(x+y+z) = (x+y+z).$$

Simplifying it, we have

$$\frac{x^2}{y+z} + x + \frac{y^2}{z+x} + y + \frac{z^2}{x+y} + z = (x+y+z),$$

which yields

$$\frac{x^2}{y+z} + \frac{y^2}{z+x} + \frac{z^2}{x+y} = 0.$$

40. Find the area of overlap between the two circular discs, $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ and $(x - 2)^2 + y^2 = 3$.

a) $\frac{\pi}{2} - 1$

b) $\frac{\pi}{4}$

c) $\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

d) $\frac{4}{5}$

e) $\frac{5\pi}{6} - \sqrt{3}$.

Solution:

Correct answer: e

The circles intersect in the points $(1/2, \pm\sqrt{3}/2)$. Draw a vertical line between those two points. Then the right half of the area of intersection is obtained by cutting out an isosceles triangle from the sector of 120

degrees (one third of a circle of radius 1). Thus its area is $\frac{\pi}{3} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}$.

The left half of the area of intersection is obtained by cutting out an isosceles triangle from the sector of 60 degrees (one sixth of a circle of radius $\sqrt{3}$). Thus its area is $\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4}$. Add those areas together to get the correct area.