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Senior High School First Year Contest Problem

Examination Time: 90 min Total Point: 100points Score: \_\_\_\_\_

■ Contestant must write down the answer of each problem in the blank, answer with erasure will not be credited!  
 ■ For Problem 17 and 18, presentation of solution on the space provided is a must, no credit will be given if only the final answer is written down in the paper!

Multiple Choice	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Answer								
Fill-in the blank	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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A. Multiple-Choice Problems. (5 points each, a total of 40 points)

- What are the possible values of  $a$  such that  $A \subseteq (A \cap B)$ , where both  $A = \{x \mid 2a + 1 \leq x \leq 3a - 5\}$  and  $B = \{x \mid 3 \leq x \leq 22\}$  are non-empty set?  
 A.  $\{a \mid 6 \leq a \leq 9\}$     B.  $\{a \mid a \leq 9\}$     C.  $\{a \mid 1 \leq a \leq 9\}$     D.  $\emptyset$
- If the function  $y = f^{-1}(x)$  is the inverse function of  $y = f(x)$  and the graph of  $y = f^{-1}(x + 5)$  passes through the point  $(-1, 3)$ , then the graph of  $y = f(x + 1)$  will pass through what following point of coordinate?  
 A.  $(2, 4)$     B.  $(3, -1)$     C.  $(-2, 8)$     D.  $(3, 4)$
- Determine the monotonic range of  $f(x) = \log_{\frac{1}{2}} \cos x$  where  $x \in (0, 2\pi)$ .  
 A.  $(\pi, 2\pi)$     B.  $(0, \pi)$     C.  $(0, \frac{\pi}{2})$     D.  $(\frac{3\pi}{2}, 2\pi)$
- Select any three distinct numbers from  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, 20\}$  and hence, when these three numbers are arranged in arithmetic sequence of ascending order. How many possible arithmetic sequence are there?  
 A. 90    B. 120    C. 180    D. 240
- The three vertices of  $\triangle ABC$  are  $A, B, C$  and  $P$  is a point the plane such that  $\vec{PA} + \vec{PB} + \vec{PC} = \vec{AB}$ . , Determine the relationship of point  $P$  and  $\triangle ABC$ .

- A.  $P$  is on the straight line of side  $AB$     B.  $P$  is an exterior point of  $\triangle ABC$   
 C.  $P$  is an interior point of  $\triangle ABC$     D.  $P$  is a trisection point on side

6. If the terminal side of  $\theta$  is in Second Quadrant and  $\sin \frac{\theta}{2} < \cos \frac{\theta}{2}$ , then what is the

value of  $2^{\left| \log_2 \left| \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \right| \right|}$  ?

- A.  $\sec(\pi - \frac{\theta}{2})$     B.  $\cos \frac{\theta}{2}$     C.  $\sec(-\frac{\theta}{2})$     D.  $-\cos(\frac{\theta}{2} - \pi)$

7. Mary randomly selected 3 digits from 1 to 9 and then arranged these as a 3-digit number with the bigger digit in the higher place value. Nestor also randomly selected 3 digits from 1 to 8 and followed the procedure as given above to form another 3-digit number. What is the probability that the 3-digit number of Mary is selected is greater than the 3-digit number of Nestor selected?

- A.  $\frac{47}{72}$     B.  $\frac{49}{72}$     C.  $\frac{37}{56}$     D.  $\frac{2}{3}$

8. How many elements are there in a set

$$A = \{(x, y, z) \mid x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 4 = xy + 3y + 2z, x, y, z \in R\} ?$$

- A. 1    B. 2    C. 0    D. None

B. Fill in the blank. (5 points each, a total of 40 points)

- Let  $f(x) = (4a - 3)x + b - 2a$ ,  $x \in [0, 1]$  and  $f(0) \leq 2$ ,  $f(1) \leq 2$ . What is the maximum value of  $a + b$ ?
- For any real numbers  $x$  and  $y$ , we have a function  $f(x)$  satisfy  $f(x+y) = f(x)f(y)$  and  $f(1) = 2$ . What is the numerical value of  $\frac{f(2)}{f(1)} + \frac{f(3)}{f(2)} + \dots + \frac{f(2005)}{f(2004)}$ ?
- If  $A$  and  $B$  are acute angles that satisfy  $\tan A \cdot \tan B = \tan A + \tan B + 1$ , then what is the value of  $\cos(A + B)$ ?
- Given two sets:  $A = \{(x, y) \mid y = ax + 2\}$ ,  $B = \{(x, y) \mid y = |x + 1|\}$  and  $\text{cardinal}(A \cap B) = 1$ , what are the possible values of  $a$ ?
- Give a prime factors of  $1 + 2^{21} + 4^{21}$ .

14. Let real numbers  $x, y$  satisfy the system of equations 
$$\begin{cases} (x-1)^3 + 2005(x-1) = -1, \\ (y-1)^3 + 2005(y-1) = 1. \end{cases}$$

What is the numerical value of  $x + y$ ?

15. Procedure of performing a *bubble sort* operation to a series  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  is as follows: First, compare the size of  $a_1$  from the first and  $a_2$  from the second terms in the given series. If  $a_1 > a_2$ , then swap the two positions in the series (that is, exchange their value), or remain unchanged if they are equal; then compare the size of second and third term in the series, follow the same rule, that is; if  $a_2 > a_3$ , then swap, or else remain unchanged if they are equal; then compare the size of the third and fourth and so on  $\dots$ , according to the same rules, when reaching the last two terms, after compare the size of  $a_{n-1}, a_n$  and after the end of swapping the location, then stop. Now randomly arrange  $1, 2, 3, \dots, 2013$  as a series and perform the above described “Bubble Sort” technique to this series of 2013 terms. What is the probability that after bubble sort the number in the 10<sup>th</sup> term is the number in the 5<sup>th</sup> term?

16. Let  $f(x) = \left| \dots \left| x^{10} - 2^{2013} \right| - 2^{2012} \right| - \dots - 2^2 \left| - 2 \right|$ . What is the value of  $f(2013)$ ?

**C. Problem Solving. (10 points each, a total of 20 points. Show your brief solution on the space below each question)**

17. Given:  $A \subseteq \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 2013\}$ . What is the largest possible number of pairs of elements in set  $A$  so that the absolute value of the difference of any two elements is neither equal to 3 nor 4 nor 5?

18. The triplet  $(A, B, C)$  can be transformed with the following two steps:

Transformation 1: Three numbers can be rearranged arbitrarily

Transformation 2: Convert  $(A, B, C)$  into  $(2B + 2C - A, B, C)$ ;

Assume that the initial state of a given triplet is  $(-1, 0, 1)$ .

- (a) Can we perform a finite number of steps of transformation to obtain a triplet as  $(2012, 2013, 2014)$ . Explain.
- (b) Can we perform a finite number of steps of transformation to obtain a triplet such as  $(2009, 2010, 2011)$ . Explain.
- (c) Determine all possible values of  $x$  so that there is a finite number of steps of transformation to obtain a triplet as  $(1, 2024, x)$ . Explain