## MAO - 1998

## Gemini - Alpha Level

6. A class contains 5 boys and 5 girls. They select seats at random around a circular table that seats 10. Find the probability that at least two girls will sit next to each other.

7. 
$$\frac{1}{\frac{1}{s-1}-1}-1=1 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{t+7}{7}=\frac{13}{8}.$$

Find the value of the product st.

- 8. Consider all positive integer solutions to 3x + 4y = 50. What is the difference between the largest and smallest values of x that can occur?
- 9. Give the value of A where  $2^A = (1+i)^{200} + (1-i)^{200}$
- 10. A house valued at \$90,000 in 1985 was sold for \$250,000 in 1998. Assuming that the value of the house was modeled during that period of time by the exponential function  $y = ar^x$ , give the value of r to the nearest hundredth.

## Answers

- 1. 4
- 2.  $6\pi + 12$
- 3. 586
- 4. 72
- 5. 31.5
- 6. 121/126
- 7. 7
- 8. 12
- 9. 101
- 10. 1.08.