

2004 National Mu Alpha Theta Convention  
Alpha Division–Number Theory Topic Test

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1. **C** Since  $70 = 2 \times 5 \times 7$ , the largest prime divisor is 7.
2. **C**  $111/3 = 37$ .
3. **B** The smallest is the product of the three smallest primes:  $(2)(3)(5) = 30$ .
4. **A** If 0 were positive, then  $(-4) \times 0 = 0$  provides a contradiction of I. The others remain true.
5. **A** Since  $a$  is even, it is divisible by 2. Since it has integer cube root and square root, it is divisible by  $2^6$ . (Note that  $a = 64$  satisfies the conditions of the problem.)
6. **B** The sum of the first  $n$  positive integers is  $n(n+1)/2$ . The smallest  $n$  for which this is divisible by 13 is  $n = 12$ .
7. **B** There are 7 multiples of 14 less than 100.
8. **B** Only 3 is a prime that is one less than a perfect square since  $n^2 - 1 = (n-1)(n+1)$  always has at least 2 factors if  $n > 2$ .
9. **C** The principal takes  $(99 - n)/6$  balloons. There are 16 multiples of 6 less than 100.
10. **A** The sum is divisible by 7 since the two given remainders sum to 7.
11. **B** The number  $n! + 1$  is divisible by  $n$  for  $n = 1$ . For all other  $n$ ,  $n! + 1$  leaves a remainder of 1 when divided by  $n$ .
12. **D** Take each to the  $1/100$  power and we get, in order, 32, 81, 64, 25, so  $5^{200}$  is the smallest.
13. **D**  $3618 = 134 \times 27$ ;  $938 = 134 \times 7$ .
14. **B** The smallest number remaining is the product of two primes (not necessarily distinct) greater than 7, or  $11^2 = 121$ .
15. **A** All but 0 and 4 are easily dismissed by noting that only 00 or 44 could be repeated last 2 digits. An ending of 4444 can be dismissed by noting that any such number is of the form  $16k+12$ , which cannot be a perfect square.

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16. **B** If  $m|n$  and  $n|m$ ,  $m = n$ .
17. **A** There are  $120(1 - 1/2)(1 - 1/3)(1 - 1/5) = 32$  such numbers.
18. **C** Since  $n^5 - 5n^3 + 4n = (n - 2)(n - 1)(n)(n + 1)(n + 2)$ , we know the product is divisible by 3, 5, and 8. (Note that for  $n = 3$ , our product equals 120.)
19. **B** There are 60 numbers from 10 to 99 which are divisible by 2 or by 3 (or both), so the probability is  $60/90 = 2/3$ .
20. **C** We have  $x^2 - y^2 = (x - y)(x + y) = 35$ . Since  $35 = 35 \times 1 = 7 \times 5$ , we have two sets of solutions.  $x + y = 35$ ,  $x - y = 1$  gives us one and  $x + y = 7$ ,  $x - y = 5$  gives us the other.
21. **B** The quantity is only prime for  $p = 3$ , which can be shown by noting that it is divisible by 3 for all odd numbers.
22. **D** This statement is true for all pairs of positive integers.
23. **D**  $420 = 42 * 10$ ,  $294 = 42 * 7$ . Therefore,  $m + n = 420a + 294b = 42(10a + 7b)$ .
24. **A** The solutions are  $(9, 7)$  and  $(4, 15)$ .
25. **B**  $100A + 10B + C$  is either 900 or 360, so  $A + B + C = 9$ .
26. **A** There's a one to one correspondence between base 3 numbers without 2's and base 2 numbers. Therefore, we interpret every base 3 number without 2's from  $1_3$  to  $1000000_3 = 729$  as base 2 number and get  $1_2 = 1$  through  $1000000_2 = 64$ . We omit the last, since we want the numbers less than 729, for a total of 63.
27. **C**  $120 = 3 \times 2^3 \times 5$  and  $40 = 2^3 \times 5$ , so  $k$  must have one factor of 3. It can have anywhere from 0 to 3 factors of 2 and 0 or 1 factors of 5, so there are 8 possibilities.
28. **C** We consider each of the cases  $n = 2, 3, \dots, 9$  and find that there are 24 such pairs.

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29. **B** Note that  $n$  is among the set of cycles of  $n$ . We will show that every 10-digit multiple of  $n$  that is a multiple of 11111 is such that all the members of the set of cycles of  $n$  are multiples of 11111. Let

$$n = a \cdot 10^9 + b,$$

where  $b$  is a 9-digit integer. Then, the last ‘cycle’ member is given by

$$10b + a = 10n - a \cdot 10^{10} + a = 10n - a(10^{10} - 1).$$

Since  $10^{10} - 1 = 9999999999$ ,  $11111|9999999999$ , and  $11111|n$ , we know  $11111|a(10^{10} - 1)$  and  $11111|10n$ , so  $11111|10b + a$ . Thus, the members of the set of cycles of  $n$  will all be divisible by 11111 if  $n$  is, and will not otherwise. Since the 10-digit multiples of  $n$  range from  $90000 * 11111 + 11111 = 100001111$  to  $900009 * 11111 = 9999999999$ , there are  $900009 - 90001 + 1 = 810009$  values of  $n$  which satisfy the problem.

30. **B** Since  $f(n)$  equals the number of 1’s in the binary representation of  $n$ , there are 5 numbers less than 2003 with  $f(n) = 10$  (Consider a binary number with 11 digits, one of which is 0. There are 11 such numbers; 6 of these are greater than 2002.)