

*Solutions*

1.  $5^{12} - 4^{12} \rightarrow (5^6 + 4^6)(5^6 - 4^6) \rightarrow (5^2 + 4^2)(5^4 - 5^2 \cdot 4^2 + 4^4)(5^3 - 4^3)(5^3 + 4^3) \rightarrow 41(625 + 256 - 400)(5 - 4)(5^2 + 20 + 4^2)(5 + 4)(5^2 - 20 + 4^2) \rightarrow 41(481)(1)(61)(9)(21) \rightarrow 3^3 \cdot 7 \cdot 13 \cdot 37 \cdot 41 \cdot 61 \rightarrow 41 + 61 + 37 = 139 \text{ A}$

2.  $2^4 \cdot 3 \rightarrow 48$  since  $(4+1)(1+1) = 10 \text{ D}$

3.  $aaabbb \rightarrow a(100,000) + a(10,000) + a(1,000) + b(100) + b(10) + b \rightarrow a(111,000) + b(111) \rightarrow 111(1000a + b) \rightarrow 3 \cdot 37 \rightarrow 37 \text{ A}$

4.  $x^3 + ax^2 + 9x + 6 / x^3 + bx^2 + 6x + 3 = (a-b)(x^2 + 3x + 3)$  and  $x^3 + ax^2 + 9x + 6 / (a-b)x^2 + 3x + 3$  implies that  $a-b=1$  and  $-a+2b=3 \rightarrow$  solving gives  $(5, 4) \text{ B}$

5.  $9^{83} + 5^{32} \rightarrow 3 + 1 = 4 \text{ D}$

9	81	729		5	25	125	625			
3	3	3		5	1	5	1			

6.  $124_b + 345_b = 268_{10} \rightarrow 4b^2 + 6b + 9 - 268 = 0 \rightarrow 4b^2 + 6b - 259 = 0 \rightarrow (B-7)(4B+37)$   
 $B = 7 \text{ B}$

7.  $(30)^4 \rightarrow 2^4 3^4 5^4 \rightarrow 5^3 - 2 = 123 \text{ C}$

8.  $\frac{72_8!}{18_2!} = \frac{72(64)(56)\dots(24)(16)(8)}{18(16)(14)\dots(6)(4)(2)} = 4^7 \text{ E}$

9.  $32639 \rightarrow \frac{32639}{2} \approx 16320 \rightarrow \sqrt{16320} \approx 128$  and nearest prime is 127. by division the other prime is 257  $\rightarrow 127 + 257 = 384 \text{ A}$

10.  $799/5 = 155; 799/7 = 113; 799/35 = 22 \rightarrow 268 - 22 = 246; 799 - 246 = 553 \text{ C}$

11.  $2, 10, 30, 68, \dots \rightarrow 1^3 + 1, 2^3 + 2, 3^3 + 3, 4^3 + 4, \dots \rightarrow n^3 + n \rightarrow 20^3 + 20 = 8020 \text{ A}$

12.  $2007^1 \rightarrow$  units digit is 7,  $2007^2 \rightarrow$  units digit is 9,  $2007^3 \rightarrow$  units digit is 3,  $2007^4 \rightarrow$  units digit is 1,  $2007^5 \rightarrow$  units digit is 7.  $2009/4 \rightarrow$  remainder = 1 so  $2007^{2009}$  the units digit is 7. **D**

13.  $\frac{7^{2n+1} + 1}{k} \rightarrow n = 0, 8; n = 1, 344, n = 2, 16808, (8, 8 \cdot 43, 8 \cdot 2101\dots) \rightarrow 8 \text{ C}$

14.  $2a3 + 326 = 5b9 \rightarrow a+2=b$  and  $5+b+9=18 \rightarrow b=4$  and  $a=2 \rightarrow a+b=6 \text{ B}$

15.  $BA \cdot MA = QQQ \rightarrow BA \cdot MA = 111Q \rightarrow \frac{BA \cdot MA}{3 \cdot 37} = Q \rightarrow BA$  or  $MA$  are 37 or 74  
 $74 \cdot 14 = 1036$  impossible so  $37 \cdot 27 = 37 \cdot 3 \cdot 9$  and  $T = 9 \rightarrow 3 + 7 + 2 + 9 = 21 \text{ E}$

16.  $(2^{48} - 1) = (2^{24} + 1)(2^{24} - 1) \rightarrow (2^{12} + 1)(2^{12} - 1) \rightarrow (2^6 + 1)(2^6 - 1) \rightarrow 65 \cdot 63 \rightarrow 128$  **D**

17.  $1441_q \rightarrow q^3 + 4q^2 + 4q + 1 \rightarrow$  implies  $\frac{q^3 + 4q^2 + 4q}{11} = \frac{q(q+2)^2}{11} = \frac{11(9+2)^2}{11}$  and  $q = 9$  **D**

18.  $4AB = CA$  and  $A = 2, 4, 6, 8$  but  $4 \cdot 4 = 16, 4 \cdot 6 = 24, 4 \cdot 8 = 32$  so  $A$  must be 2 and  $B = 3$  or 8 but  $4 \cdot 28 > 99$  so  $B = 3 \rightarrow 4(23) = 92$  and  $C = 9$ . **D**

19. **B**

20.  $2^n \cdot 3^{2n} - 1 \rightarrow 2^n \cdot 9^n - 1 \rightarrow 18^n - 1$ . when  $n = 2, 18^2 - 1 = 255, n = 3, 18^3 - 1 = 5831$  both divisible by 17. Also since  $x^n - 1$  is divisible by  $x - 1$  it follows that  $18 - 1 = 17$  always divides  $18^n - 1$ . **C**

21.  $309!/5 = 61, 309!/25 = 12, 309!/125 = 2. n = 61 + 12 + 2 = 75$  **A**

22.  $nA + mA + A = 30 \rightarrow A(n + m + 1) = 30$ . Possible factors of  $30 = 1, 30, 2, 15, 3, 10, 5, 6$  ruling out 1, 30  $\rightarrow A = 2$  and  $n + m = 14$ ;  $A = 3$  and  $n + m = 9$ ;  $A = 5, n + m = 5$ ;  $A = 6, n + m = 4$ . If  $A = 2$  and  $m = 8$  and  $n = 6$ , then  $2 \cdot 8 + 2 \cdot 6 + 2 = 30$ .

A										
2	n,m	2,12	3,11	4,10	5,9	6,8	2+4+24	2+6+22	2+8+20	2+12+16
3		2,7	3,6	4,5			3+6+21	3+9+18	3+12+15	
5		2,3					5+10+15			
6		2,2								

$(2,4,24)(2,6,22)(2,8,20)(2,10,18)(2,12,16)(3,6,21)(3,9,18)(3,12,15)(5,10,15) = 9$  triples **C**

23.  $14414 \cdot 14416 \cdot 14418 \rightarrow [2(7207) \cdot (7208) \cdot (7209)]/14 \rightarrow (7207) \cdot (7208) \cdot (7209)/7$   
 $7207/7 \rightarrow R4, 7208/7 \rightarrow R5, 7208/7 \rightarrow R6. (4)(5)(6)/14 = R8$  **C**

24.  $81M + 9N + P = 49P + 7N + M; 80M + 2N = 48P; P = \frac{40M+N}{24} \rightarrow M = 1, N = 8, P = 2$   
 $M = 2, N = 12, P = 4; M = 3, N = 0, P = 5, N \neq 8$  (in base 7),  $N \neq 12$  (In base 10). So  $305_9 = 503_7. 3 + 0 + 5 = 8$  **A**

25. Since in  $2009!$  the number of zeros depends on the number of 5's,  $2009/5 = 401, 2009/25 = 40, 2009/125 = 16, 2009/625 = 3. 401 + 40 + 16 + 3 = 460$  **E**

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27.  $7x + 11y = 100 \rightarrow x = \frac{100-11y}{7} \rightarrow (8, 4)$ . 2 parts are 56 and 44 so the product = 2464 **B**

28.  $3^1 = 3, 3^2 = 9, 3^3 = 27, 3^4 = 81, 3^5 = 243 \dots$  cycle of 4  $\rightarrow 2009/4 = 502$  **E**

29.  $30AB5 = 225n$ .  $3 + 0 + A + B + 5$  must be a multiple of 9  $\rightarrow A + B = 10$ . For  $B + 5$  to be divisible by 25,  $B$  must be 2 or 7. This  $30825/225 = 137$  and  $30375/225 = 135$  **C**

30.  $x + x + 1 + x + 2 + \dots + x + 11 = 12x + 66$ ;  $\frac{12x + 66}{4} = 3x + \frac{66}{4} = 3x + 16 \text{ R } 2$  **B**

Tie-Breakers:

1.  $6(93) = 558$  the total number of points possible. If 5(100) is highest possible for 5 tests then the 6<sup>th</sup> test must be  $558 - 500 = 58$ .

2.  $y = \frac{1-11x}{15} \rightarrow \emptyset$

3.  $2009! \rightarrow 460$  5's so  $10^{460}$ ;  $n = 460$