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Potpourri Topic Test Solutions – Euclidean Division

1. **C** The number of diagonals of a convex polygon is $\frac{n(n-3)}{2}$, for n = number of sides.

Therefore, we get $\frac{10(7)}{2}$, or 35.

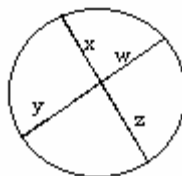
2. **A** Cross-multiply and we get $(x+2)(2-2x) = (x-1)(3x-1)$. Multiplying this out:
 $-2x^2 - 2x + 4 = 3x^2 - 4x + 1$. Simplifying: $5x^2 - 2x - 3 = 0$. This factors into:
 $(5x-3)(x-1) = 0$. Since we cannot use $x = 1$ (this makes the equation undefined due to
the denominator for the left side), our answer is $x = -\frac{3}{5}$.

3. **D** Using the given two points, we use the equation of the line between those points.

The slope of the line is $\frac{-3-6}{3-0} = \frac{-9}{3} = -3$. The point-slope equations gives us:

$y-6 = -3(x-0)$, or $y = -3x+6$. A line crossing the x-axis looks like $(c, 0)$ for some c .
Plugging this into our line equation we get: $0 = -3(c)+6$. Then $c = 2$. Therefore, the
line crosses at $(2,0)$.

4. **E** By the geometry theorem regarding
two chords intersecting inside a circle,
 $xz = wy$. Then $6 \cdot 3 = 9 \cdot x \rightarrow x = 2$.



5. **B** Possible combinations of a sum of 7:

1+6 5+2

6+1 3+4

2+5 4+3 Out of 36 total combinations of the two dice, we have 6 we want. Therefore,

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

6. **D** Kim has her age = 6

Barry = 4 + Kim = 10

Lisa = $\frac{1}{2}$ Barry = 5.

7. **E** Translate the words into an expression. Recall that “is” \rightarrow “=”.

$$17(\text{number}) - 4 = 10(\text{number}) + 10.$$

8. **D** Solve for the number from #7. $17x-4 = 10x + 10$

$$7x = 14 \rightarrow x = 2.$$

9. **A** 6 shirts x 3 pairs of pants x 5 pairs of socks = total number of outfits = 90.

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10. **B** Slope of a line: $\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{0-2}{2-1} = \frac{-2}{1}$.

11. **C** Natural factors of 4288: 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 67, 134, 268, 536, 1072, 2144, 4288.

12. **D** Distance formula: $\sqrt{(\Delta x)^2 + (\Delta y)^2} = \sqrt{(-4-2)^2 + (6-3)^2} = \sqrt{45} = 3\sqrt{5}$.

13. **C** For an n-sided regular polygon, each interior angle measures $\frac{(n-2)180}{n}$. Then

$$\frac{(13)180}{15} = 156.$$

14. **C** Equilangular \rightarrow each angle = 60° (180° in a triangle). This also implies the triangle is equilateral (drop an altitude). Therefore, if the perimeter is 6 cm, each side is 2 cm long. The area is then $\frac{(2\text{cm})^2\sqrt{3}}{4} = \sqrt{3}\text{cm}^2$.

15. **A** Let's call x how much she had left after buying the present. Then $\frac{1}{7}$ of x bought a cone and left her \$12, which is another way of saying $\frac{6}{7}$ of x is \$12. Solving for x means she had \$14 after buying the present. Adding the \$6 (cost of the present) means Nancy had \$20. Stepping back further and using similar logic, we see that $\frac{2}{3}$ of pre-lunch funds is \$20. Then she had \$30 before heading off to lunch. So we say $\frac{5}{6}$ of what she had before socks is \$30. She had \$36 before buying the socks. Now we come to her first purchase: $\frac{4}{5}$ of the money she got from her grandmother is \$36. This means she began with \$45.

16. **C** $V_{\text{cone}} = \frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h$. Height = 2radius $\rightarrow V_{\text{cone}} = \frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 2r = \frac{2}{3}\pi r^3$. Radius = 3.

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Then $V_{cone} = \frac{2}{3}\pi(3)^3 = 18\pi$.

17. **D** Units digit pattern: $7^0 = 1$; $7^1 = 7$; $7^2 = 9$; $7^3 = 3$.

The pattern repeats every cycle of four. How many cycles in this problem? $\overset{15R1}{4}\overline{)61.0}$.
 The remainder of 1 means we use the second number in our cycle (if it were even we would use the first), which is 7.

18. **A** $N = \frac{1}{2}N + 9 - \sqrt[4]{81^{(+)}}$
 $\frac{1}{2}N = 6 \rightarrow N = 12$.

19. **D** $1101_2 = 2^3 2^2 2^1 2^0$
 1 1 0 1. Multiplying each digit by its positional weight and add:
 $1(8)+1(4)+1(1)=13$.

20. **C** Four aces & 12 hearts (ace of hearts already counted)= 16 chances.

$$\frac{16}{52} = \frac{4}{13}$$

21. **C** 416 -Take all the digits and one of the repeats

$$\begin{array}{r} - 41 \\ \hline 375 \end{array}$$

$\frac{375}{900} = \frac{5}{12}$ Put answer into a fraction with denominator's zeroes = #of nonrepeated digits.

22. **C** Jane got 320 points on the first four tests. The overall average is then:

$$\frac{320 + x + y}{6} = 90. \text{ This implies } x + y = 220. \text{ Then the average of the last two tests must be}$$

110. It looks hopeless for Jane to get an 'A' this semester!

23. **A** Large one, four using the midpoints of the outside lines, twelve singles.

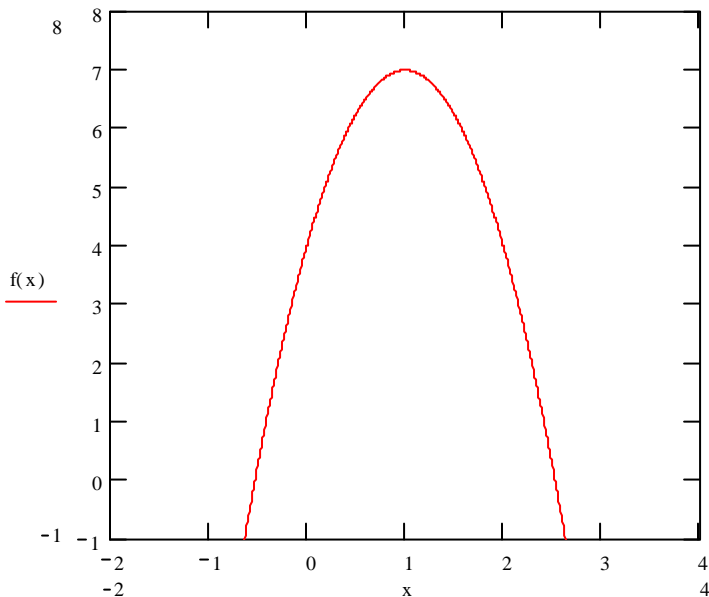
24. **B** $23_4 = 11_{10} = 102_3$.

25. **A** $\frac{\frac{15}{6} - \frac{12}{6}}{\frac{20}{6} - \frac{4}{6}} = \frac{\frac{3}{6}}{\frac{16}{6}} = \frac{3}{20} \left(-\frac{6}{3}\right) = -\frac{6}{20} = -\frac{3}{10}$.

26. **B** We can eliminate all the x 's by adding the two equations: $5y = 25 \rightarrow y = 5$.
 Substituting back into one of the equations, we find $x = -1$.

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27. **C** $f(x) = 4 - 3x^2 + 6x$.



28. **D** Slope: $\frac{8-5}{5-3} = \frac{3}{2}$. Point-slope equation: $y - 5 = \frac{3}{2}(x - 3)$. Simplifying it:
 $-3x + 2y = 1$.

29. **B** Plugging r in: $6 - 8q + 6 = -4 \rightarrow q = 2$.

30. **B** $f(2) = 1$. Then $g(f(2)) = 5$.

31. **E** $\sqrt{98} = 7\sqrt{2}$, $\sqrt{27} = 3\sqrt{3}$, $\sqrt{75} = 5\sqrt{3}$. Adding up like irrationals: $7\sqrt{2} + 8\sqrt{3}$.

32. **B** Let $x = \sqrt{6\sqrt{6\sqrt{6}\dots}}$, the answer. Then $x = \sqrt{6x}$, for in this infinite product, it doesn't matter where x actually starts (or stops!). Then $x^2 = 6x \rightarrow x = 0$, or $x = 6$. Since the former cannot be true by intuition, $x = 6$.

33. **A** Mode: most common = 5. Mean = average = 9. Median = In ordered set, middle number = 8.

34. **D** Arithmetic sum = $\frac{n}{2}(a_1 + a_n)$. Here, $n = 50$ terms, $a_1 = -100$, $a_n = -2$.
 Sum = -2550.

35. **A** Lucy = Jake + 2. (1)
 $L + 5 = 4(J - 5)$ (2) By (1), $J = L - 2$. Substitute into (2) $\rightarrow L + 5 = 4(L - 2 - 5)$

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Then Lucy = 11.

36. **E** Samantha's rate is $\frac{45 \text{ planes}}{75 \text{ min}} = \frac{3 \text{ planes}}{5 \text{ min}}$. Marlene's rate is $\frac{60 \text{ planes}}{90 \text{ min}} = \frac{2 \text{ planes}}{3 \text{ min}}$.

Then their rate together is $\frac{3}{5} + \frac{2}{3} = \frac{19 \text{ planes}}{15 \text{ min}}$. So to get 225 planes, it will take them

$$\frac{15 \text{ min}}{19 \text{ planes}} * 225 \text{ planes} = \frac{3375}{19} \text{ min} \rightarrow \frac{225}{76} \text{ hours}.$$

37. **C** Typing in “rectangular coordinate system” or “Descartes” into any web search engine will lead to many sites confirming this, along with many history of math books. One such website – <http://plato.phy.ohiou.edu/~dutta/notes/node5.html>

38. **B** Typing in “inventor of Calculus” or “Newton/Leibniz” into any web search engine will lead to many sites confirming this, along with many history of math books. One such website – www.encyclopedia.com/articles/02143.html

39. **D** The third term, $a_3 = \frac{5}{32}$ which also = $a_1 r^{3-1}$. So $\frac{5}{32} = a_1 \left(\frac{5}{8}\right)^2$. This means the first term is $\frac{2}{5}$. And using the same formula, $a_5 = \frac{2}{5} \left(\frac{5}{8}\right)^4 = \frac{125}{2048}$.

40. **C** 20% of 32,160 = 6432, which belong to season ticket holders. Also, 6432 remain empty. The remaining number of seats is 19,296. 25% of the remaining number = 4824, buy tickets for each game. Half of the fans who buy tickets for each game = 2412. We want this number plus the number of season tickets ticket holders: 2412+6432= 8844.