

1996 Hoover High School Math Tournament  
Comprehensive Written Test  
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- Let  $G_n = G_{n-1} + G_{n-2} + G_{n-3}$  and  $G_1 = G_2 = G_3 = 1$ . Find the value of  $G_6$ .  
A. 5            B. 9            C. 17            D. 29            E. none of these
- Find the units digit of  $1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + \dots + 1995 + 1996$ .  
A. 4            B. 5            C. 6            D. 7            E. none of these
- If  $m + n + p = 6$  and  $mnp = 3$ , find  $\frac{1}{mp} + \frac{1}{np} + \frac{1}{nm}$ .  
A. 2            B. 6            C. 3            D. 19            E. none of these
- Find the term without the  $u$  in  $\left(u^2 + \frac{1}{u}\right)^6$ .  
A. 15            B. 20            C. 6            D. 21            E. none of these
- Find the smallest integer, greater than 1, that leaves a remainder of 1 when divided by 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, ..., 10.  
A. 1261            B. 5041            C. 2521            D. 841            E. none of these
- Determine the value of  $\log \frac{1}{2} + \log \frac{2}{3} + \log \frac{3}{4} + \dots + \log \frac{99}{100}$ .  
A. 2            B. -2            C. 1/2            D. -1/2            E. none of these
- Find the sum of the elements of the fifth row of Pascal's triangle.  
A. 31            B. 64            C. 128            D. 16            E. none of these
- Quadrilateral ABCD inscribed in a circle with  $m\angle ACB = 40^\circ$ ,  $m\angle BDC = 20^\circ$ , and  $m\angle ACD = 20^\circ$ . Find  $m\angle DBC$ .  
A.  $60^\circ$             B.  $40^\circ$             C.  $100^\circ$             D.  $50^\circ$             E. none of these
- George buys 5 notebooks and 1 pencil for \$2.80, and Craig buys 5 pencils and 1 notebook for \$5.60. How much does it cost to buy 2 notebooks and 3 pencils?  
A. \$1.85            B. \$3.85            C. \$3.70            D. \$3.50            E. none of these
- Simplify  $\sqrt{6 + \sqrt{11}} - \sqrt{6 - \sqrt{11}}$ .  
A. 2            B. -2            C.  $\sqrt{2}$             D.  $-\sqrt{2}$             E. none of these
- The sum of the first  $3n$  positive integers is 68 more than the sum of the first  $n$  positive integers. What is  $n$ ?  
A. 3            B. 4            C. 5            D. 6            E. none of these

12. Find all  $x$  such that  $x + x^3 + x^5 + x^7 + \dots = 2$ .

- A.  $\frac{-1 + \sqrt{17}}{4}$       B.  $\frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{17}}{4}$       C.  $\frac{1 - \sqrt{17}}{4}$       D.  $\frac{1 \pm \sqrt{17}}{4}$       E. none of these

13. If  $P$  is the period of,  $A$  the amplitude of, and  $S$  the phase shift of  $7\sin(4x + \pi) + 3$ , find the value of  $\frac{3P}{S} + 2A$ .

- A. 11      B. 14      C. 2      D. 8      E. none of these

14. Solve for  $\phi$ : 
$$\begin{vmatrix} \phi & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & \phi & -3 \\ 3 & -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

- A. 8, -2      B. 6, -4      C. 10, 8      D. -4, -2      E. none of these

15. Given that  $\log 2 \approx .3010$ , how many digits are there in  $2^{100}$ ?

- A. 31      B. 30      C. 29      D. 28      E. none of these

16. How many integral solutions are there to  $(x^2 - 5x + 5)^{x^2 + 2x + 1} = 1$ ?

- A. 3      B. 4      C. 5      D. 6      E. none of these

17. Three four-sided dice, (sides numbered one, two, three, four), are rolled. What is the probability of rolling a sum of 10 or higher?

- A. 3/64      B. 9/64      C. 5/32      D. 15/64      E. none of these

18. Find the number of integers  $x$  such that  $\binom{20}{3x} = \binom{20}{x^2 - 2x}$ . [Note that  $\binom{m}{n} = \frac{m!}{n!(m-n)!}$ ]

- A. 6      B. 4      C. 3      D. 1      E. none of these

19. If  $x < y < z$ ,  $xyz = 8$ ,  $x + y + z = 1$ , and  $xy + yz + zx = -10$ , find the value of  $x^3 + y^2 + z$ .

- A. 63      B. -1      C. 7      D. -3      E. none of these

20. How many solutions  $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$  are there to  $\cos(x) + \cos(2x) + \cos(4x) = 0$ ?

- A. 10      B. 8      C. 6      D. 4      E. none of these

21. How many terms are there in the simplified expansion of  $(C + A + P)^{15}$ ?

- A. 680      B. 455      C. 120      D. 136      E. none of these

22. A circle contains the points (14, 22.5), (11, 19), and (28,45). Find the length of the tangent drawn to the circle from the origin.
- A. 17            B. 28            C. 19            D. 25            E. none of these
23. A hyperbola and a circle share a center and intersect in four points. The circle also passes through the hyperbola's foci  $F_1$  and  $F_2$ . Let P be any one of the intersection points. If  $\Delta PF_1F_2$  has area 30 and the transverse axis of the hyperbola has length 11, find the length of  $F_1F_2$ .
- A.  $\sqrt{271}$         B.  $\sqrt{241}$         C.  $\sqrt{211}$         D.  $\sqrt{181}$         E. none of these
24. If  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  is the point on the plane  $2x + y - z = 5$  that is closest to the origin, find the value of  $x_0 y_0 z_0$ .
- A.  $-\frac{125}{108}$         B.  $-\frac{168}{289}$         C.  $-\frac{225}{289}$         D.  $\frac{115}{216}$         E. none of these
25. Let  $(x + 2x^2 + 3x^3 + 4x^4 + \dots + 10x^{10})^2 = a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + a_4x^4 + \dots + a_{20}x^{20}$ . Find the value of  $a_{11} + a_{12} + a_{13} + a_{14} + \dots + a_{20}$ .
- A. 495            B. 2380            C. 2530            D. 3876            E. none of these

### TIE BREAKERS

TB1. A matrix, when multiplied by itself, yields a matrix with determinant 16. Find the minimum value of the determinant of the original matrix.

TB2. Find  $.\overline{623}_7$  as a base ten fraction.

TB3. If  $c_n = n + \frac{1}{2n + \frac{1}{2n + \frac{1}{\dots}}}$ , find the value of  $\sum_{i=1}^7 c_i^2$ .