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2. This is a twenty-five question multiple choice test. Each question is followed by answers marked A, B, C, D and E. Only one of these is correct.
3. Mark your answer to each problem on the AMC 12 Answer Form with a #2 pencil. Check the blackened circles for accuracy and erase errors and stray marks completely. Only answers properly marked on the answer form will be graded.
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5. No aids are permitted other than scratch paper, graph paper, rulers, protractors, and erasers. No calculators are allowed. No problems on the test will *require* the use of a calculator.
6. Figures are not necessarily drawn to scale.
7. Before beginning the test, your proctor will ask you to record certain information on the answer form.
8. When your proctor gives the signal, begin working on the problems. You will have **75 minutes** to complete the test.
9. When you finish the exam, *sign your name* in the space provided on the Answer Form.

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# 2010 AMC 12 CONTEST B

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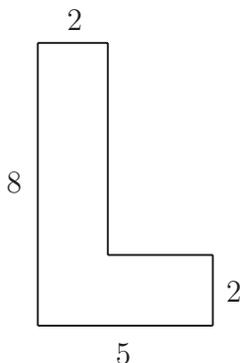
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1. Makayla attended two meetings during her 9-hour work day. The first meeting took 45 minutes and the second meeting took twice as long. What percent of her work day was spent attending meetings?

(A) 15      (B) 20      (C) 25      (D) 30      (E) 35

2. A big  $L$  is formed as shown. What is its area?



(A) 22      (B) 24      (C) 26      (D) 28      (E) 30

3. A ticket to a school play costs  $x$  dollars, where  $x$  is a whole number. A group of 9<sup>th</sup> graders buys tickets costing a total of \$48, and a group of 10<sup>th</sup> graders buys tickets costing a total of \$64. How many values for  $x$  are possible?

(A) 1      (B) 2      (C) 3      (D) 4      (E) 5

4. A month with 31 days has the same number of Mondays and Wednesdays. How many of the seven days of the week could be the first day of this month?

(A) 2      (B) 3      (C) 4      (D) 5      (E) 6

5. Lucky Larry's teacher asked him to substitute numbers for  $a, b, c, d$ , and  $e$  in the expression  $a - (b - (c - (d + e)))$  and evaluate the result. Larry ignored the parentheses but added and subtracted correctly and obtained the correct result by coincidence. The numbers Larry substituted for  $a, b, c$ , and  $d$  were 1, 2, 3, and 4, respectively. What number did Larry substitute for  $e$ ?

(A) -5      (B) -3      (C) 0      (D) 3      (E) 5

6. At the beginning of the school year, 50% of all students in Mr. Wells' math class answered "Yes" to the question "Do you love math", and 50% answered "No." At the end of the school year, 70% answered "Yes" and 30% answered "No." Altogether,  $x\%$  of the students gave a different answer at the beginning and end of the school year. What is the difference between the maximum and the minimum possible values of  $x$ ?
- (A) 0      (B) 20      (C) 40      (D) 60      (E) 80
7. Shelby drives her scooter at a speed of 30 miles per hour if it is not raining, and 20 miles per hour if it is raining. Today she drove in the sun in the morning and in the rain in the evening, for a total of 16 miles in 40 minutes. How many minutes did she drive in the rain?
- (A) 18      (B) 21      (C) 24      (D) 27      (E) 30
8. Every high school in the city of Euclid sent a team of 3 students to a math contest. Each participant in the contest received a different score. Andrea's score was the median among all students, and hers was the highest score on her team. Andrea's teammates Beth and Carla placed 37<sup>th</sup> and 64<sup>th</sup>, respectively. How many schools are in the city?
- (A) 22      (B) 23      (C) 24      (D) 25      (E) 26
9. Let  $n$  be the smallest positive integer such that  $n$  is divisible by 20,  $n^2$  is a perfect cube, and  $n^3$  is a perfect square. What is the number of digits of  $n$ ?
- (A) 3      (B) 4      (C) 5      (D) 6      (E) 7
10. The average of the numbers 1, 2, 3, ..., 98, 99, and  $x$  is  $100x$ . What is  $x$ ?
- (A)  $\frac{49}{101}$       (B)  $\frac{50}{101}$       (C)  $\frac{1}{2}$       (D)  $\frac{51}{101}$       (E)  $\frac{50}{99}$
11. A palindrome between 1000 and 10,000 is chosen at random. What is the probability that it is divisible by 7?
- (A)  $\frac{1}{10}$       (B)  $\frac{1}{9}$       (C)  $\frac{1}{7}$       (D)  $\frac{1}{6}$       (E)  $\frac{1}{5}$
12. For what value of  $x$  does
- $$\log_{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{x} + \log_2 x + \log_4 (x^2) + \log_8 (x^3) + \log_{16} (x^4) = 40?$$
- (A) 8      (B) 16      (C) 32      (D) 256      (E) 1024

13. In  $\triangle ABC$ ,  $\cos(2A - B) + \sin(A + B) = 2$  and  $AB = 4$ . What is  $BC$ ?
- (A)  $\sqrt{2}$     (B)  $\sqrt{3}$     (C) 2    (D)  $2\sqrt{2}$     (E)  $2\sqrt{3}$
14. Let  $a, b, c, d$ , and  $e$  be positive integers with  $a + b + c + d + e = 2010$ , and let  $M$  be the largest of the sums  $a + b$ ,  $b + c$ ,  $c + d$  and  $d + e$ . What is the smallest possible value of  $M$ ?
- (A) 670    (B) 671    (C) 802    (D) 803    (E) 804
15. For how many ordered triples  $(x, y, z)$  of nonnegative integers less than 20 are there exactly two distinct elements in the set  $\{i^x, (1 + i)^y, z\}$ , where  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ ?
- (A) 149    (B) 205    (C) 215    (D) 225    (E) 235
16. Positive integers  $a, b$ , and  $c$  are randomly and independently selected with replacement from the set  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, 2010\}$ . What is the probability that  $abc + ab + a$  is divisible by 3?
- (A)  $\frac{1}{3}$     (B)  $\frac{29}{81}$     (C)  $\frac{31}{81}$     (D)  $\frac{11}{27}$     (E)  $\frac{13}{27}$
17. The entries in a  $3 \times 3$  array include all the digits from 1 through 9, arranged so that the entries in every row and column are in increasing order. How many such arrays are there?
- (A) 18    (B) 24    (C) 36    (D) 42    (E) 60
18. A frog makes 3 jumps, each exactly 1 meter long. The directions of the jumps are chosen independently and at random. What is the probability that the frog's final position is no more than 1 meter from its starting position?
- (A)  $\frac{1}{6}$     (B)  $\frac{1}{5}$     (C)  $\frac{1}{4}$     (D)  $\frac{1}{3}$     (E)  $\frac{1}{2}$
19. A high school basketball game between the Raiders and the Wildcats was tied at the end of the first quarter. The number of points scored by the Raiders in each of the four quarters formed an increasing geometric sequence, and the number of points scored by the Wildcats in each of the four quarters formed an increasing arithmetic sequence. At the end of the fourth quarter, the Raiders had won by one point. Neither team scored more than 100 points. What was the total number of points scored by the two teams in the first half?
- (A) 30    (B) 31    (C) 32    (D) 33    (E) 34

20. A geometric sequence  $(a_n)$  has  $a_1 = \sin x$ ,  $a_2 = \cos x$ , and  $a_3 = \tan x$  for some real number  $x$ . For what value of  $n$  does  $a_n = 1 + \cos x$ ?

(A) 4      (B) 5      (C) 6      (D) 7      (E) 8

21. Let  $a > 0$ , and let  $P(x)$  be a polynomial with integer coefficients such that

$$P(1) = P(3) = P(5) = P(7) = a, \text{ and}$$

$$P(2) = P(4) = P(6) = P(8) = -a.$$

What is the smallest possible value of  $a$ ?

(A) 105      (B) 315      (C) 945      (D) 7!      (E) 8!

22. Let  $ABCD$  be a cyclic quadrilateral. The side lengths of  $ABCD$  are distinct integers less than 15 such that  $BC \cdot CD = AB \cdot DA$ . What is the largest possible value of  $BD$ ?

(A)  $\sqrt{\frac{325}{2}}$       (B)  $\sqrt{185}$       (C)  $\sqrt{\frac{389}{2}}$       (D)  $\sqrt{\frac{425}{2}}$       (E)  $\sqrt{\frac{533}{2}}$

23. Monic quadratic polynomials  $P(x)$  and  $Q(x)$  have the property that  $P(Q(x))$  has zeros at  $x = -23, -21, -17$ , and  $-15$ , and  $Q(P(x))$  has zeros at  $x = -59, -57, -51$ , and  $-49$ . What is the sum of the minimum values of  $P(x)$  and  $Q(x)$ ?

(A)  $-100$       (B)  $-82$       (C)  $-73$       (D)  $-64$       (E)  $0$

24. The set of real numbers  $x$  for which

$$\frac{1}{x-2009} + \frac{1}{x-2010} + \frac{1}{x-2011} \geq 1$$

is the union of intervals of the form  $a < x \leq b$ . What is the sum of the lengths of these intervals?

(A)  $\frac{1003}{335}$       (B)  $\frac{1004}{335}$       (C) 3      (D)  $\frac{403}{134}$       (E)  $\frac{202}{67}$

25. For every integer  $n \geq 2$ , let  $\text{pow}(n)$  be the largest power of the largest prime that divides  $n$ . For example  $\text{pow}(144) = \text{pow}(2^4 \cdot 3^2) = 3^2$ . What is the largest integer  $m$  such that  $2010^m$  divides

$$\prod_{n=2}^{5300} \text{pow}(n)?$$

(A) 74      (B) 75      (C) 76      (D) 77      (E) 78



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### 2010 AIME

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