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1. DO NOT OPEN THIS BOOKLET UNTIL TOLD TO DO SO BY YOUR PROCTOR.
2. This is a 15-question, 3-hour examination. All answers are integers ranging from 000 to 999, inclusive. Your score will be the number of correct answers; i.e., there is neither partial credit nor a penalty for wrong answers.
3. Scratch paper, graph paper, ruler, compass, protractor and eraser are permitted. *Calculators and slide rules are not permitted.*
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was  (date): \_\_\_\_\_

6. A combination of the AIME and AHSME scores is used to determine eligibility for participation in the U. S. A. Mathematical Olympiad (USAMO) to be given on April 25, 1989. Please check one box:

If I qualify for the USAMO, I agree to take it. YES  NO

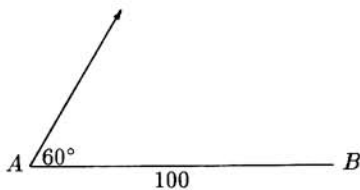
(Your school must also agree to administer the USAMO before you can take it.)

7. Record all your answers, and certain other information, on a computer card. Your Examination Manager will instruct you how to complete the card. Only the computer card and this cover will be collected from you.

1. Compute  $\sqrt{(31)(30)(29)(28) + 1}$ .
2. Ten points are marked on a circle. How many distinct convex polygons of three or more sides can be drawn using some (or all) of the ten points as vertices? (Polygons are distinct unless they have exactly the same vertices.)
3. Suppose  $n$  is a positive integer and  $d$  is a single digit in base 10. Find  $n$  if

$$\frac{n}{810} = 0.d25d25d25\dots$$

4. If  $a < b < c < d < e$  are consecutive positive integers such that  $b + c + d$  is a perfect square and  $a + b + c + d + e$  is a perfect cube, what is the smallest possible value of  $c$ ?
5. When a certain biased coin is flipped 5 times, the probability of getting heads exactly once is not equal to 0 and is the same as that of getting heads exactly twice. Let  $i/j$ , in lowest terms, be the probability that the coin comes up heads exactly 3 times out of 5. Find  $i + j$ .
6. Two skaters, Allie and Billie, are at points  $A$  and  $B$ , respectively, on a flat, frozen lake. The distance between  $A$  and  $B$  is 100 meters. Allie leaves  $A$  and skates at a speed of 8 meters per second along a straight line that makes an angle of  $60^\circ$  with  $\overline{AB}$ , as shown. At the same time that Allie leaves  $A$ , Billie leaves  $B$  at a speed of 7 meters per second and follows the straight line path that produces the earliest possible meeting of the two skaters, given their speeds. How many meters does Allie skate before meeting Billie?



7. If the integer  $k$  is added to each of the numbers 36, 300 and 596, one obtains the squares of three consecutive terms of an arithmetic sequence. Find  $k$ .

8. Assume that  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_7$  are real numbers such that

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 + 4x_2 + 9x_3 + 16x_4 + 25x_5 + 36x_6 + 49x_7 &= 1 \\4x_1 + 9x_2 + 16x_3 + 25x_4 + 36x_5 + 49x_6 + 64x_7 &= 12 \\9x_1 + 16x_2 + 25x_3 + 36x_4 + 49x_5 + 64x_6 + 81x_7 &= 123.\end{aligned}$$

Find the value of

$$16x_1 + 25x_2 + 36x_3 + 49x_4 + 64x_5 + 81x_6 + 100x_7.$$

9. One of Euler's conjectures was disproved in the 1960s by three American mathematicians when they showed that there is a positive integer  $n$  such that

$$133^5 + 110^5 + 84^5 + 27^5 = n^5.$$

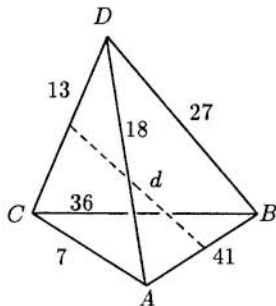
Find the value of  $n$ .

10. Let  $a, b, c$  be the three sides of a triangle, and let  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ , respectively, be the angles opposite them. If  $a^2 + b^2 = 1989c^2$ , find

$$\frac{\cot \gamma}{\cot \alpha + \cot \beta}.$$

11. A sample of 121 integers is given, each between 1 and 1000 inclusive, with repetitions allowed. The sample has a unique mode (most frequent value). Let  $D$  be the difference between the mode and the arithmetic mean of the sample. If  $D$  is as large as possible, what is  $\lfloor D \rfloor$ ? (For real  $x$ ,  $\lfloor x \rfloor$  is the greatest integer less than or equal to  $x$ .)

12. Let  $ABCD$  be a tetrahedron with  $AB = 41$ ,  $AC = 7$ ,  $AD = 18$ ,  $BC = 36$ ,  $BD = 27$ , and  $CD = 13$ , as shown in the figure. Let  $d$  be the distance between the midpoints of edges  $AB$  and  $CD$ . Find  $d^2$ .



13. Let  $S$  be a subset of  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, 1989\}$  such that no two members of  $S$  differ by 4 or 7. What is the largest number of elements  $S$  can have?
14. Given a positive integer  $n$ , it can be shown that every complex number of the form  $r + si$ , where  $r$  and  $s$  are integers, can be uniquely expressed in the base  $-n + i$  using the integers  $0, 1, 2, \dots, n^2$  as "digits." That is, the equation

$$r + si = a_m(-n + i)^m + a_{m-1}(-n + i)^{m-1} + \dots + a_1(-n + i) + a_0$$

is true for a unique choice of non-negative integer  $m$  and digits  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_m$  chosen from the set  $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, n^2\}$ , with  $a_m \neq 0$ . We then write

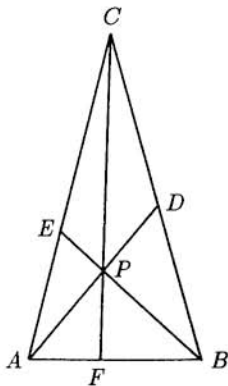
$$r + si = (a_m a_{m-1} \dots a_1 a_0)_{-n+i}$$

to denote the base  $-n + i$  expansion of  $r + si$ . There are only finitely many integers  $k + 0i$  that have four-digit expansions

$$k = (a_3 a_2 a_1 a_0)_{-3+i} \quad a_3 \neq 0.$$

Find the sum of all such  $k$ .

15. Point  $P$  is inside  $\triangle ABC$ . Line segments  $\overline{APD}$ ,  $\overline{BPE}$  and  $\overline{CPF}$  are drawn with  $D$  on  $\overline{BC}$ ,  $E$  on  $\overline{CA}$ , and  $F$  on  $\overline{AB}$  (see the figure at the right). Given that  $AP = 6$ ,  $BP = 9$ ,  $PD = 6$ ,  $PE = 3$  and  $CF = 20$ , find the area of  $\triangle ABC$ .



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