AMC 10

SET 9

PRACTICE EXAMINATION

TIME ALLOWED

75:00

25 QUESTIONS • 75 MINUTES • 150 POINTS • ADVANCED LEVEL

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All 25 problems are taken from past AMC 10 contests (2000–2025) and appear in their original wording. Advanced level: each problem sits two or three places earlier than it did in its original contest, and problems 21–25 come from original positions 23–25. Problems © Mathematical Association of America.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to begin.
2. This is a 25-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 answer sheet at the back of this booklet. Fill in one circle completely for each answer.
4. **Scoring:** you will receive 6 points for each correct answer, 1.5 points for each problem left unanswered, and 0 points for each incorrect answer. A random guess is worth less, on average, than a blank.
5. Only scratch paper, graph paper, rulers, compasses, protractors and erasers are allowed as aids. No calculators, smartwatches, phones or computing devices.
6. Figures are not necessarily drawn to scale.
7. You will have **75 minutes** to complete the test. Note your start time on the cover and stop the moment the time is up.

Pacing guide

Problems 1–10: aim for about 20 minutes. Problems 11–20: about 30 minutes. Problems 21–25: the remaining 25 minutes. If a problem has taken three minutes with no plan in sight, move on and come back.

1. Assume that x is a positive real number. Which is equivalent to

$$\sqrt[3]{x\sqrt{x}}?$$

(A) $x^{\frac{1}{6}}$ **(B)** $x^{\frac{1}{4}}$ **(C)** $x^{\frac{3}{8}}$ **(D)** $x^{\frac{1}{2}}$ **(E)** x

2. Anna enjoys dinner at a restaurant in Washington, D.C., where the sales tax on meals is 10%. She leaves a 15% tip on the price of her meal before the sales tax is added, and the tax is calculated on the pre-tip amount. She spends a total of \$27.50 for dinner. What is the cost of her dinner without tax or tip?

(A) \$18 **(B)** \$20 **(C)** \$21 **(D)** \$22 **(E)** \$24

3. What non-zero real value for x satisfies $(7x)^{14} = (14x)^7$?

(A) $\frac{1}{7}$ **(B)** $\frac{2}{7}$ **(C)** 1 **(D)** 7 **(E)** 14

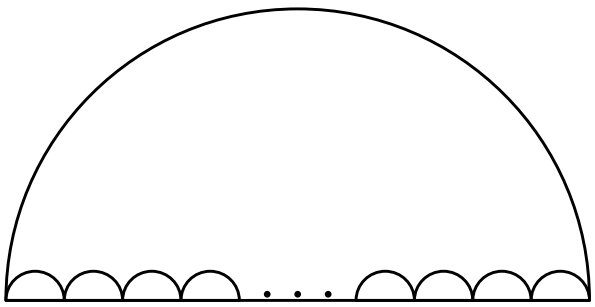
4. For positive numbers x and y the operation $\spadesuit(x, y)$ is defined as

$$\spadesuit(x, y) = x - \frac{1}{y}$$

What is $\spadesuit(2, \spadesuit(2, 2))$?

(A) $\frac{2}{3}$ **(B)** 1 **(C)** $\frac{4}{3}$ **(D)** $\frac{5}{3}$ **(E)** 2

5. In the figure below, N congruent semicircles are drawn along a diameter of a large semicircle, with their diameters covering the diameter of the large semicircle with no overlap. Let A be the combined area of the small semicircles and B be the area of the region inside the large semicircle but outside the small semicircles. The ratio $A : B$ is $1 : 18$. What is N?



(A) 16 **(B)** 17 **(C)** 18 **(D)** 19 **(E)** 36

6. What is the greatest three-digit positive integer n for which the sum of the first n positive integers is not a divisor of the product of the first n positive integers?

(A) 995 **(B)** 996 **(C)** 997 **(D)** 998 **(E)** 999

7. A rectangular region is bounded by the graphs of the equations $y = a$, $y = -b$, $x = -c$, and $x = d$, where a, b, c, and d are all positive numbers. Which of the following represents the area of this region?

(A) $ac + ad + bc + bd$ **(B)** $ac - ad + bc - bd$ **(C)** $ac + ad - bc - bd$

(D) $-ac - ad + bc + bd$ **(E)** $ac - ad - bc + bd$

8. Two jars each contain the same number of marbles, and every marble is either blue or green. In Jar 1 the ratio of blue to green marbles is $9 : 1$, and the ratio of blue to green marbles in Jar 2 is $8 : 1$. There are 95 green marbles in all. How many more blue marbles are in Jar 1 than in Jar 2?

(A) 5 **(B)** 10 **(C)** 25 **(D)** 45 **(E)** 50

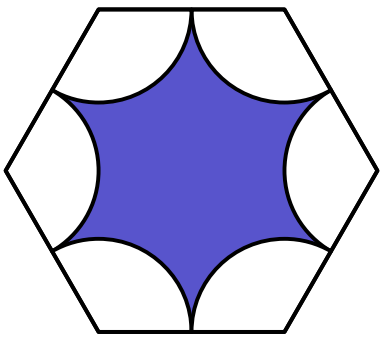
9. The decimal representation of

$$\frac{1}{20^{20}}$$

consists of a string of zeros after the decimal point, followed by a 9 and then several more digits. How many zeros are in that initial string of zeros after the decimal point?

(A) 23 **(B)** 24 **(C)** 25 **(D)** 26 **(E)** 27

10. A regular hexagon has side length 6. Congruent arcs with radius 3 are drawn with the center at each of the vertices, creating circular sectors as shown. The region inside the hexagon but outside the sectors is shaded as shown. What is the area of the shaded region?



(A) $27\sqrt{3} - 9\pi$ **(B)** $27\sqrt{3} - 6\pi$ **(C)** $54\sqrt{3} - 18\pi$

(D) $54\sqrt{3} - 12\pi$ **(E)** $108\sqrt{3} - 9\pi$

11. Suppose that $P = 2^m$ and $Q = 3^n$. Which of the following is equal to 12^{mn} for every pair of integers (m, n)?

(A) P^2Q **(B)** P^nQ^m **(C)** P^nQ^{2m} **(D)** $P^{2m}Q^n$ **(E)** $P^{2n}Q^m$

12. A number is chosen at random from among the first 100 positive integers, and a positive integer divisor of that number is then chosen at random. What is the probability that the chosen divisor is divisible by 11?

(A) $\frac{4}{100}$ **(B)** $\frac{9}{200}$ **(C)** $\frac{1}{20}$ **(D)** $\frac{11}{200}$ **(E)** $\frac{3}{50}$

13. A square of side length 1 and a circle of radius $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$ share the same center. What is the area inside the circle, but outside the square?

(A) $\frac{\pi}{3} - 1$ **(B)** $\frac{2\pi}{9} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$ **(C)** $\frac{\pi}{18}$ **(D)** $\frac{1}{4}$ **(E)** $\frac{2\pi}{9}$

14. There are three jars. Each of three coins is placed in one of the three jars, chosen at random and independently of the placements of the other coins. What is the expected number of coins in a jar with the most coins?

(A) $\frac{4}{3}$ **(B)** $\frac{39}{27}$ **(C)** $\frac{5}{3}$ **(D)** $\frac{17}{9}$ **(E)** 2

15. A farmer's rectangular field is partitioned into 2 by 2 grid of 4 rectangular sections as shown in the figure. In each section the farmer will plant one crop: corn, wheat, soybeans, or potatoes. The farmer does not want to grow corn and wheat in any two sections that share a border, and the farmer does not want to grow soybeans and potatoes in any two sections that share a border. Given these restrictions, in how many ways can the farmer choose crops to plant in each of the four sections of the field?



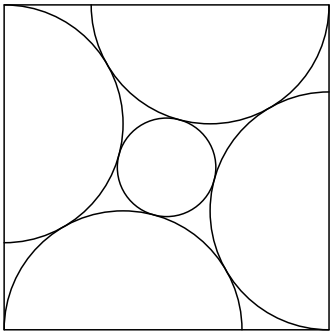
(A) 12 **(B)** 64 **(C)** 84 **(D)** 90 **(E)** 144

16. Let N be the positive integer $7777\ldots777$, a 313-digit number where each digit is a 7. Let $f(r)$ be the leading digit of the rth root of N. What is

$$f(2) + f(3) + f(4) + f(5) + f(6)?$$

(A) 8 **(B)** 9 **(C)** 11 **(D)** 22 **(E)** 29

17. Four congruent semicircles are inscribed in a square of side length 1 so that their diameters are on the sides of the square, one endpoint of each diameter is at a vertex of the square, and adjacent semicircles are tangent to each other. A small circle centered at the center of the square is tangent to each of the four semicircles, as shown below.



The diameter of the small circle can be written as $(\sqrt{a} + b)(\sqrt{c} + d)$, where a, b, c, and d are integers. What is $a + b + c + d$?

(A) 3 **(B)** 5 **(C)** 8 **(D)** 9 **(E)** 11

18. The numbers, in order, of each row and the numbers, in order, of each column of a 5×5 array of integers form an arithmetic progression of length 5. The numbers in positions $(5, 5)$, $(2, 4)$, $(4, 3)$, and $(3, 1)$ are 0, 48, 16, and 12, respectively. What number is in position $(1, 2)$?

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cdot & ? & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & 48 & \cdot \\ 12 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & 16 & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(A) 19 **(B)** 24 **(C)** 29 **(D)** 34 **(E)** 39

19. What is the remainder when

$$3^0 + 3^1 + 3^2 + \cdots + 3^{2009}$$

is divided by 8?

(A) 0 **(B)** 1 **(C)** 2 **(D)** 4 **(E)** 6

20. A pyramid has a square base with sides of length 1 and has lateral faces that are equilateral triangles. A cube is placed within the pyramid so that one face is on the base of the pyramid and its opposite face has all its edges on the lateral faces of the pyramid. What is the volume of this cube?

(A) $5\sqrt{2} - 7$ **(B)** $7 - 4\sqrt{3}$ **(C)** $\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{27}$ **(D)** $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{9}$ **(E)** $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{9}$

21. How many triangles with positive area have all their vertices at points (i, j) in the coordinate plane, where i and j are integers between 1 and 5, inclusive?

(A) 2128 **(B)** 2148 **(C)** 2160 **(D)** 2200 **(E)** 2300

22. Triangle ABC with $AB = 50$ and $AC = 10$ has area 120. Let D be the midpoint of $\overline{AB}$, and let E be the midpoint of $\overline{AC}$. The angle bisector of $\angle BAC$ intersects $\overline{DE}$ and $\overline{BC}$ at F and G, respectively. What is the area of quadrilateral $FDBG$?

(A) 60 **(B)** 65 **(C)** 70 **(D)** 75 **(E)** 80

23. Central High School is competing against Northern High School in a backgammon match. Each school has three players, and the contest rules require that each player play two games against each of the other school's players. The match takes place in six rounds, with three games played simultaneously in each round. In how many different ways can the match be scheduled?

(A) 540 **(B)** 600 **(C)** 720 **(D)** 810 **(E)** 900

24. Let $x_0, x_1, x_2, \ldots$ be a sequence of numbers, where each x_k is either 0 or 1. For each positive integer n, define

$$S_n = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} x_k 2^k$$

Suppose $7S_n \equiv 1 \pmod{2^n}$ for all $n \geq 1$. What is the value of the sum

$$x_{2019} + 2x_{2020} + 4x_{2021} + 8x_{2022}?$$

(A) 6 **(B)** 7 **(C)** 12 **(D)** 14 **(E)** 15

25. Real numbers x, y, and z are chosen independently and at random from the interval $[0, n]$ for some positive integer n. The probability that no two of x, y, and z are within 1 unit of each other is greater than $\frac{1}{2}$. What is the smallest possible value of n?

(A) 7 **(B)** 8 **(C)** 9 **(D)** 10 **(E)** 11

END OF EXAMINATION

ANSWER SHEET

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