AMC 10

SET 26

HALF-LENGTH PRACTICE

TIME ALLOWED

30:00

10 QUESTIONS • 30 MINUTES • 60 POINTS • UPPER BAND (PROBLEMS 13--23)

DO NOT OPEN THIS BOOKLET UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO BEGIN.

Name _____ Date _____ Start _____ Finish _____

All 10 problems come from positions 13–23 of past AMC 10 contests (2000–2025) and appear in their original wording, in order of their original position. Problems © Mathematical Association of America.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to begin.
2. This is a 10-question multiple-choice test. Every problem was originally problem 13 to 23 of an AMC 10 — the upper band of the paper, where strong scores are separated from good ones. They appear in order of their original position, so the difficulty rises from the first problem to the last.
3. Each question is followed by answers marked (A), (B), (C), (D) and (E). Only one of these is correct. Mark your answers on the answer sheet at the back of this booklet.
4. **Scoring:** 6 points for each correct answer, 1.5 points for each problem left unanswered, 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. No calculators, smartwatches, phones or computing devices.
6. Figures are not necessarily drawn to scale.
7. You will have **30 minutes**. Note your start time on the cover and stop the moment the time is up.

Pacing guide

This band is harder than the time allows comfortably: aim for problems 1–5 in about 12 minutes and give problems 6–10 the remaining 18. Skipping one hard problem to finish the rest cleanly is a winning strategy. If a problem has taken three minutes with no plan in sight, move on and come back.

1. Each of 6 balls is randomly and independently painted either black or white with equal probability. What is the probability that every ball is different in color from more than half of the other 5 balls?

(A) $\frac{1}{64}$ **(B)** $\frac{1}{6}$ **(C)** $\frac{1}{4}$ **(D)** $\frac{5}{16}$ **(E)** $\frac{1}{2}$

2. One side of an equilateral triangle of height 24 lies on line ℓ. A circle of radius 12 is tangent to ℓ and is externally tangent to the triangle. The area of the region exterior to the triangle and the circle and bounded by the triangle, the circle, and line ℓ can be written as $a\sqrt{b} - c\pi$, where a, b, and c are positive integers and b is not divisible by the square of any prime. What is $a + b + c$?

(A) 72 **(B)** 73 **(C)** 74 **(D)** 75 **(E)** 76

3. The quadratic equation $x^2 + mx + n = 0$ has roots that are twice those of $x^2 + px + m = 0$, and none of m, n, and p is zero. What is the value of $\frac{n}{p}$?

(A) 1 **(B)** 2 **(C)** 4 **(D)** 8 **(E)** 16

4. Jerry likes to play with numbers. One day, he wrote all the integers from 1 to 2024 on the whiteboard. Then he repeatedly chose four numbers on the whiteboard, erased them, and replaced them by either their sum or their product. (For example, Jerry's first step might have been to erase 1, 2, 3, and 5, and then write either 11, their sum, or 30, their product, on the whiteboard.) After repeatedly performing this operation, Jerry noticed that all the remaining numbers on the whiteboard were odd. What is the maximum possible number of integers on the whiteboard at that time?

(A) 1010 **(B)** 1011 **(C)** 1012 **(D)** 1013 **(E)** 1014

5. Point P is inside equilateral $\triangle ABC$. Points Q, R, and S are the feet of the perpendiculars from P to $\overline{AB}$, $\overline{BC}$, and $\overline{CA}$, respectively. Given that $PQ = 1$, $PR = 2$, and $PS = 3$, what is AB?

(A) 4 **(B)** $3\sqrt{3}$ **(C)** 6 **(D)** $4\sqrt{3}$ **(E)** 9

6. The harmonic mean of a collection of numbers is the reciprocal of the arithmetic mean of the reciprocals of the numbers in the collection. For example, the harmonic mean of $4, 4$, and 5 is

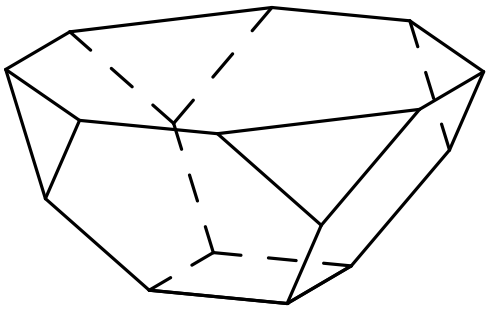
$$\frac{1}{\frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{1}{4}+\frac{1}{4}+\frac{1}{5}\right)} = \frac{30}{7}.$$

What is the harmonic mean of all the real roots of the 4050th degree polynomial

$$\prod_{k=1}^{2025}\left(kx^2-4x-3\right) = \left(x^2-4x-3\right)\cdot\left(2x^2-4x-3\right) \cdot\left(3x^2-4x-3\right)\cdots \cdot\left(2025x^2-4x-3\right)?$$

(A) $-\frac{5}{3}$ **(B)** $-\frac{3}{2}$ **(C)** $-\frac{6}{5}$ **(D)** $-\frac{5}{6}$ **(E)** $-\frac{2}{3}$

7. A bowl is formed by attaching four regular hexagons of side 1 to a square of side 1. The edges of the adjacent hexagons coincide, as shown in the figure. What is the area of the octagon obtained by joining the top eight vertices of the four hexagons, situated on the rim of the bowl?



(A) 6 **(B)** 7 **(C)** $5+2\sqrt{2}$ **(D)** 8 **(E)** 9

8. Two counterfeit coins of equal weight are mixed with 8 identical genuine coins. The weight of each of the counterfeit coins is different from the weight of each of the genuine coins. A pair of coins is selected at random without replacement from the 10 coins. A second pair is selected at random without replacement from the remaining 8 coins. The combined weight of the first pair is equal to the combined weight of the second pair. What is the probability that all 4 selected coins are genuine?

(A) $\frac{7}{11}$ **(B)** $\frac{9}{13}$ **(C)** $\frac{11}{15}$ **(D)** $\frac{15}{19}$ **(E)** $\frac{15}{16}$

9. How many ordered pairs (a, b) of positive integers satisfy the equation

$$a \cdot b + 63 = 20 \cdot \text{lcm}(a, b) + 12 \cdot \gcd(a, b),$$

where $\gcd(a, b)$ denotes the greatest common divisor of a and b, and $\text{lcm}(a, b)$ denotes their least common multiple?

(A) 0 **(B)** 2 **(C)** 4 **(D)** 6 **(E)** 8

10. An arithmetic sequence of positive integers has $n > 3$ terms, initial term a, and common difference $d > 1$. Carl wrote down all the terms in this sequence correctly except for one term, which was off by 1. The sum of the terms he wrote down was 222. What is $a + d + n$?

(A) 24 **(B)** 20 **(C)** 22 **(D)** 28 **(E)** 26

END OF EXAMINATION

ANSWER SHEET

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Name _____ Date _____

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5	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	**10**	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ

Fill in one circle per question. Leave the row empty to skip.

Correct	Blank	Wrong	Score
$\times 6$	$\times 1.5$	$\times 0$	/ 60