

## 2019 AMC 10A Problems

### Problem 1

What is the value of

$$2^{(0^{(1^9)})} + ((2^0)^1)^9 ?$$

- (A) 0    (B) 1    (C) 2    (D) 3    (E) 4

### Problem 2

What is the hundreds digit of  $(20! - 15!)$ ?

- (A) 0    (B) 1    (C) 2    (D) 4    (E) 5

### Problem 3

Ana and Bonita were born on the same date in different years,  $n$  years apart. Last year Ana was 5 times as old as Bonita. This year Ana's age is the square of Bonita's age. What is  $n$ ?

- (A) 3    (B) 5    (C) 9    (D) 12    (E) 15

### Problem 4

A box contains 28 red balls, 20 green balls, 19 yellow balls, 13 blue balls, 11 white balls, and 9 black balls. What is the minimum number of balls that must be drawn from the box without replacement to guarantee that at least 15 balls of a single color will be drawn?

- (A) 75    (B) 76    (C) 79    (D) 84    (E) 91

**Problem 5**

What is the greatest number of consecutive integers whose sum is 45?

- (A) 9    (B) 25    (C) 45    (D) 90    (E) 120

**Problem 6**

For how many of the following types of quadrilaterals does there exist a point in the plane of the quadrilateral that is equidistant from all four vertices of the quadrilateral?

- a square
- a rectangle that is not a square
- a rhombus that is not a square
- a parallelogram that is not a rectangle or a rhombus
- an isosceles trapezoid that is not a parallelogram

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

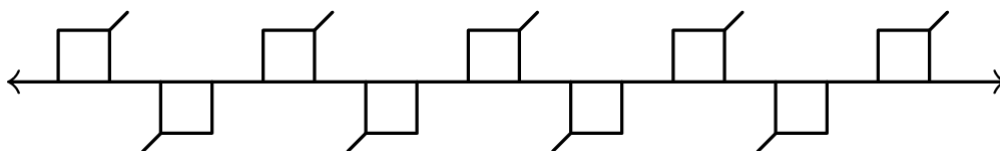
**Problem 7**

Two lines with slopes  $\frac{1}{2}$  and 2 intersect at  $(2, 2)$ . What is the area of the triangle enclosed by these two lines and the line  $x + y = 10$ ?

- (A) 4    (B)  $4\sqrt{2}$     (C) 6    (D) 8    (E)  $6\sqrt{2}$

**Problem 8**

The figure below shows line  $\ell$  with a regular, infinite, recurring pattern of squares and line segments.



How many of the following four kinds of rigid motion transformations of the plane in which this figure is drawn, other than the identity transformation, will transform this figure into itself?

- some rotation around a point of line  $\ell$
- some translation in the direction parallel to line  $\ell$
- the reflection across line  $\ell$
- some reflection across a line perpendicular to line  $\ell$

(A) 0    (B) 1    (C) 2    (D) 3    (E) 4

**Problem 9**

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

**Problem 10**

A rectangular floor that is 10 feet wide and 17 feet long is tiled with 170 one-foot square tiles. A bug walks from one corner to the opposite corner in a straight line. Including the first and the last tile, how many tiles does the bug visit?

- (A) 17    (B) 25    (C) 26    (D) 27    (E) 28

**Problem 11**

How many positive integer divisors of  $201^9$  are perfect squares or perfect cubes (or both)?

- (A) 32    (B) 36    (C) 37    (D) 39    (E) 41

**Problem 12**

Melanie computes the mean  $\mu$ , the median  $M$ , and the modes of the 365 values that are the dates in the months of 2019. Thus her data consist of 12 1s, 12 2s, . . . , 12 28s, 11 29s, 11 30s, and 7 31s. Let  $d$  be the median of the modes. Which of the following statements is true?

- (A)  $\mu < d < M$     (B)  $M < d < \mu$     (C)  $d = M = \mu$     (D)  $d < M < \mu$   
(E)  $d < \mu < M$

**Problem 13**

Let  $\triangle ABC$  be an isosceles triangle with  $BC = AC$  and  $\angle ACB = 40^\circ$ . Construct the circle with diameter  $\overline{BC}$ , and let  $D$  and  $E$  be the other intersection points of the circle with the sides  $\overline{AC}$  and  $\overline{AB}$ , respectively. Let  $F$  be the intersection of the diagonals of the quadrilateral  $BCDE$ . What is the degree measure of  $\angle BFC$ ?

- (A) 90    (B) 100    (C) 105    (D) 110    (E) 120

**Problem 14**

For a set of four distinct lines in a plane, there are exactly  $N$  distinct points that lie on two or more of the lines. What is the sum of all possible values of  $N$ ?

- (A) 14    (B) 16    (C) 18    (D) 19    (E) 21

**Problem 15**

A sequence of numbers is defined recursively by  $a_1 = 1$ ,  $a_2 = \frac{3}{7}$ , and

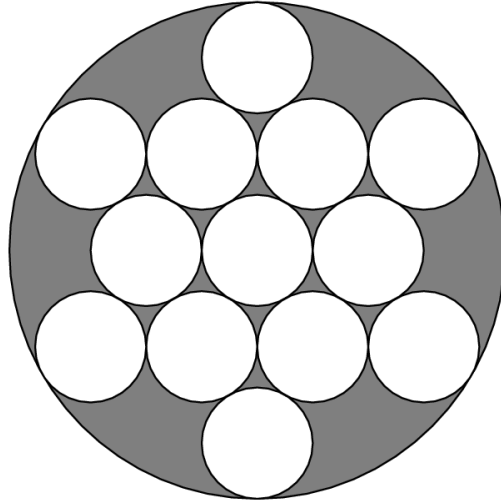
$$a_n = \frac{a_{n-2} \cdot a_{n-1}}{2a_{n-2} - a_{n-1}}$$

for all  $n \geq 3$ . Then  $a_{2019}$  can be written as  $\frac{p}{q}$ , where  $p$  and  $q$  are relatively prime positive integers. What is  $p + q$ ?

- (A) 2020    (B) 4039    (C) 6057    (D) 6061    (E) 8078

**Problem 16**

The figure below shows 13 circles of radius 1 within a larger circle. All the intersections occur at points of tangency. What is the area of the region, shaded in the figure, inside the larger circle but outside all the circles of radius 1?



- (A)  $4\pi\sqrt{3}$     (B)  $7\pi$     (C)  $\pi(3\sqrt{3} + 2)$     (D)  $10\pi(\sqrt{3} - 1)$     (E)  $\pi(\sqrt{3} + 6)$

**Problem 17**

A child builds towers using identically shaped cubes of different color. How many different towers with a height 8 cubes can the child build with 2 red cubes, 3 blue cubes, and 4 green cubes? (One cube will be left out.)

- (A) 24    (B) 288    (C) 312    (D) 1,260    (E) 40,320

**Problem 18**

For some positive integer  $k$ , the repeating base- $k$  representation of the (base-ten) fraction  $\frac{7}{51}$  is  $0.\overline{23}_k = 0.232323\dots_k$ . What is  $k$ ?

- (A) 13    (B) 14    (C) 15    (D) 16    (E) 17

**Problem 19**

What is the least possible value of

$$(x + 1)(x + 2)(x + 3)(x + 4) + 2019$$

where  $x$  is a real number?

- (A) 2017    (B) 2018    (C) 2019    (D) 2020    (E) 2021

**Problem 20**

The numbers  $1, 2, \dots, 9$  are randomly placed into the 9 squares of a  $3 \times 3$  grid. Each square gets one number, and each of the numbers is used once. What is the probability that the sum of the numbers in each row and each column is odd?

- (A)  $1/21$     (B)  $1/14$     (C)  $5/63$     (D)  $2/21$     (E)  $1/7$

**Problem 21**

A sphere with center  $O$  has radius 6. A triangle with sides of length 15, 15, and 24 is situated in space so that each of its sides is tangent to the sphere. What is the distance between  $O$  and the plane determined by the triangle?

- (A)  $2\sqrt{3}$     (B) 4    (C)  $3\sqrt{2}$     (D)  $2\sqrt{5}$     (E) 5

**Problem 22**

Real numbers between 0 and 1, inclusive, are chosen in the following manner. A fair coin is flipped. If it lands heads, then it is flipped again and the chosen number is 0 if the second flip is heads and 1 if the second flip is tails. On the other hand, if the first coin flip is tails, then the

number is chosen uniformly at random from the closed interval  $[0, 1]$ . Two random numbers  $x$  and  $y$  are chosen independently in this manner. What is the probability that

$$|x - y| > \frac{1}{2}?$$

- (A)  $\frac{1}{3}$     (B)  $\frac{7}{16}$     (C)  $\frac{1}{2}$     (D)  $\frac{9}{16}$     (E)  $\frac{2}{3}$

### Problem 23

Travis has to babysit the terrible Thompson triplets. Knowing that they love big numbers, Travis devises a counting game for them. First Tadd will say the number 1, then Todd must say the next two numbers (2 and 3), then Tucker must say the next three numbers (4, 5, 6), then Tadd must say the next four numbers (7, 8, 9, 10), and the process continues to rotate through the three children in order, each saying one more number than the previous child did, until the number 10,000 is reached. What is the 2019th number said by Tadd?

- (A) 5743    (B) 5885    (C) 5979    (D) 6001    (E) 6011

### Problem 24

Let  $p$ ,  $q$ , and  $r$  be the distinct roots of the polynomial  $x^3 - 22x^2 + 80x - 67$ . It is given that there exist real numbers  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  such that

$$\frac{1}{s^3 - 22s^2 + 80s - 67} = \frac{A}{s - p} + \frac{B}{s - q} + \frac{C}{s - r}$$

for all  $s \notin \{p, q, r\}$ . What is  $\frac{1}{A} + \frac{1}{B} + \frac{1}{C}$ ?

- (A) 243    (B) 244    (C) 245    (D) 246    (E) 247



**Problem 25**

For how many integers  $n$  between 1 and 50, inclusive, is

$$\frac{(n^2 - 1)!}{(n!)^n}$$

an integer? (Recall that  $0! = 1$ .)

- (A) 31    (B) 32    (C) 33    (D) 34    (E) 35

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