

CONTEST #5.

SOLUTIONS

5 - 1. **6** Solve $3S + 5L = 72$ with $S + L = 20$ to obtain $3(20 - L) + 5L = 72 \rightarrow 2L + 60 = 72$, so $L = 6$.

5 - 2. **10201** Using laws of exponents, $(\sqrt{7} - \sqrt{2})^4 = \left((\sqrt{7} - \sqrt{2})^2 \right)^2$, which may be rewritten as $(9 - 2\sqrt{14})^2$, which is $9^2 + (2\sqrt{14})^2 - 2 \cdot 9 \cdot 2\sqrt{14} = 137 - 36\sqrt{14}$. Now, $(A - B)^2 = (137 - 36)^2 = (101)^2$, or **10201**.

5 - 3. **1967** The slope of the line is $\frac{2015 - 1995}{-2 - 3} = -4$. The point $(10, M)$ also lies on the line, so solve $\frac{M - 1995}{10 - 3} = -4$ to obtain $M = 1967$.

5 - 4. **22 π** Notice that $QU^2 + QD^2 = UA^2 + AD^2$, which means that the square of the length of a diameter of circle O is $5^2 + (3\sqrt{7})^2 = \sqrt{43}^2 + (3\sqrt{5})^2 = 88$, so the radius is $\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{88} = \sqrt{22}$. Thus, the area of the circle is **22 π** .

5 - 5. **(360, 2)** Solve to obtain $(x - 3)\ln 2 = \ln 45 \rightarrow x = 3 + \frac{\ln 45}{\ln 2}$. Combine the fractions to obtain $x = \frac{3\ln 2}{\ln 2} + \frac{\ln 45}{\ln 2} = \frac{\ln 2^3}{\ln 2} + \frac{\ln 45}{\ln 2}$, or $\frac{\ln(45 \cdot 8)}{\ln 2}$. The ordered pair is **(360, 2)**.

5 - 6. **$\frac{\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{6}}{2}$** Note that $BG = BC = 1$. Now, find $m\angle CBG$. The $m\angle GBA = 90^\circ$ and $m\angle CBA = 120^\circ$, so $m\angle CBG = 360 - 90 - 120 = 150^\circ$. Thus, $CG^2 = 1^2 + 1^2 - 2 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot \cos 150^\circ = 2 + \sqrt{3}$. But what are P , Q , and R ? Squaring $\frac{\sqrt{P} + \sqrt{Q}}{R}$ gives $\frac{P + Q + 2\sqrt{PQ}}{R^2} = 2 + \sqrt{3}$, so $P + Q = 2R^2$ and $2\sqrt{PQ} = R^2\sqrt{3}$. Because $2\sqrt{PQ} = R^2\sqrt{3}$, and because R is an integer, R^2 is a multiple of 2. So, try $R = 2$. Then, $2\sqrt{PQ} = 4\sqrt{3}$, so $PQ = 12$. Also, $P + Q = 8$, so $P = 2$ and $Q = 6$, and the length $CG = \frac{\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{6}}{2}$.

R-1. Compute the least odd positive integer that is the product of four distinct prime numbers.

R-1Sol. **1155** Compute $3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 = 1155$.

R-2. Let N be the number you will receive. The quadratic equation $x^2 - 2x = N$ has two roots. Compute the greater of the two roots.

R-2Sol. **35** Substituting, $x^2 - 2x = 1155 \rightarrow (x - 35)(x + 33) = 0$, so the greater root is $x = 35$.

R-3. Let N be the number you will receive. In the sequence $41, N, \dots$, the difference between any two consecutive terms is constant. Compute the sixth term in the sequence.

R-3Sol. **11** The common difference is $N - 41$, so the first six terms are $41, N, N + (N - 41) = 2N - 41, 2N - 41 + (N - 41) = 3N - 82, 3N - 82 + (N - 41) = 4N - 123$, and $4N - 123 + (N - 41) = 5N - 164$. Substituting, the sixth term is $5 \cdot 35 - 164 = 11$.

R-4. Let N be the number you will receive. A right circular cylinder has a height of N cm. The surface area of the cylinder (including its top and its bottom) is 120π square cm. Compute the radius of the base of the cylinder in cm.

R-4Sol. **4** The surface area of a right circular cylinder is $2\pi rh + 2\pi r^2$, so $2\pi Nr + 2\pi r^2 = 120\pi$, which implies $Nr + r^2 = 60$, which solves to give $r = \frac{-N + \sqrt{N^2 + 240}}{2}$. Substituting, $r = 4$.

R-5. Let N be the number you will receive. Consider the set $S = \{k, 9, 10, 16, 19, N\}$, where the elements of S are integers. The mean of the numbers in S is 2 more than the median number in S . Compute k .

R-5Sol. **32** Substituting, the set $S = \{k, 4, 9, 10, 16, 19\}$. If $k \leq 9$, then the median is 9.5, which makes the mean 11.5, which means $k = 11$, which is not less than or equal to 9. If $9 < k < 10$, a similarly impossible result occurs. If $k = 10$, then the median is 10, so the mean must be 12, which is impossible. If $10 < k < 16$, similarly impossible results occur. So $k \geq 16$, which makes the median 13 and the mean 15, and $k = 32$.

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