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**SENIOR B DIVISION**  
**PART I: 10 minutes**

**CONTEST NUMBER ONE**  
**NYCIML Contest One**

**SPRING 2003**  
**Spring 2003**

- S03B01.** In Mr. Camel's class, the average age of the boys is 15, and the average age of the girls is 16. The ratio of the number of boys to girls is 3:2. Compute the average age of all the students in the class.
- S03B02.** Three fair dice are rolled, and the sum of the numbers shown is 7. Compute the probability that two dice show the same number.
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**PART II: 10 minutes**

**NYCIML Contest One**

**Spring 2003**

- S03B03.** The number 7,973 can be factored as the product of 3 prime numbers. Compute the largest prime.
- S03B04.** Compute  $\sin 75^\circ$ , in simplest radical form.
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**PART III: 10 minutes**

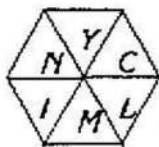
**NYCIML Contest One**

**Spring 2003**

- S03B05.** If  $x = 3^a + 7^b$ , and  $a$  and  $b$  are non negative single digit integers, compute the probability that the units digit of  $x$  is 8.
- S03B06.** If the three numbers 796, 1157, and 1594 are divided by the positive integer  $q$ , they all leave a remainder of  $r$ . Compute  $r$ .
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**ANSWERS**

1. 15.4
2.  $\frac{3}{5}$
3. 67
4.  $\frac{\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{6}}{4}$
5.  $\frac{19}{100}$
6. 17



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CONTEST NUMBER TWO

SPRING 2003

PART I: 10 minutes

NYCIML Contest Two

Spring 2003

S03B07. If  $2^3 + 2^3 + 2^3 + 2^3 = 4^x$ , compute  $x$ .

S03B08. The area of a rhombus is 100, and one diagonal is twice the other.  
Compute the length of a side of the rhombus.

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PART II: 10 minutes

NYCIML Contest Two

Spring 2003

S03B09. Compute the sum of the digits of the first 100 positive integers.

S03B10. Compute all real values of  $x$  which satisfy

$$\log x + \log (x - 4) \leq \log 221$$

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PART III: 10 minutes

NYCIML Contest Two

Spring 2003

S03B11. Compute the number of positive integral divisors of  $12^5$

S03B12. The base of isosceles triangle  $ABC$  is  $\overline{BC}$ .  $D$  is a point on  $\overline{AC}$  and  $E$  is a point on  $\overline{AB}$ .  $AE = ED = DB = BC$ . Compute  $m\angle A$ .

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**ANSWERS**

7.  $\frac{5}{2}$

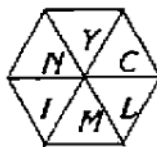
8.  $5\sqrt{5}$

9. 901

10.  $4 < x \leq 17$

11. 66

12.  $\frac{180}{7}$



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**PART I: 10 minutes**

**CONTEST NUMBER THREE**  
**NYCIML Contest Three**

**SPRING 2003**  
**Spring 2003**

- S03B13.** A cube with edge 10 is painted, and cut into 1000 unit cubes. Compute the number of these unit cubes that are painted on exactly 2 sides.
- S03B14.** Compute the sum of the series  $.7 + .07 + .007 + .0007 + \dots$ .
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**PART II: 10 minutes**

**NYCIML Contest Three**

**Spring 2003**

- S03B15.** If  $\log 2 = a$  and  $\log 3 = b$ , express  $\log 750$  in terms of  $a$  and  $b$  with no other logarithms.
- S03B16.** If  $a, b, c$  are all nonzero numbers, compute all possible values of 
$$\frac{a}{|a|} + \frac{b}{|b|} + \frac{c}{|c|} + \frac{ab}{|ab|} + \frac{ac}{|ac|} + \frac{bc}{|bc|} + \frac{abc}{|abc|}.$$
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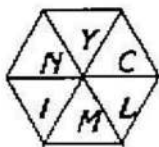
**NYCIML Contest Three**

**Spring 2003**

- S03B17.** If  $x = \sqrt{3 + \sqrt{3 + \sqrt{3 + \dots}}}$ , compute  $x$ .
- S03B18.** Until today's game, David had hit exactly 75% of his foul shots. Today he hit 3 out of 5 foul shots, and his percentage, when rounded off, was still 75%. Compute the fewest number of foul shots he could have taken this season, including today's game, for this to be possible.
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**ANSWERS**

13. 96
14.  $\frac{7}{9}$
15.  $b - 2a + 3$
16. 7, -1
17.  $\frac{1 + \sqrt{13}}{2}$
18. 153



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**CONTEST NUMBER FOUR**

**SPRING 2003**

**PART I: 10 minutes**

**NYCIML Contest Four**

**Spring 2003**

S03B19. Compute the units digit of  $7^{2003} \cdot 9^{300}$ .

S03B20. If  $\log_8(\cos(x)) = -\frac{1}{2}$ , compute  $\cos(2x)$  with no logarithms.

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**PART II: 10 minutes**

**NYCIML Contest Four**

**Spring 2003**

S03B21. If  $\sqrt{x\sqrt{x\sqrt{x}}} = x^a$ , compute  $a$ .

S03B22. Two roots of the equation  $x^3 + ax^2 + 17x + b = 0$  are 1 and 2. Compute the third root.

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**PART III: 10 minutes**

**NYCIML Contest Four**

**Spring 2003**

S03B23. Compute the area of a regular octagon which is inscribed in a circle of radius 10.

S03B24. Abel, Baker, and Charlie, in that order, each roll a pair of dice. The first person to roll a 7 wins. If no one rolls a 7 on the first round, they continue in the same order until someone wins. Compute the probability that Baker is the winner.

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**ANSWERS**

19. 3

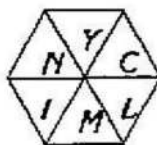
20.  $-\frac{3}{4}$

21.  $\frac{7}{8}$

22. 5

23.  $200\sqrt{2}$

24.  $\frac{30}{91}$



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CONTEST NUMBER FIVE

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NYCIML Contest Five

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S03B25.  $\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{x}$ , and  $\frac{1}{6}$ , in that order, form an arithmetic progression. Compute  $x$ .

S03B26. Compute all real values of  $x$  which satisfy  $2 \cdot 4^{2x} - 17 \cdot 4^x + 8 = 0$ .

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PART II: 10 minutes

NYCIML Contest Five

Spring 2003

S03B27. A penny, a nickel, a dime, a quarter, a half-dollar, and a dollar coin are on a table. Arthur picked up one or more coins. Compute how many different sums of money Arthur could have picked up.

S03B28. Compute the sum of all positive 2-digit integers that are not divisible by either 2 or 5.

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PART III: 10 minutes

NYCIML Contest Five

Spring 2003

S03B29. If  $3! \cdot 5! \cdot 7! = x!$ , compute  $x$ .

S03B30. The legs of an isosceles triangle are of length 1 and the vertex angle is  $36^\circ$ . Compute the length of the base.

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ANSWERS

25.  $\frac{24}{5}$

26.  $\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}$

27. 63

28. 1980

29. 10

30.  $\frac{-1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$

## SOLUTIONS

**S03B1.** If there are  $3x$  boys and  $2x$  girls,  $\frac{3x \cdot 15 + 2x \cdot 16}{5x} = \frac{77x}{5x} = 15.4$ .

**S03B2.** The possibilities are:  
 $(1,1,5)$  3 ways       $(2,2,3)$  3 ways  
 $(1,2,4)$  6 ways       $(1,3,3)$  3 ways  
 Probability =  $\frac{9}{15} = \frac{3}{5}$

**S03B3.**  $7973 = 8000 - 27 = 20^3 - 3^3$ . Since  $a^3 - b^3 = (a-b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)$ ,  
 $7973 = (20-3)(20^2 + 3 \cdot 20 + 3^2) = 17 \cdot 469 = 7 \cdot 17 \cdot 67$ .

**S03B4.**  $\sin 75^\circ = \sin(30^\circ + 45^\circ) = \sin 30^\circ \cos 45^\circ + \cos 30^\circ \sin 45^\circ$   

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{6}}{4}$$

**S03B5.** The units digit of the powers of 3 starting with exponent 0 are 1, 3, 9, 7, 1, 3, 9, 7, 1, 3. The units digit of the powers of 7 starting with exponent 0 are 1, 7, 9, 3, 1, 7, 9, 3, 1, 7. To get a unit's digit of 8, either  
 $(9,9)$  4 possibilities  
 $(1,7)$  9 possibilities  
 $(7,1)$  6 possibilities

$$P = \frac{19}{100}$$

**S03B6.** Since they leave the same remainder, the difference between any two numbers must be a multiple of  $q$ .  
 $1157 - 796 = 361 = 19 \cdot 19$   
 $1594 - 1157 = 437 = 19 \cdot 23$   
 $q = 19$  and  $r = 17$

## SOLUTIONS

S03B7.  $2^3 + 2^3 + 2^3 + 2^3 = 4 \cdot 2^3 = 2^5 = 4^{\frac{5}{2}}$  The exponent is  $\frac{5}{2}$ .

S03B8. The area of a rhombus is one half the product of the diagonals.

$$\frac{1}{2} \cdot x \cdot 2x = x^2 = 100 \quad x = 10 \quad 2x = 20$$

In a rhombus,  $s^2 = \left(\frac{d_1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{d_2}{2}\right)^2$ , so  $s^2 = 5^2 + 10^2$

$$s = 5\sqrt{1+2^2} = 5\sqrt{5}$$

S03B9. By symmetry, there are 10 of each digit in the 10's place and the unit's place.  $10 \cdot 45 + 10 \cdot 45 = 900$ . Adding 1 for 100, the sum is **901**.

S03B10. The domain of the log function means  $x > 0$  and  $x - 4 > 0$ .

$$\text{Also } \log x(x-4) \leq \log 221$$

$$\text{So } x(x-4) \leq 221$$

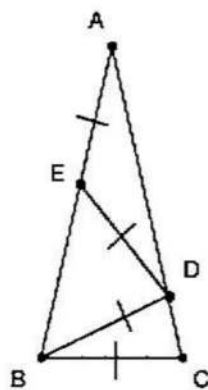
$$x^2 - 4x - 221 \leq 0$$

$$(x-17)(x+13) \leq 0 \text{ which gives a solution of } -13 \leq x \leq 17$$

However the restricted domain causes the solution to be  $4 < x \leq 17$

S03B11.  $12^5 = 2^{10} \cdot 3^5$ . The number of factors is found by taking the product of 1 more than each exponent. Thus  $11 \cdot 6 = 66$ .

S03B12. Let  $\angle A = x$   
 Then  $\angle ADE = x$   
 $\angle DEB = 2x$   
 $\angle EBD = 2x$   
 $\angle EDB = 180 - 4x$   
 $\angle BDC = 3x$   
 $\angle C = 3x$   
 $\angle ABC = 3x$   
 $x + 3x + 3x = 180 = 7x$   
 $x = \frac{180}{7}$



## SOLUTIONS

**S03B13.** The cubes painted on 2 sides consist of the cubes on each of the 12 edges, except for the corners.  $12 \cdot 8 = 96$ .

**S03B14.** Solution 1: This is an infinite geometric progression:

$$S = \frac{9}{1-r} = \frac{\frac{7}{10}}{1-\frac{1}{10}} = \frac{7}{9}$$

Solution 2: The number is .7777... which equals  $\frac{7}{9}$ .

**S03B15.**  $\log_{10} 750 = \log_{10} \left( \frac{3000}{4} \right) = \log_{10} 3 + 3\log_{10} 10 - \log_{10} 4 = \mathbf{b + 3 - 2a}$

**S03B16.** If all 3 numbers are positive, the value is 7. If 1, 2, or all 3 numbers are negative, the value is -1.  
ANS: 7, -1

**S03B17.**  $x = \sqrt{3 + \sqrt{3 + \sqrt{3 + \dots}}} = \sqrt{3 + x}$

$$x^2 = 3 + x \quad x^2 - x - 3 = 0 \quad x = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{13}}{2}$$

Rejecting the negative,  $x = \frac{1 + \sqrt{13}}{2}$

**S03B18.** Let  $N$  be the number of shots David took until today's game.

$$\frac{.75N + 3}{N + 5} \geq .745 \quad .75N + 3 \geq .745(N + 5)$$

$$750N + 3000 \geq 745N + 3725 \quad N \geq 145$$

Since  $N$  must be a multiple of 4,  $N = 148$ . Including today's game, he took **153** shots.



## SOLUTIONS

**S03B19.** The unit's digit of the powers of 7 run in cycles of 4, i.e. (7, 9, 3, 1). The powers of 9 runs in cycles of 2, i.e. (9, 1, 9, 1).  $3 \cdot 1 = 3$

**S03B20.**  $\cos x = 8^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{8}}$   
 $\cos 2x = 2\cos^2 x - 1 = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{8} - 1 = -\frac{3}{4}$

**S03B21.**  $\sqrt{x\sqrt{x\sqrt{x}}} = \sqrt{x\sqrt{x^{3/2}}} = \sqrt{x^{7/4}} = x^{7/8}$  The exponent is  $\frac{7}{8}$ .

**S03B22.** 17 is the sum of the roots taken 2 at a time.  $1 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot r + 1 \cdot r = 17$   
 $r = 5$

**S03B23.** The isosceles triangle formed by 2 consecutive radii has a vertex angle of  $45^\circ$ . The area of each such triangle is  $\frac{1}{2} \cdot 10 \cdot 10 \cdot \sin 45^\circ = 25\sqrt{2}$ .  
 $8 \cdot 25\sqrt{2} = 200\sqrt{2}$

**S03B24.** The probability of rolling a 7 is  $\frac{1}{6}$ . The probability of Baker winning on the first round is  $\frac{5}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6} = \frac{5}{6^2}$ .

The probability that Baker will win on the second round is  $\left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^4 \cdot \frac{1}{6} = \frac{5^4}{6^5}$

This is an infinite geometric progression.

$$S = \frac{\frac{5}{6^2}}{1 - \frac{5}{6}} = \frac{30}{91}$$

## SOLUTIONS

S03B25.  $\frac{1}{x}$  is the average of  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{1}{6}$ .  $\frac{1}{x} = \frac{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{6}}{2} = \frac{5}{24}$

So  $x = \frac{24}{5}$

S03B26. Let  $y = 4^x$   $2y^2 - 17y + 8 = 0$

$y = 8$  or  $y = \frac{1}{2}$

$x = \frac{3}{2}$  or  $x = -\frac{1}{2}$

Answer:  $\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}$

S03B27. The number of subsets of 6 items is  $2^6 = 64$ . However, since the null set is excluded in the problem, the answer is 63.

S03B28. This consists of 36 numbers, all the 2 digit numbers that end in 1,3,7, or 9

Solution 1:

$11 + 13 + 17 + 19$  The units digits in any row add up to 20.

$21 + 23 + 27 + 29$   $20 \cdot 9 + 40 + 80 + 120 + \dots + 360$

$\dots$   $= 180 + 1800 = 1980$

Solution 2:

Adding the columns, the units digits add up to  $9 + 27 + 63 + 81 = 180$

Each ten's column adds up to 450.  $180 + 4 \cdot 450 = 1980$

Solution 3:

Notice that for every integer  $n$  that fits the above conditions, there exists a different and unique integer  $110 - n$  that also fits the above conditions.

Since the pairings are distinct, there must be 18 pairs of such integers, each summing up to 110. The total is  $18 \cdot 110 = 1980$ .

S03B29. If the terms of  $3! \cdot 5!$  are rearranged, it equals  $8 \cdot 9 \cdot 10$ .  $x = 10$ .

S03B30. Bisect one of the base angles so that  $\triangle CBD \sim \triangle ABC$

$\frac{1}{x} = \frac{x}{1-x}$

$x^2 = 1-x$   $x^2 + x - 1 = 0$

$x = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$

Rejecting the negative root,  $x = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$

