



# 2021 AMC 12A

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**Question 1**

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Points out of 6

What is the value of

$$2^{1+2+3} - (2^1 + 2^2 + 2^3) ?$$

(A) 0      (B) 50      (C) 52      (D) 54      (E) 57

Select one:

- A
- B
- C
- D
- E
- Leave blank (1.5 points)

**Question 2**

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Under what conditions is  $\sqrt{a^2 + b^2} = a + b$  true, where  $a$  and  $b$  are real numbers?

(A) It is never true. (B) It is true if and only if  $ab = 0$ . (C) It is true if and only if  $a + b \geq 0$ . (D) It is true if and only if  $ab = 0$  and  $a + b \geq 0$ . (E) It is always true.

Select one:

- A
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- E
- Leave blank (1.5 points)

**Question 3**

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The sum of two natural numbers is 17,402. One of the two numbers is divisible by 10. If the units digit of that number is erased, the other number is obtained. What is the difference of these two numbers?

(A) 10,272      (B) 11,700      (C) 13,362      (D) 14,238      (E) 15,426

Select one:

- A
- B
- C
- D
- E
- Leave blank (1.5 points)

**Question 4**

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Tom has a collection of 13 snakes, 4 of which are purple and 5 of which are happy. He observes that all of his happy snakes can add, none of his purple snakes can subtract, and all of his snakes that can't subtract also can't add. Which of these conclusions can be drawn about Tom's snakes?

(A) Purple snakes can add. (B) Purple snakes are happy. (C) Snakes that can add are purple. (D) Happy snakes are not purple. (E) Happy snakes can't subtract.

Select one:

- A
- B
- C
- D
- E
- Leave blank (1.5 points)

**Question 5**

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When a student multiplied the number 66 by the repeating decimal,

$$1.\underline{a}\underline{b}\underline{a}\underline{b}\dots = 1.\overline{\underline{a}\underline{b}},$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are digits, he did not notice the notation and just multiplied 66 times  $1.\underline{a}\underline{b}$ . Later he found that his answer is 0.5 less than the correct answer. What is the 2-digit integer  $\underline{a}\underline{b}$ ?

(A) 15 (B) 30 (C) 45 (D) 60 (E) 75

Select one:

- A
- B
- C
- D
- E
- Leave blank (1.5 points)

**Question 6**

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Points out of 6

A deck of cards has only red cards and black cards. The probability of a randomly chosen card being red is  $\frac{1}{3}$ . When 4 black cards are added to the deck, the probability of choosing red becomes  $\frac{1}{4}$ . How many cards were in the deck originally?

(A) 6 (B) 9 (C) 12 (D) 15 (E) 18

Select one:

- A
- B
- C
- D
- E
- Leave blank (1.5 points)

**Question 7**

Not yet answered

Points out of 6

What is the least possible value of  $(xy - 1)^2 + (x + y)^2$  for real numbers  $x$  and  $y$ ?

- (A) 0    (B)  $\frac{1}{4}$     (C)  $\frac{1}{2}$     (D) 1    (E) 2

Select one:

- A
- B
- C
- D
- E
- Leave blank (1.5 points)

**Question 8**

Not yet answered

Points out of 6

A sequence of numbers is defined by  $D_0 = 0$ ,  $D_1 = 0$ ,  $D_2 = 1$ , and  $D_n = D_{n-1} + D_{n-3}$  for  $n \geq 3$ . What are the parities (evenness or oddness) of the triple of numbers  $(D_{2021}, D_{2022}, D_{2023})$ , where E denotes even and O denotes odd?

- (A) (O, E, O)    (B) (E, E, O)    (C) (E, O, E)    (D) (O, O, E)    (E) (O, O, O)

Select one:

- A
- B
- C
- D
- E
- Leave blank (1.5 points)

**Question 9**

Not yet answered

Points out of 6

Which of the following is equivalent to

$$(2 + 3)(2^2 + 3^2)(2^4 + 3^4)(2^8 + 3^8)(2^{16} + 3^{16})(2^{32} + 3^{32})(2^{64} + 3^{64})?$$

- (A)  $3^{127} + 2^{127}$     (B)  $3^{127} + 2^{127} + 2 \cdot 3^{63} + 3 \cdot 2^{63}$     (C)  $3^{128} - 2^{128}$     (D)  $3^{128} + 2^{128}$     (E)  $5^{127}$

Select one:

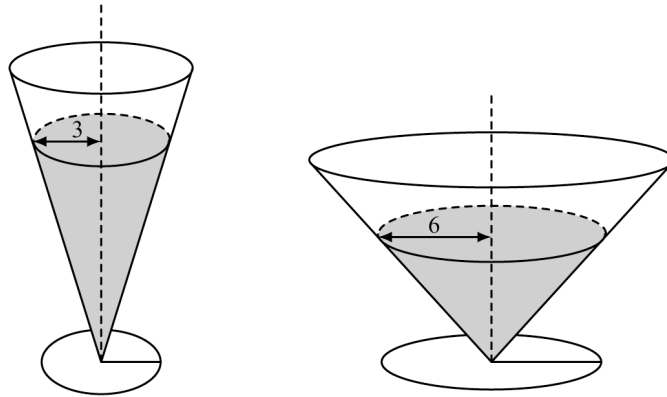
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**Question 10**

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Two right circular cones with vertices facing down as shown in the figure below contain the same amount of liquid. The radii of the tops of the liquid surfaces are 3 cm and 6 cm. Into each cone is dropped a spherical marble of radius 1 cm, which sinks to the bottom and is completely submerged without spilling any liquid. What is the ratio of the rise of the liquid level in the narrow cone to the rise of the liquid level in the wide cone?



- (A) 1 : 1    (B) 47 : 43    (C) 2 : 1    (D) 40 : 13    (E) 4 : 1

Select one:

- A  
 B  
 C  
 D  
 E  
 Leave blank (1.5 points)

**Question 11**

Not yet answered

Points out of 6

A laser is placed at the point  $(3, 5)$ . The laser beam travels in a straight line. Larry wants the beam to hit and bounce off the  $y$ -axis, then hit and bounce off the  $x$ -axis, then hit the point  $(7, 5)$ . What is the total distance the beam will travel along this path?

- (A)  $2\sqrt{10}$     (B)  $5\sqrt{2}$     (C)  $10\sqrt{2}$     (D)  $15\sqrt{2}$     (E)  $10\sqrt{5}$

Select one:

- A  
 B  
 C  
 D  
 E  
 Leave blank (1.5 points)

**Question 12**

Not yet answered

Points out of 6

All the roots of polynomial  $z^6 - 10z^5 + Az^4 + Bz^3 + Cz^2 + Dz + 16$  are positive integers, possibly repeated. What is the value of  $B$ ?

- (A)  $-88$     (B)  $-80$     (C)  $-64$     (D)  $-41$     (E)  $-40$

Select one:

- A  
 B  
 C  
 D  
 E  
 Leave blank (1.5 points)

**Question 13**

Not yet answered

Points out of 6

Of the following complex numbers  $z$ , which one has the property that  $z^5$  has the greatest real part?

- (A)  $-2$     (B)  $-\sqrt{3} + i$     (C)  $-\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2}i$     (D)  $-1 + \sqrt{3}i$     (E)  $2i$

Select one:

- A  
 B  
 C  
 D  
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 Leave blank (1.5 points)

**Question 14**

Not yet answered

Points out of 6

What is the value of

$$\left( \sum_{k=1}^{20} \log_{5^k} 3^{k^2} \right) \cdot \left( \sum_{k=1}^{100} \log_{9^k} 25^k \right) ?$$

- (A) 21    (B)  $100 \log_5 3$     (C)  $200 \log_3 5$     (D) 2,200    (E) 21,000

Select one:

- A  
 B  
 C  
 D  
 E  
 Leave blank (1.5 points)

**Question 15**

Not yet answered

Points out of 6

A choir director must select a group of singers from among his 6 tenors and 8 basses. The only requirements are that the difference between the numbers of tenors and basses must be a multiple of 4, and the group must have at least one singer. Let  $N$  be the number of groups that could be selected. What is the remainder when  $N$  is divided by 100?

- (A) 47    (B) 48    (C) 83    (D) 95    (E) 96

Select one:

- A  
 B  
 C  
 D  
 E  
 Leave blank (1.5 points)

**Question 16**

Not yet answered

Points out of 6

In the following list of numbers, the integer  $n$  appears  $n$  times in the list for  $1 \leq n \leq 200$ .

1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, 4, 4, 4, 4,  $\dots$ , 200, 200,  $\dots$ , 200

What is the median of the numbers in this list?

- (A) 100.5    (B) 134    (C) 142    (D) 150.5    (E) 167

Select one:

- A  
 B  
 C  
 D  
 E  
 Leave blank (1.5 points)

**Question 17**

Not yet answered

Points out of 6

Trapezoid  $ABCD$  has  $\overline{AB} \parallel \overline{CD}$ ,  $BC = CD = 43$ , and  $\overline{AD} \perp \overline{BD}$ . Let  $O$  be the intersection of the diagonals  $\overline{AC}$  and  $\overline{BD}$ , and let  $P$  be the midpoint of  $\overline{BD}$ . Given that  $OP = 11$ , the length  $AD$  can be written in the form  $m\sqrt{n}$ , where  $m$  and  $n$  are positive integers and  $n$  is not divisible by the square of any prime. What is  $m + n$ ?

- (A) 65    (B) 132    (C) 157    (D) 194    (E) 215

Select one:

- A  
 B  
 C  
 D  
 E  
 Leave blank (1.5 points)

**Question 18**

Not yet answered

Points out of 6

Let  $f$  be a function defined on the set of positive rational numbers with the property that  $f(a \cdot b) = f(a) + f(b)$  for all positive rational numbers  $a$  and  $b$ . Suppose that  $f$  also has the property that  $f(p) = p$  for every prime number  $p$ . For which of the following numbers  $x$  is  $f(x) < 0$ ?

- (A)  $\frac{17}{32}$    (B)  $\frac{11}{16}$    (C)  $\frac{7}{9}$    (D)  $\frac{7}{6}$    (E)  $\frac{25}{11}$

Select one:

- A  
 B  
 C  
 D  
 E  
 Leave blank (1.5 points)

**Question 19**

Not yet answered

Points out of 6

How many solutions does the equation  $\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\cos x\right) = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\sin x\right)$  have in the closed interval  $[0, \pi]$ ?

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

Select one:

- A  
 B  
 C  
 D  
 E  
 Leave blank (1.5 points)

**Question 20**

Not yet answered

Points out of 6

Suppose that on a parabola with vertex  $V$  and focus  $F$  there exists a point  $A$  such that  $AF = 20$  and  $AV = 21$ . What is the sum of all possible values of the length  $FV$ ?

- (A) 13   (B)  $\frac{40}{3}$    (C)  $\frac{41}{3}$    (D) 14   (E)  $\frac{43}{3}$

Select one:

- A  
 B  
 C  
 D  
 E  
 Leave blank (1.5 points)



**Question 21**

Not yet answered

Points out of 6

The five solutions to the equation

$$(z - 1)(z^2 + 2z + 4)(z^2 + 4z + 6) = 0$$

may be written in the form  $x_k + y_k i$  for  $1 \leq k \leq 5$ , where  $x_k$  and  $y_k$  are real. Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be the unique ellipse that passes through the points  $(x_1, y_1)$ ,  $(x_2, y_2)$ ,  $(x_3, y_3)$ ,  $(x_4, y_4)$ , and  $(x_5, y_5)$ . The eccentricity of  $\mathcal{E}$  can be written in the form  $\sqrt{\frac{m}{n}}$ , where  $m$  and  $n$  are relatively prime positive integers. What is  $m + n$ ? (Recall that the eccentricity of an ellipse  $\mathcal{E}$  is the ratio  $\frac{c}{a}$ , where  $2a$  is the length of the major axis of  $\mathcal{E}$  and  $2c$  is the distance between its two foci.)

- (A) 7    (B) 9    (C) 11    (D) 13    (E) 15

Select one:

- A
- B
- C
- D
- E
- Leave blank (1.5 points)

**Question 22**

Not yet answered

Points out of 6

Suppose that the roots of the polynomial  $P(x) = x^3 + ax^2 + bx + c$  are  $\cos \frac{2\pi}{7}$ ,  $\cos \frac{4\pi}{7}$ , and  $\cos \frac{6\pi}{7}$ , where angles are in radians. What is  $abc$ ?

- (A)  $-\frac{3}{49}$     (B)  $-\frac{1}{28}$     (C)  $\frac{\sqrt[3]{7}}{64}$     (D)  $\frac{1}{32}$     (E)  $\frac{1}{28}$

Select one:

- A
- B
- C
- D
- E
- Leave blank (1.5 points)

**Question 23**

Not yet answered

Points out of 6

Frieda the frog begins a sequence of hops on a  $3 \times 3$  grid of squares, moving one square on each hop and choosing at random the direction of each hop: up, down, left, or right. She does not hop diagonally. When the direction of a hop would take Frieda off the grid, she "wraps around" and jumps to the opposite edge. For example if Frieda begins in the center square and makes two hops "up", the first hop would place her in the top row middle square, and the second hop would cause Frieda to jump to the opposite edge, landing in the bottom row middle square. Suppose Frieda starts from the center square, makes at most four hops at random, and stops hopping if she lands on a corner square. What is the probability that she reaches a corner square on one of the four hops?

- (A)  $\frac{9}{16}$     (B)  $\frac{5}{8}$     (C)  $\frac{3}{4}$     (D)  $\frac{25}{32}$     (E)  $\frac{13}{16}$

Select one:

- A  
 B  
 C  
 D  
 E  
 Leave blank (1.5 points)

**Question 24**

Not yet answered

Points out of 6

Semicircle  $\Gamma$  has diameter  $\overline{AB}$  of length 14. Circle  $\Omega$  lies tangent to  $\overline{AB}$  at a point  $P$  and intersects  $\Gamma$  at points  $Q$  and  $R$ . If  $QR = 3\sqrt{3}$  and  $\angle QPR = 60^\circ$ , then the area of  $\triangle PQR$  is  $\frac{a\sqrt{b}}{c}$ , where  $a$  and  $c$  are relatively prime positive integers, and  $b$  is a positive integer not divisible by the square of any prime. What is  $a + b + c$ ?

- (A) 110    (B) 114    (C) 118    (D) 122    (E) 126

Select one:

- A  
 B  
 C  
 D  
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 Leave blank (1.5 points)

**Question 25**

Not yet answered

Points out of 6

Let  $d(n)$  denote the number of positive integers that divide  $n$ , including 1 and  $n$ . For example,  $d(1) = 1$ ,  $d(2) = 2$ , and  $d(12) = 6$ . (This function is known as the divisor function.) Let

$$f(n) = \frac{d(n)}{\sqrt[3]{n}}.$$

There is a unique positive integer  $N$  such that  $f(N) > f(n)$  for all positive integers  $n \neq N$ . What is the sum of the digits of  $N$ ?

(A) 5      (B) 6      (C) 7      (D) 8      (E) 9

Select one:

- A
- B
- C
- D
- E
- Leave blank (1.5 points)