

**MASSACHUSETTS MATHEMATICS LEAGUE  
CONTEST 2 – NOVEMBER 2006  
ROUND 1 ALG 2: COMPLEX NUMBERS (No Trig)**

**ANSWERS**

A) \_\_\_\_\_

B) \_\_\_\_\_

C) \_\_\_\_\_

A) Expand and give your answer in  $a + bi$  form:  $i(2 + 3i)(1 - 4i)$

B) Find  $\sqrt{2}i$  in  $a + bi$  form, where  $b > 0$ .

C) Evaluate in  $a + bi$  form:  $\sum_{n=1}^{n=3} (1 - i\sqrt{3})^{(2^n)}$

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ROUND 2 ALGEBRA 1: ANYTHING**

**ANSWERS**

A) \_\_\_\_\_

B) \_\_\_\_\_

C) \_\_\_\_\_

A) Evaluate:  $4^2 + 3 \cdot 7 - 8^{-2} \cdot \frac{2^8}{5 \cdot 9} \div \frac{1}{4 \cdot 3} \cdot 6^2$

B) Determine all values of  $x$  for which  $\left(\frac{1+x}{2}\right)^2 - 3\left(\frac{1+x}{2}\right) = 18$

C) If he were still alive in the year I was born, Ramanujan on his birthday would have been one year older than I was on my birthday this year. By the end of this year (2006), the sum of our ages would be 178. In what year was I born?

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ROUND 3 PLANE GEOMETRY: AREAS OF RECTILINEAR FIGURES**

**ANSWERS**

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B) \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_

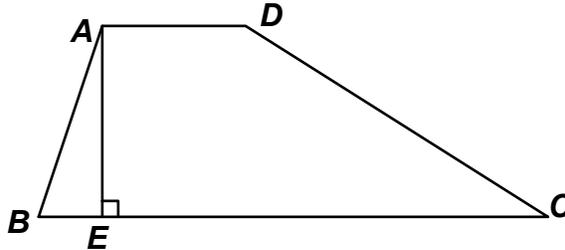
C) \_\_\_\_\_

- A) Find the exact area of trapezoid  $ABCD$ , with bases  $\overline{AD}$  and  $\overline{BC}$ ,  
given:

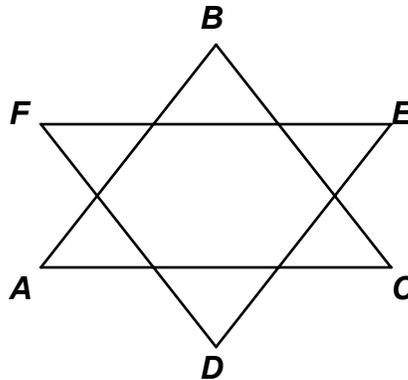
$$AB = 25, BC = DC = 40, AE = 24$$

$$AD < BC \text{ and } E \text{ is between } B \text{ and } C$$

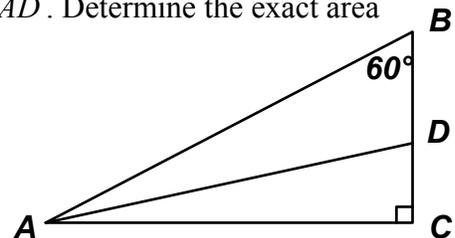
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- B) A six-pointed star is formed by taking equilateral  $\triangle ABC$ , flipping it over a horizontal line to form  $\triangle DEF$ , and placing it on top of the  $\triangle ABC$  so that all of its sides are trisected by the intersection points. Express (in simplest form) the ratio of the area of the entire star to the area of the original  $\triangle ABC$ .



- C) The area of  $\triangle ABC$  is 6 units<sup>2</sup>. The  $30^\circ$  angle is bisected by  $\overline{AD}$ . Determine the exact area of  $\triangle ADC$ .



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ROUND 4 ALG 1: FACTORING AND ITS APPLICATIONS**

**ANSWERS**

A) \_\_\_\_\_

B) \_\_\_\_\_

C)  $x =$  \_\_\_\_\_

A) Factor completely  $(a^2 - 3a + 1)^2 - 1$

B) Factor completely:  $(x + 1)^3 - (x + 1)^2 - 9(x + 1) + 9$

C) Given:  $x(x + 2y) = 1$  and  $x < 0$ . Solve for  $x$  in terms of  $y$ .

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ROUND 5 TRIG: FUNCTIONS OF SPECIAL ANGLES**

**\*\*\*\*\* NO CALCULATORS ON THIS ROUND \*\*\*\*\***

**ANSWERS**

A) \_\_\_\_\_

B) \_\_\_\_\_

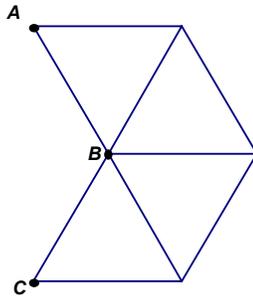
C) \_\_\_\_\_

A) If  $\cos A = \frac{1}{4}$  and  $\tan A < 0$ , find the exact value of  $\sin(90 - A) \cdot \cos(90 - A)$ .

B) If  $\sin^2\left(\frac{\pi}{9}\right) + \sin^2\left(\frac{2\pi}{9}\right) + \sin^2\left(\frac{3\pi}{9}\right) + \sin^2\left(\frac{4\pi}{9}\right) = \frac{a}{b}$ , then what is the value of  $\cos^2\left(\frac{\pi}{9}\right) + \cos^2\left(\frac{2\pi}{9}\right) + \cos^2\left(\frac{3\pi}{9}\right) + \cos^2\left(\frac{4\pi}{9}\right)$  ?

Express your answer as a single simplified fraction.

C) The figure in the diagram consists of 4 equilateral triangles each with side of length 6. A square pyramid is formed by joining sides  $\overline{AB}$  and  $\overline{BC}$ . Let  $\theta$  be the angle each face makes with the base. Find  $\sin(\theta)$ . If necessary, express your answer as a simplified radical.



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ROUND 6 PLANE GEOMETRY: ANGLES, TRIANGLES AND PARALLELS**

**ANSWERS**

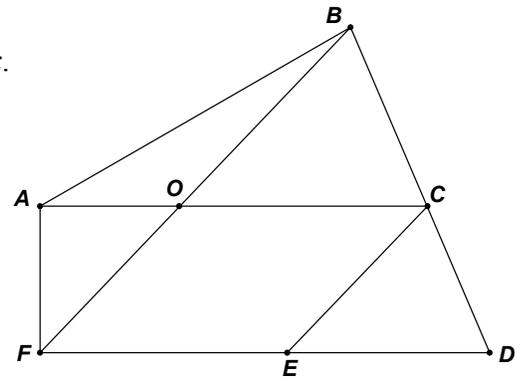
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B)  $y =$  \_\_\_\_\_

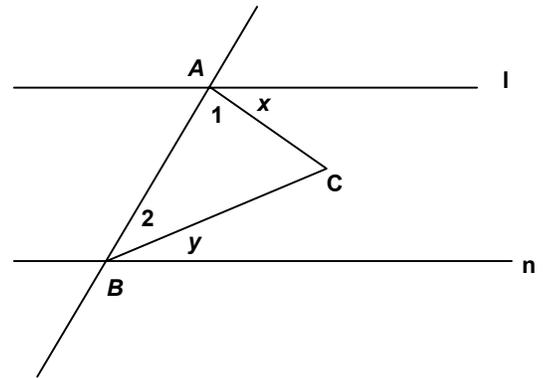
C) \_\_\_\_\_

A) Let  $x = m\angle FAB$ .

If  $OC = FE$ ,  $EC = ED$ ,  $m\angle OCE = 42^\circ$ ,  $m\angle D = 69^\circ$ ,  
 $m\angle AFE = 93^\circ$  and  $m\angle ABO = 20^\circ$ , determine the value of  $x$ .  
The diagram is not necessarily drawn to scale.

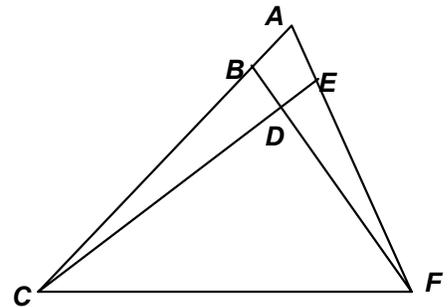


B) If  $l \parallel n$  and the measure of angle  $C$  is three times the sum of the measures of angles 1 and 2, find  $y$  in terms of  $x$ .



C) In  $\triangle ACF$ ,  $AB = AE$ ,  $AE = EF/3$ ,  $m\angle ACE = m\angle AFB$ ,  $BC = 6$   
and  $AC = CF/2 + 6$ . Find  $CF$ .

The diagram is not necessarily drawn to scale.  
Your answer must be exact and expressed in simplified form.



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ROUND 7 TEAM QUESTIONS**

**ANSWERS**

A) \_\_\_\_\_ D) \_\_\_\_\_

B) \_\_\_\_\_ mph E) \_\_\_\_\_

C) \_\_\_\_\_ F) \_\_\_\_\_

A) Given:  $z = 3 + 4i$

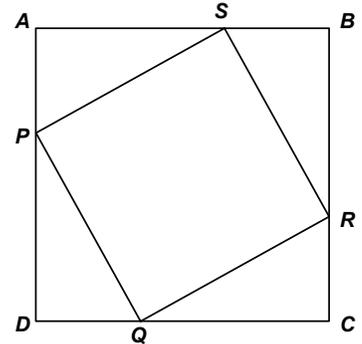
For some complex constant  $c$ ,  $\bar{z} + \frac{1}{z} = \sqrt{z} + c$ .

If  $\sqrt{z}$  denotes a complex number in quadrant 1, determine the value of  $c$ .

Note:  $\bar{z}$  denotes the conjugate of  $z$ .

B) The upstream rate of an amateur kayaker is 80% of his downstream rate. If he kayaks 6 miles upstream and drops off some maps and immediately returns to his original starting point downstream in a total of 3 hours, determine the kayak's rate in still water. Assume no loss of time in dropping off the maps and turning around.

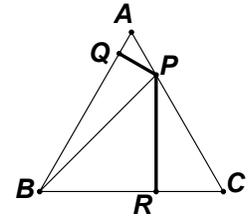
C) Squares  $ABCD$  and  $PQRS$  have areas 144 and 128 respectively. Determine  $SA^2 + SB^2 + SC^2 + SD^2$ .



D) Factor the polynomial  $-x^{10} + x^4 + x - x^7$  over the integers.

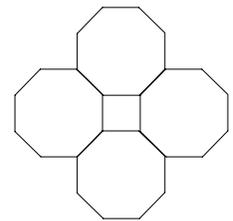
E) Given:  $\triangle ABC$  is equilateral with side of length 6

$m\angle PBC = 45^\circ$ ,  $\overline{PQ} \perp \overline{AB}$  and  $\overline{PR} \perp \overline{BC}$ . Determine  $PQ + PR$ .



F) A regular polygon of  $m$  sides is exactly enclosed by  $m$  regular polygons of  $n$  sides each, as illustrated for  $m = 4$  and  $n = 8$ .

Specify all other ordered pairs  $(m, n)$  for which this statement is true?



**MASSACHUSETTS MATHEMATICS LEAGUE  
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**Round 1 Algebra 2: Complex Numbers (No Trig)**

- A)  $5 + 14i$                       B)  $1 + i$                       C)  $-138 - (122\sqrt{3})i$   
or equivalent

**Round 2 Algebra 1: Anything**

- A)  $-1.4$                       B)  $11, -7$                       C)  $1947$

**Round 3 Plane Geometry: Area of Rectilinear Figures**

- A)  $492$                       B)  $4 : 3$                       C)  $12\sqrt{3} - 18$  or  $6(2\sqrt{3} - 3)$

**Round 4 Algebra 1: Factoring and its Applications**

- A)  $a(a - 3)(a - 2)(a - 1)$     B)  $x(x + 4)(x - 2)$                       C)  $x = -y - \sqrt{1 + y^2}$

**Round 5 Trig: Functions of Special Angles**

- A)  $-\frac{\sqrt{15}}{16}$                       B)  $\frac{4b - a}{b}$                       C)  $\frac{\sqrt{6}}{3}$

**Round 6 Plane Geometry: Angles, Triangles and Parallels**

- A)  $109$                       B)  $y = 135 - x$                       C)  $4$

**Team Round**

- A)  $1.12 - 5.16i$                       B)  $4.05$  mph                      C)  $544$   
(or  $\frac{28 - 129i}{25}$ )
- D)  $x(1 + x)^2(1 - x)(1 - x + x^2)^2(1 + x + x^2)$
- E)  $3\sqrt{3}$
- F)  $(3, 12), (6, 6), (10, 5)$

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**Round 1**

A)  $i(2 + 3i)(1 - 4i) = i(2 - 8i + 3i - 12i^2) = i(2 - 5i + 12) = \underline{\mathbf{5 + 14i}}$

B) Let  $\sqrt{2i} = \sqrt{0+2i} = \sqrt{(a+bi)^2} = \sqrt{(a^2-b^2) + (2ab)i} \rightarrow a^2 - b^2 = 0$  and  $ab = 1$   
Thus,  $b > 0 \rightarrow b = 1$  and  $a = 1 \rightarrow \underline{\mathbf{1+i}}$

C)  $(1-i\sqrt{3})^2 = -2 - 2i\sqrt{3} = -2(1 + i\sqrt{3})$   
 $(1-i\sqrt{3})^4 = [-2(1 + i\sqrt{3})]^2 = 4(-2 + 2i\sqrt{3}) = -8(1 - i\sqrt{3})$   
 $(1-i\sqrt{3})^8 = [-8(1 - i\sqrt{3})]^2 = 64(-2 - 2i\sqrt{3}) = -128(1 + i\sqrt{3})$   
 Thus, the sum is  $(-2 - 8 - 128) + (-2 + 8 - 128)i\sqrt{3} = \underline{\mathbf{-138 - (122\sqrt{3})i}}$

**Round 2**

A)  $4^2 + 3 \cdot 7 - 8^{-2} \cdot \frac{2^8}{5 \cdot 9} \div \frac{1}{4 \cdot 3} \cdot 6^2 = 16 + 21 - \frac{1}{2^6} \cdot \frac{2^8}{5 \cdot 3^2} \cdot 2^2 \cdot 3 \cdot 2^2 \cdot 3^2 = 37 - \frac{2^6 \cdot 3}{5} = 37 - \frac{192}{5}$   
 $= 37 - 38.4 = \underline{\mathbf{-1.4}}$

B) Let  $a = \left(\frac{1+x}{2}\right)$  Think  $a^2 - 3a - 18 = 0 \rightarrow (a-6)(a+3) = 0 \rightarrow a = 6$  or  $-3$   
 Substituting for  $a$ ,  $1+x = 12$  or  $-6 \rightarrow x = \underline{\mathbf{11}}$  or  $-7$

	Now	In year of my birth
Me	$x$	$0$
Ramanujan	$2x + 1$	$x + 1$

C) According to the chart,  $x + (2x + 1) = 3x + 1 = 178 \rightarrow x = 59 \rightarrow 2006 - 59 = \underline{\mathbf{1947}}$

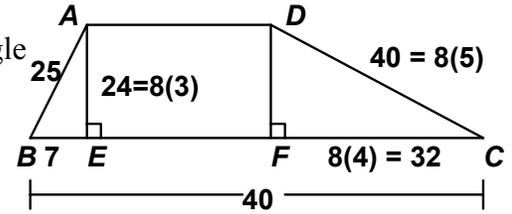
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**Round 3**

- A) Drop perpendiculars from  $A$  and  $D$  to base  $\overline{BC}$ , creating a rectangle and two special right triangles as indicated in the diagram.

$EF = 40 - (7 + 32) = 1 \rightarrow AD = 1$ . Thus, Area(trapezoid) =

$$\frac{1}{2}h(b_1 + b_2) = \frac{1}{2}(24)[40 + 1] = \underline{492}.$$

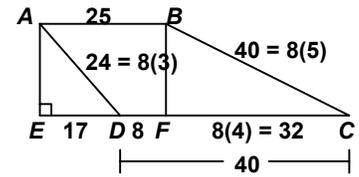
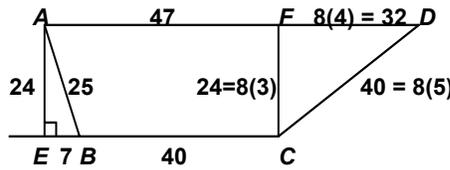
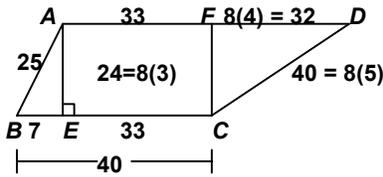


Failing to specify that  $AD < BC$  and that  $\overline{AD}$  and  $\overline{BC}$  are bases, allows additional solutions.

$$\frac{1}{2}(24)[40 + 33 + 32] = \underline{1260}$$

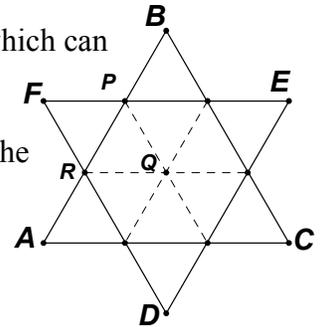
$$\frac{1}{2}(24)[40 + 47 + 32] = \underline{1428}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(24)[25 + 40 + 17] = \underline{984}$$



Are there others?

- B) Note that the intersection of the two equilateral triangles is a regular hexagon, which can be subdivided into 6 congruent equilateral triangles by drawing the 3 indicated diagonals. It's easy to argue that  $FPQR$  is a parallelogram and, therefore,  $\triangle FPR \cong \triangle QRP$  and all 12 equilateral triangles are congruent. Thus, the ratio of the area of the entire star to the area of the original  $\triangle ABC$  is  $12 : 9 = \underline{4 : 3}$

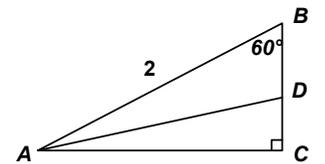


- C) Triangles  $ADC$  and  $ADB$  have the same altitude from point  $A$  and, therefore, their areas are in the ratio of bases  $DC$  and  $DB$ .

By the angle bisector theorem,  $\frac{DC}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{DB}{2} \rightarrow \frac{DC}{DB} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

$$\text{Area}(\triangle ADC) + \text{Area}(\triangle ADB) = \sqrt{3}x + 2x = 6 \rightarrow x = \frac{6}{2 + \sqrt{3}} = 6(2 - \sqrt{3})$$

and  $\text{Area}(\triangle ADC) = \sqrt{3}x = \underline{12\sqrt{3} - 18}$  or  $\underline{6(2\sqrt{3} - 3)}$



**Round 4**

- A) As the difference of perfect squares,  $(a^2 - 3a + 1)^2 - 1 = (a^2 - 3a)(a^2 - 3a + 2) = \underline{a(a-3)(a-2)(a-1)}$  - in any order

- B) Let  $A = (x + 1)$ . Then, grouping in pairs,  $A^3 - A^2 - 9A + 9 = A^2(A - 1) - 9(A - 1) = (A - 1)(A^2 - 9) = (A - 1)(A + 3)(A - 3)$  Substituting for  $A$ , we have  $\underline{x(x + 4)(x - 2)}$ .

- C) Treat the equation as a quadratic equation in  $x$  and complete the square.

$$x(x + 2y) = 1 \rightarrow x^2 + (2y)x + y^2 = 1 + y^2 \rightarrow (x + y)^2 = 1 + y^2 \rightarrow x + y = \pm\sqrt{1 + y^2}$$

$$x = -y \pm\sqrt{1 + y^2}$$

Since  $\sqrt{1 + y^2} > \sqrt{y^2} = |y|$ , it follows that  $\sqrt{1 + y^2} > y$  or  $\sqrt{1 + y^2} - y > 0$  and the only

solution giving  $x < 0$  is  $x = \underline{-y - \sqrt{1 + y^2}}$

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**Round 5**

- A)  $\angle A$  must be located in quadrant 4, since the cosine is positive and the tangent is negative.  $y^2 = 16 - 1 = 15$  and  $y < 0 \rightarrow y = -\sqrt{15}$   
Using cofunction identities (or complementary angle relationships),

$$\sin(90 - A) \cdot \cos(90 - A) = \cos(A) \cdot \sin(A) = \frac{\sin A}{4} = \frac{-\sqrt{15}}{16}$$

- B) Since  $\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$ ,

$$\cos^2\left(\frac{\pi}{9}\right) + \cos^2\left(\frac{2\pi}{9}\right) + \cos^2\left(\frac{3\pi}{9}\right) + \cos^2\left(\frac{4\pi}{9}\right) +$$

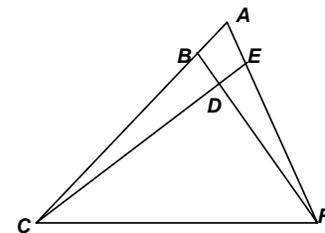
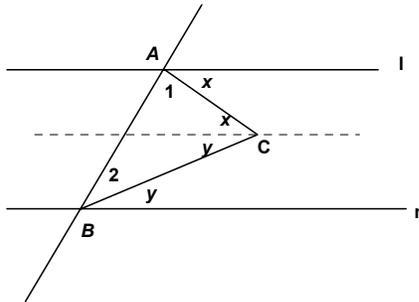
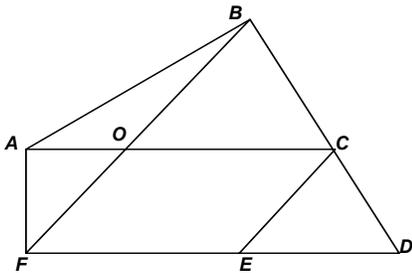
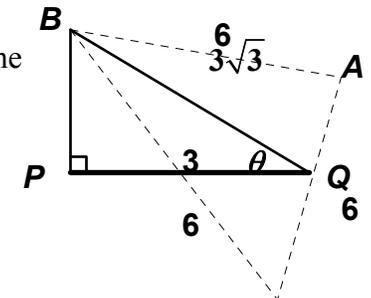
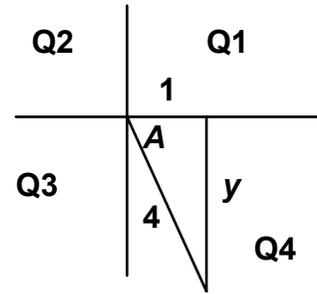
$$\sin^2\left(\frac{\pi}{9}\right) + \sin^2\left(\frac{2\pi}{9}\right) + \sin^2\left(\frac{3\pi}{9}\right) + \sin^2\left(\frac{4\pi}{9}\right) = 4$$

$$\text{and } \cos^2\left(\frac{\pi}{9}\right) + \cos^2\left(\frac{2\pi}{9}\right) + \cos^2\left(\frac{3\pi}{9}\right) + \cos^2\left(\frac{4\pi}{9}\right) = 4 - \frac{a}{b} = \frac{4b - a}{b}$$

- C) The slant height of the pyramid is the altitude from  $B$  in each equilateral triangle. Let  $P$  denote the center of the square base and  $Q$  the foot of one of these altitudes. Then  $AB = 6 \rightarrow BQ = 3\sqrt{3}$  and  $PQ = 3$   
Using the Pythagorean Theorem,  $BP^2 = 27 - 9 = 18 \rightarrow BP = 3\sqrt{2}$   
Thus, the angle formed by a face with the base of the pyramid is  $\angle \theta$

as indicated in the diagram at the right.  $\sin(\theta) = \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{3}} = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{3}$

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**Round 6**

- A) Since  $\triangle CED$  is an isosceles triangle with a base angle of  $69^\circ$ , its vertex angle  $CED$  has a measure of  $42^\circ$ . Thus,  $\overline{OC}$  is both parallel and congruent to  $\overline{FE}$ , forcing  $OCEF$  to be a parallelogram. Since opposite angles in a parallelogram are congruent,  $m\angle OFE = 42^\circ \rightarrow m\angle AFO = 93 - 42 = 51^\circ$ . Finally, in  $\triangle FAB$ ,  $x = m\angle FAB = 180 - (20 + 51) = \mathbf{109}$
- B)  $4(m\angle 1 + m\angle 1) = 180 \rightarrow m\angle C = 135^\circ$ . Draw a line thru point  $C$  parallel to  $n$ . Since alternate interior angles of parallel lines are congruent,  $x + y = 135 \rightarrow y = \mathbf{135 - x}$
- C) Since  $\triangle ACE \cong \triangle AFB$  (by SAA),  $AC = AF$  and  $\triangle ACF$  is isosceles w/base  $CF$ .  
 $BC = 6 \rightarrow EF = 6 \rightarrow AE = 2 \rightarrow AC = 8$   
Thus,  $8 = CF/2 + 6 \rightarrow CF = \mathbf{4}$

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A)  $(3 - 4i) + \frac{3 - 4i}{25} = 3.12 - 4.16i = \sqrt{z} + c$

To determine  $\sqrt{z}$ ,  $\sqrt{3 + 4i} = \sqrt{(a + bi)^2} = \sqrt{(a^2 - b^2) + 2abi} \rightarrow a^2 - b^2 = 3$  and  $ab = 2$   
 $\rightarrow (a, b) = (2, 1) \rightarrow 3.12 - 4.16i = 2 + i + c \rightarrow c = \underline{\mathbf{1.12 - 5.16i}}$

B) Let  $(k, c)$  denote the rowing rate of the kayaker in still water and the current of the stream.

$(k - c) = (4/5)(k + c) \rightarrow 5k - 5c = 4k + 4c \rightarrow k = 9c$  or  $k : c = 9:1$

$R_{\text{up}} : R_{\text{down}} = (9x - x) : (9x + x) = 8x : 10x \rightarrow T_{\text{up}} : T_{\text{down}} = 10x : 8x$

$T_{\text{up}} + T_{\text{down}} = 18x = 3 \rightarrow x = 1/6 \rightarrow T_{\text{up}} = 5/3$  hour and  $T_{\text{down}} = 4/3$  hour

Upstream rate:  $k - c = 6/(5/3) = 18/5$  mph    Downstream rate:  $k + c = 6/(4/3) = 18/4$  mph

Solving simultaneously,  $2k = 81/10 \rightarrow k = 81/20 = \underline{\mathbf{4.05}}$  mph.

C) Let  $SB = x \rightarrow BR = 12 - x$

With no loss of generality, assume  $SB < SA$  as appears to be the case in the given diagram.

$x^2 + (12 - x)^2 = 128 \rightarrow x^2 - 12x + 8 = 0 \rightarrow SB = 6 - 2\sqrt{7}$

$\rightarrow SB^2 = 64 - 24\sqrt{7}$

$SD^2 = SA^2 + AD^2 = (6 + 2\sqrt{7})^2 + 12^2 = 64 + 24\sqrt{7} + 144 =$

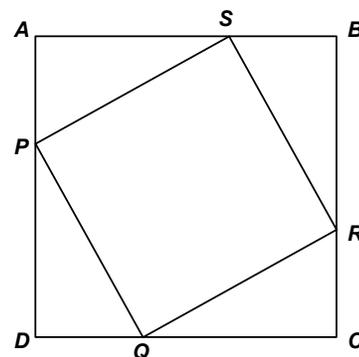
$208 + 24\sqrt{7}$

It is true, in general, for any point  $S$  in the plane of a square  $ABCD$ , that

$$SA^2 + SC^2 = SB^2 + SD^2$$

Thus,  $SA^2 + SB^2 + SC^2 + SD^2 = 2(SB^2 + SD^2) = 2(64 - 24\sqrt{7} + 208 + 24\sqrt{7}) = \underline{\mathbf{544}}$

D)  $-x^{10} + x^4 + x - x^7 = x(-x^9 + x^3 + 1 - x^6) = x(x^3(1 - x^6) + (1 - x^6)) = x(1 + x^3)(1 - x^6)$   
 $= x(1 + x^3)^2(1 - x^3) = x[(1 + x)(1 - x + x^2)]^2(1 - x)(1 + x + x^2)$   
 $= \underline{\mathbf{x(1 + x)^2(1 - x)(1 - x + x^2)^2(1 + x + x^2)}}$  - or equivalent



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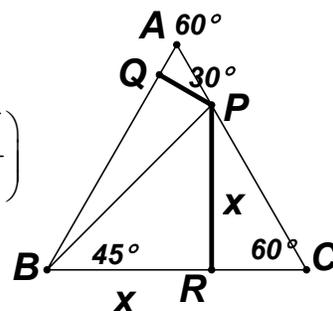
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E) Method 1: Let  $BR = PR = x$ . Then  $RC = \frac{x}{\sqrt{3}} \rightarrow PC = \frac{2x}{\sqrt{3}} \rightarrow AP = 6 - \frac{2x}{\sqrt{3}}$   
 $\rightarrow PQ = \frac{1}{2} \left(6 - \frac{2x}{\sqrt{3}}\right) \sqrt{3} = 3\sqrt{3} - x$  Thus,  $PQ + PR = 3\sqrt{3} - x + x = \underline{3\sqrt{3}}$

Method 2: Using the law of sine on  $\triangle BQP$ ,  $PQ = x\sqrt{2} \sin 15^\circ = x\sqrt{2} \left(\frac{\sqrt{6}-\sqrt{2}}{4}\right)$

$= \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{2}\right)x \rightarrow PQ + PR = \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}+1}{2}\right)x$ .

$x + \frac{x}{\sqrt{3}} = 6 \rightarrow x = 3(3-\sqrt{3}) \rightarrow \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}+1}{2}\right) \cdot 3(3-\sqrt{3}) = \frac{3}{2}(\sqrt{3}+1)(3-\sqrt{3}) = \underline{3\sqrt{3}}$



Method 3: Using the theorem

“From any point on or in the interior of an equilateral triangle, **the sum of the altitudes to each side is equal to the length of an altitude of the equilateral triangle.**”

$$PQ + PR = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 6 \cdot \sqrt{3} = \underline{3\sqrt{3}}$$

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- F) At each vertex of the enclosed regular polygon, you must have three angles, two from the surrounding regular polygons and one the enclosed regular polygon. Thus, for the square-octagon,  $(360 - 90)/2 = 135$  gives the measure of the interior angle of the surrounding regular polygons and the exterior angles are  $45^\circ$ . Since 360 is divisible by 45, we have a solution!  $360/n = 45 \rightarrow n = 8$  (i.e. the surrounding regular polygons are octagons). The results of repeating this scenario for different values of  $m$  are shown in the following chart. There are only 3 other possibilities.

enclosed polygon		surrounding polygons			
sides	interior angle	interior $(360 - int)/2$	exterior $180 - \theta$	# sides $360/E$	
$m$	$int$	$\theta$	$E$	$n$	$(m, n)$
3	60	150	30	12	<b>(3, 12)</b>
4	90	135	45	8	(4, 8)
5	108	126	54	<i>reject</i>	
6	120	120	60	6	<b>(6, 6)</b>
7	<b>REJECT</b>				
8	135	112.5	67.5	<i>reject</i>	
9	140	110	70	<i>reject</i>	
10	144	108	72	5	<b>(10, 5)</b>

How do we know there are no more ordered pairs awaiting discovery?

The interior angle in an  $m$ -sided regular polygon measures  $\frac{180(m-2)}{m}$ .

Algebraically representing the technique described above to find  $n$  given  $m$  we have:

$$n = \frac{360}{E} = \frac{360}{180 - \left( \frac{360 - \frac{180(m-2)}{m}}{2} \right)}$$

Carefully simplifying this expression,

$$\frac{360}{180 - \left( \frac{360 - \frac{180(m-2)}{m}}{2} \right)} = \frac{2}{1 - \left( \frac{2 - \frac{(m-2)}{m}}{2} \right)} = \frac{2}{1 - \left( 1 - \frac{m-2}{2m} \right)} = \frac{4m}{m-2}$$

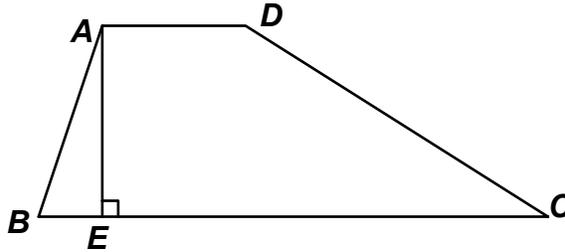
Using long division, we have  $n = 4 + \frac{8}{m-2}$  and, for  $m > 10$ ,

$(m-2)$  will never be a divisor of 8 and the search stops.

**Addendum:**

The original statement of question A in round 3 was problematic.

Find the exact area of trapezoid  $ABCD$ , given  $AB = 25$ ,  $BC = DC = 40$ ,  $AE = 24$   
The diagram is not necessarily drawn to scale.



Answers of 492 and 1260 were accepted.