

**Practice Round Theta State Bowl**  
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- P4. Evaluate:  $2 \ln e^{2013}$
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2. Regular octagon  $ABCDEFGH$  has  $A = (0, 0)$  and  $D = (3, 4)$ . Find the perimeter of the octagon. Express your answer in the form  $x\sqrt{y} + z$ , where  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  are integers and  $y$  is a positive prime number.
  
3. What is the coefficient of the  $x^9$ -term when  $(-4 - x)^{11}$  is fully expanded and like-terms combined?
  
4. Solve for  $x$ :  $\log_2(2x) + \log_4 x + \log_8 x = 12$
  
5. Let  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ , and  $D$  be the answers to problems 1, 2, 3, and 4, respectively.  
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6. For integer  $n$ , let  $\tau(n)$  equal the number of positive divisors of  $n$ . How many positive integers  $N$  less than 200 satisfy the congruence  $\tau(N) \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ ?
7. Find the area of an ellipse with equation  $25(x + 20)^2 + 9(y - 13)^2 = 450$ .
8. A sequence is recursively defined by  $a_5 = -35$  and for integers  $n > 0$ ,  $a_{n+1} = 2a_n + 3$ . Find the value of  $a_1$ .
9. What is the remainder when  $2x^{603} - 3x^{250} + 10 - 6x^{25}$  is divided by  $x + 1$ ?
10. Let  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ , and  $D$  be the answers to problems 6, 7, 8, and 9, respectively.  
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12. Consider a sequence  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_{10}$  of ten consecutive integers. If  $a_3 + a_4 = 47$ , then find the value of  $\sum_{n=1}^{10} a_n$ .
13. Find the product of all negative integer values of  $p$  such that  $P(x) = 4x^2 + 4px + 4 - 3p$  does *not* have two distinct real roots.
14. What is the total surface area of a regular octahedron of volume  $4/3$ ?
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18. If  $a, b, c$ , and  $d$  are nonnegative integers, find the number of solutions to the equation  $a + b + c + d = 7$ .
19. Find the product of all distinct complex numbers  $z$  such that  $z^6 = -64$  has a positive real part.
20. Let  $A, B, C$ , and  $D$  be the answers to problems 16, 17, 18, and 19, respectively.  
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21. Find the area of a quadrilateral with side lengths of 39, 52, 25, and 60 in that order.
22. Evaluate the following, expressing your answer as a common fraction:  
$$-\frac{2}{5} + \frac{5}{25} + \frac{12}{125} + \cdots + \frac{7n-9}{5^n} + \cdots$$
23. What is the sum of the positive divisors of 1352?
24. If  $M$  and  $N$  are positive perfect cubes less than 1000 such that  $M - N = 169$ , find  $M^{\frac{1}{3}} + N^{\frac{1}{3}}$ .
25. Let  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ , and  $D$  be the answers to problems 21, 22, 23, and 24, respectively.  
Evaluate:  $(A - C)(B^{-1} + D)$

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**Round #6 Theta State Bowl**  
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26. Let  $M$  be a  $4 \times 4$  matrix such that  $M \times \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b \\ c/2 \\ 3d \\ a/4 \end{bmatrix}$  for all real numbers  $a, b, c,$  and  $d$ . Find the sum of the elements of  $3M^{-1}$ .
27. If two of the roots of  $f(x) = 2x^3 - 3x^2 + ax + b$  are 3 and  $-2$ , and  $a$  and  $b$  are rational, find  $|a| + |b|$ .
28. Let  $x$  and  $y$  be positive numbers such that  $\log_9 x = \log_{12} y = \log_{16}(x + y)$ . If  $r = y/x$ , then find the value of  $N^2 - N$ .
29. Find the distance from  $(0,0)$  to the focus of the parabola with equation  $8x + y^2 = 6y - 25$ .
30. Let  $A, B, C,$  and  $D$  be the answers to problems 26, 27, 28, and 29, respectively.  
Evaluate:  $(B - C)^2 + (A + D)^{\frac{2}{3}}$

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31. Find  $P(100)$ , where  $P(x)$  is a polynomial with real coefficients and  $P(x^2) + 2x^2 + 10x = 2xP(x + 1) + 3$  for all real  $x$ .
32. Solve for  $x$ , expressing your answer as a common fraction:  $4^{5x-3} = 64^{7x+1}$
33. Let  $L$  be a common external tangent of two circles with radii lengths of 5 and 12. The distance between the centers of the two circles is 25. Find the length of the segment in  $L$  whose endpoints are the tangency points of the two circles.
34. The sequence 17, 20, 25, 32, ... has  $n$ th term given by  $a_n = n^2 + 16$ . Find the largest possible value of the greatest common divisor of two consecutive terms of this sequence as  $n$  ranges across the positive integers.
35. Let  $A, B, C$ , and  $D$  be the answers to problems 31, 32, 33, and 34, respectively.  
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36. In triangle  $ABC$  with centroid  $P$ , let  $D$  and  $E$  be the foot of the medians to sides  $BC$  and  $AC$ , respectively. If  $AP$  is perpendicular to  $BE$ ,  $|AD| = 6$ , and  $|BE| = 9$ , find the area of  $ABC$ .
37. If  $8100 = 108^a 45^b 50^c$ , where  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  are rational numbers, what is the value of  $b$ ? Express your answer as a common fraction.
38. How many ordered pairs of positive integers  $(x, y)$  exist such that the least common multiple of  $x$  and  $y$  is 100?
39. Let  $a$  be a sequence such that  $a_1 = 2$  and  $a_n(1 - a_{n+1}) = 1$  for  $n \geq 1$ . Evaluate:  $\sum_{n=1}^{833} a_n$
40. Let  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ , and  $D$  be the answers to problems 36, 37, 38, and 39, respectively.  
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41. Define  $\Pi(S)$  as the product of the elements of a set  $S$ . Let  $S_1, S_2, S_3, \dots, S_{15}$  be the nonempty subsets of  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ . Evaluate:  $\sum_{n=1}^{15} (\Pi(S_n))^{-1}$
42. The set  $S = \{x, 18, 4, 13, 6\}$  has an arithmetic mean of 10. Find the median of  $S$ .
43. The two primes in-between 50 and 60 are  $a$  and  $b$ , where  $a < b$ . Evaluate:  $\frac{1}{4}(b^2 - a^2)$
44. Let  $P$  be a point inside square  $ABCD$  such that  $|AP| = 5$ ,  $|BP| = 2\sqrt{2}$ , and  $|CP| = 3$ . Find the area of  $ABCD$ .
45. Let  $A, B, C$ , and  $D$  be the answers to problems 41, 42, 43, and 44, respectively.  
Evaluate:  $\sqrt{A} - \sqrt{B} + \sqrt{C+1} - \sqrt{D-4}$

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47. Find  $x^2 + y^2$  if  $x + y = 6$  and  $4x - y = 14$ .
48. What is the smallest positive value of  $n$  to guarantee that a collection of  $n$  integers, not necessarily distinct, have two elements with the same units digit?
49. Let  $f(x)$  denote the integer closest to  $\sqrt{x}$ . Evaluate:  $\sum_{n=1}^{650} \frac{1}{f(n)}$
50. Let  $A, B, C,$  and  $D$  be the answers to problems 46, 47, 48, and 49, respectively.  
Evaluate:  $(A + B)^{\frac{1}{3}} + (C + D + 3)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

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