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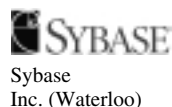
## *Pascal Contest* (Grade 9)

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**Time:** 1 hour

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**Calculators are permitted.**

### Instructions

1. Do not open the contest booklet until you are told to do so.
2. You may use rulers, compasses and paper for rough work.
3. Be sure that you understand the coding system for your response form. If you are not sure, ask your teacher to clarify it. All coding must be done with a pencil, preferably HB. Fill in circles completely.
4. On your response form, print your school name, city/town, and province in the box in the upper right corner.
5. **Be certain that you code your name, age, sex, grade, and the contest you are writing on the response form. Only those who do so can be counted as official contestants.**
6. This is a multiple-choice test. Each question is followed by five possible answers marked **A, B, C, D,** and **E.** Only one of these is correct. When you have decided on your choice, fill in the appropriate circle on the response form.
7. Scoring: Each correct answer is worth 5 in Part A, 6 in Part B, and 8 in Part C.  
There is *no penalty* for an incorrect answer.  
Each unanswered question is worth 2, to a maximum of 10 unanswered questions.
8. Diagrams are *not* drawn to scale. They are intended as aids only.
9. When your supervisor instructs you to begin, you will have *sixty* minutes of working time.

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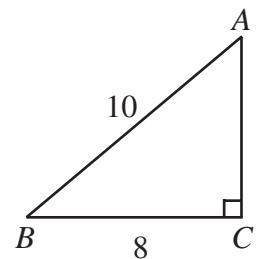
**Part A: Each correct answer is worth 5.**

1. To win a skateboard, the skill testing question is  $5 \times (10 - 6) \div 2$ . The correct answer is  
(A) 10 (B) 35 (C) 32 (D) 22 (E) 40

2. The average of 2,  $x$  and 12 is 8. What is the value of  $x$ ?  
(A) 8 (B) -2 (C) 12 (D) 24 (E) 10

3. The fractions  $\frac{1}{9}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{1}{18}$  are to be added. What is their lowest common denominator?  
(A) 648 (B) 162 (C) 72 (D) 36 (E) 18

4. In the diagram, the area of  $\triangle ABC$  is  
(A) 40 (B) 12 (C) 30  
(D) 48 (E) 24



5. The value of  $\frac{5 - \sqrt{4}}{5 + \sqrt{4}}$  is  
(A)  $\frac{3}{7}$  (B)  $\frac{1}{9}$  (C)  $-\frac{11}{21}$  (D) 0 (E)  $\frac{1}{3}$

6. The value of  $4^1 + 3^2 - 2^3 + 1^4$  is  
(A) 4 (B) 8 (C) 6 (D) 5 (E) 9

7. When  $x = -3$ , the value of  $3x^2 + 2x$  is  
(A) 81 (B) 75 (C) -33 (D) 21 (E) -24

8. If 18% of 42 is equal to 27% of  $x$ , then the value of  $x$  is  
(A) 28 (B) 63 (C) 2 (D) 864 (E) 12

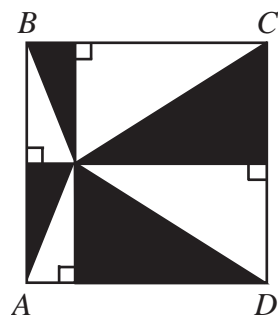
9. The surface area of a cube is  $96 \text{ cm}^2$ . The volume of the cube, in  $\text{cm}^3$ , is  
(A) 16 (B) 64 (C) 8 (D) 512 (E) 216

10. It is given that  $y = 3x - 5$  and  $z = 3x + 3$ . If  $y = 1$ , the value of  $z$  is  
(A) 8 (B) 6 (C) -3 (D) 3 (E) 9

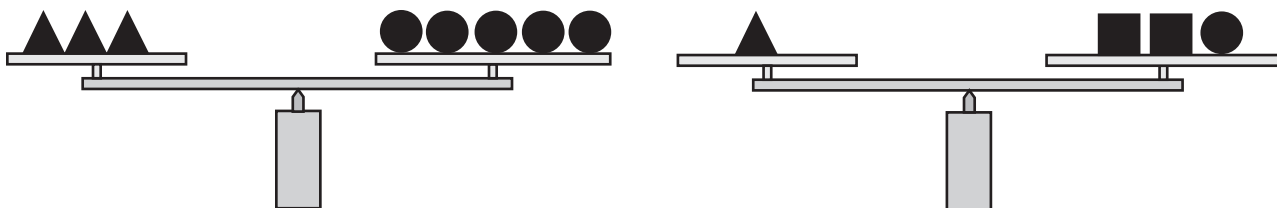
**Part B: Each correct answer is worth 6.**

11. In the diagram, square  $ABCD$  has a side length of 4. What is the total area of the shaded regions?

- (A) 4                      (B) 8                      (C) 9  
 (D) 12                     (E) 16

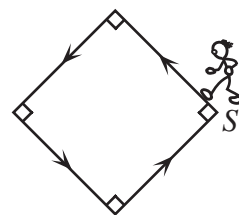


12. In the diagram, two equal-armed balances are shown. How many would it take to balance one ?



- (A) 1                      (B) 2                      (C) 3                      (D) 4                      (E) 5

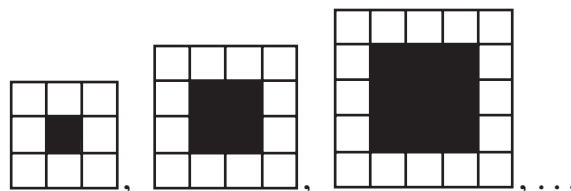
13. Nadia starts at  $S$  and walks at a steady pace once around the perimeter of a square park. Which graph best represents her distance from  $S$  as time passes?



- (A) distance vs time: a trapezoid with a flat top.  
 (B) distance vs time: a jagged line with four peaks.  
 (C) distance vs time: a smooth curve that rises and then falls.  
 (D) distance vs time: a line with four small humps.  
 (E) distance vs time: a line with four small dips.

14. How many unshaded squares are in the tenth figure of the pattern?

- (A) 38                      (B) 40                      (C) 42  
 (D) 44                      (E) 46



15. In the Pascal family, each child has at least 2 brothers and at least 1 sister. What is the smallest possible number of children in this family?

- (A) 3                      (B) 4                      (C) 5                      (D) 6                      (E) 7

16. If  $a^2 + 3b = 33$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are positive integers, what is the value of  $ab$ ?

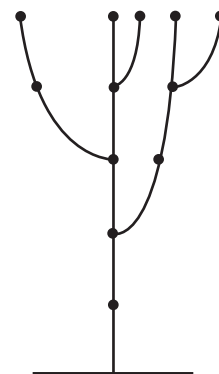
- (A) 11                      (B) 24                      (C) 16                      (D) 32                      (E) 27

17. The value of  $0.\overline{1} + 0.\overline{12} + 0.\overline{123}$  is  
 (A)  $0.\overline{343}$       (B)  $0.\overline{355}$       (C)  $0.3\overline{5}$       (D)  $0.\overline{355446}$       (E)  $0.\overline{355445}$

18. The symbol  $\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline a & b \\ \hline c & d \\ \hline \end{array}$  equals  $ad - bc$ . If  $\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline x-1 & 2 \\ \hline 3 & -5 \\ \hline \end{array} = 9$ , the value of  $x$  is  
 (A)  $-4$       (B)  $-3$       (C)  $-2$       (D)  $2$       (E)  $4$

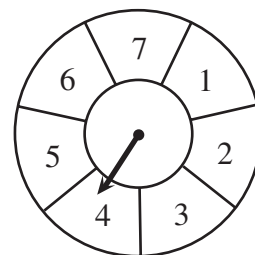
19. Raffaello's tree grows according to the following rule. After a branch has been growing for two weeks, it produces a new branch every week, while the original branch continues to grow. The tree has five branches after five weeks, as shown. How many branches, including the main branch, will the tree have at the end of eight weeks?

- (A) 21      (B) 40      (C) 19  
 (D) 13      (E) 34



20. At the beginning of the game "Clock 7", the arrow points to one of the seven numbers. On each turn, the arrow is rotated clockwise by the number of spaces indicated by the arrow at the beginning of the turn. For example, if "Clock 7" starts with the arrow pointing at 4, then on the first turn, the arrow is rotated clockwise 4 spaces so that it now points at 1. The arrow will then move 1 space on the next turn, and so on. If the arrow points at 6 after the 21st turn, at which number did the arrow point after the first turn?

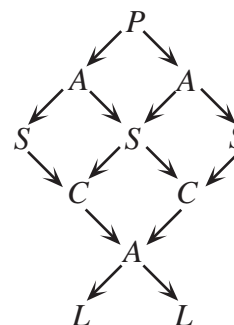
- (A) 3      (B) 6      (C) 5  
 (D) 2      (E) 7



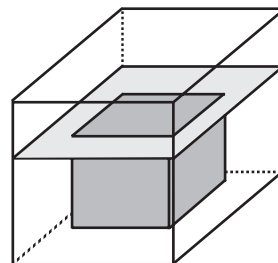
**Part C: Each correct answer is worth 8.**

21. In the diagram, the number of different paths that spell "PASCAL" is

- (A) 6      (B) 10      (C) 12  
 (D) 16      (E) 24



22. A container in the shape of a cube has edge length 20 cm and contains some water. A solid gold cube, with edge length 15 cm, sinks to the bottom of this container, causing the water level to rise just to the top of the *solid* cube. Which of the following is closest to the original depth of the water?



- (A) 6.56 cm      (B) 8.25 cm      (C) 10.50 cm  
 (D) 5.31 cm      (E) 7.50 cm

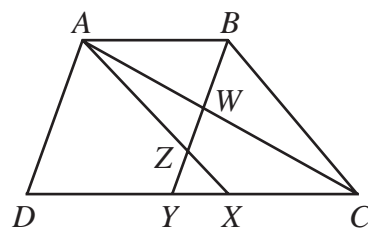
23. A driver approaching a toll booth has exactly two quarters, two dimes and two nickels in his pocket. He reaches into his pocket and randomly selects two of these coins. What is the probability that the coins that he selects will be at least enough to pay the 30-cent toll?

- (A)  $\frac{3}{5}$       (B)  $\frac{2}{5}$       (C)  $\frac{1}{3}$       (D)  $\frac{3}{10}$       (E)  $\frac{2}{3}$

24. In the sequence of fractions  $\frac{1}{1}, \frac{2}{1}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{1}, \frac{2}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{4}{1}, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{5}{1}, \dots$ , fractions equivalent to any given fraction occur many times. For example, fractions equivalent to  $\frac{1}{2}$  occur for the first two times in positions 3 and 14. In which position is the fifth occurrence of a fraction equivalent to  $\frac{3}{7}$ ?

- (A) 1207      (B) 1208      (C) 1209      (D) 1210      (E) 1211

25. In the diagram,  $ABCD$  is a trapezoid with  $AB$  parallel to  $CD$  and with  $AB = 2$  and  $CD = 5$ . Also,  $AX$  is parallel to  $BC$  and  $BY$  is parallel to  $AD$ . If  $AX$  and  $BY$  intersect at  $Z$ , and  $AC$  and  $BY$  intersect at  $W$ , the ratio of the area of  $\Delta AZW$  to the area of trapezoid  $ABCD$  is



- (A) 7 : 105      (B) 8 : 105      (C) 9 : 105  
 (D) 10 : 105      (E) 12 : 105

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