Nassau County Interscholastic Mathematics League

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- 1. Compute the value of x if 40% of 30% of 20% of x is 12.
- 2. Each of x and y is a digit between 0 and 9 inclusive. Compute 3x + 2y such that the number 14x46535y is divisible by 72.



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- 3. Solution X contains an acid with a 10% concentration and solution Y contains an acid with a 25% concentration. If 3 liters of solution X is mixed with 2 liters of solution Y, the resulting mixture has a *k*% acid concentration. Compute *k*.
- 4. If the lengths of the legs of an isosceles triangle are each $12\sqrt{2}$ and the area of the triangle is 144, compute the length of the base.



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5. Compute the degree measure of an obtuse angle of a rhombus if an obtuse angle of the rhombus measures 12 degrees less than five times the degree measure of an acute angle of the rhombus.

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6. The solution of $|x^2 - 3x - 4| \ge 6$ may be written as $(-\infty, a] \cup [b, c] \cup [d, \infty)$. Compute a + b + c + d.

Solutions for Contest #1 Solutions for Contest #1

- 1. $0.4 \cdot 0.3 \cdot 0.2 \cdot x = 12 \rightarrow 0.024x = 12 \rightarrow x = 500$.
- 2. For a number to be divisible by 72, it must be divisible by both 8 and 9. For a number to be divisible by 8, the number formed from its last 3 digits must be divisible by 8. Thus, y = 2 (only). For a number to be divisible by 9, the sum of its digits must be divisible by 9. Thus, x = 6 and 3x + 2y = 22.
- 3. There are 3(0.10) + 2(0.25) = 0.8 liters of acid in a 5-liter solution. So, 0.8/5 = 0.16 = 16%. Thus, k = 16.
- 4. Since $\frac{1}{2}(12\sqrt{2})^2 = 144$, the area of the triangle, the triangle must be a right triangle. In a 45-45-90 degree triangle, the hypotenuse is $12\sqrt{2}\sqrt{2} = 24$ which is the base of the triangle. Alternatively, drop an altitude from the vertex angle to the base forming two right isosceles triangles. Since the hypotenuse of each triangle is $12\sqrt{2}$, the legs are each 12, so the base is 12+12=24.
- 5. In a rhombus, those angles are supplementary. If the degree measure of the acute angle is x, then $x + 5x 12 = 180 \rightarrow 6x = 192 \rightarrow x = 32$. The degree measure of its supplement is **148**.
- 6. Since $|x^2 3x 4| \ge 6$, consider both $x^2 3x 4 \ge 6$ together with $x^2 3x 4 \le -6$. The first inequality results in $x \ge 5$ or $x \le -2$. The second inequality results in $1 \le x \le 2$. Then, a = -2, b = 1, c = 2, and d = 5 and the required sum is **6**.