

Singapore Mathematical Society
Singapore Mathematical Olympiad (SMO) 2023
(Open Section, Round 1)

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0930-1200 hrs

Instructions to contestants

1. Answer ALL 25 questions.
2. Write your answers in the answer sheet provided and shade the appropriate bubbles below your answers.
3. No steps are needed to justify your answers.
4. Each question carries 1 mark.
5. No calculators are allowed.

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In this paper, let \mathbb{R} denote the set of all real numbers, and $[x]$ denote the greatest integer not exceeding x . For examples, $[5] = 5$, $[2.8] = 2$, and $[-2.3] = -3$.

1. The graph C with equation $y = \frac{ax^2 + bx + c}{x + 2}$ has an oblique asymptote with equation $y = 4x - 6$ and one of the stationary points at $x = -4$. Find the value of $a + b + c$.

2. If $x = \frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{1+2} + \frac{1}{1+2+3} + \frac{1}{1+2+3+4} + \dots + \frac{1}{1+2+3+\dots+100}$, find the value of $[1010x]$.

3. The set of all possible values of x for which the sum of the infinite series

$$1 + \frac{1}{6}(x^2 - 5x) + \frac{1}{6^2}(x^2 - 5x)^2 + \frac{1}{6^3}(x^2 - 5x)^3 + \dots$$

exists can be expressed as $(a, b) \cup (c, d)$, where $a < b < c < d$. Find $d - a$.

4. Find the value of $[y]$, where $y = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (2k+1)(0.5)^{2k}$.

(Hint: Consider the series expansion of $(1-x)^{-2}$.)

5. The solution of the inequality $|x-1| + |x+1| \leq ax + b$ is $-1 < x < 2$. Find the value of $[a+b]$.

6. The equation $x^4 - 4x^2 + qx - r = 0$ has three equal roots. Find the value of $\left[\frac{3q^2}{r^2}\right]$.

7. The parabolas $y = x^2 - 16x + 50$ and $x = y^2$ intersect at 4 distinct points which lie on a circle centred at (a, b) . Find $|a - b|$.

8. In the 3-dimensional Euclidean space with origin O and three mutually perpendicular x -, y - and z -axes, two planes $x + y + 3z = 4$ and $2x - z = 6$ intersect at the line $r \times \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ c \\ d \end{pmatrix}$. Find the value of $|a + b + c + d|$.

9. Let x, y, z be real numbers with $3x + 4y + 5z = 100$. Find the minimum value of $x^2 + y^2 + z^2$.

10. Find the area of the region represented by the equation $[x] + [y] = 1$ in the region $0 \leq x < 2$.

(Note: If you think that there is no area defined by the graph, enter "0"; if you think that the area is infinite, enter "9999".)

11. Let ABC be a triangle satisfying the following conditions that $\angle A + \angle C = 2\angle B$, and $\frac{1}{\cos A} + \frac{1}{\cos C} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\cos B}$. Determine the value of $\frac{2022 \cos(\frac{A-C}{2})}{\sqrt{2}}$.

12. Find x which satisfies the following equation

$$\frac{x-2019}{1} + \frac{x-2018}{2} + \frac{x-2017}{3} + \dots + \frac{x+2}{2022} + \frac{x+3}{2023} = 2023.$$

13. Assume that x is a positive number such that $x - \frac{1}{x} = 3$ and

$$\frac{x^{10} + x^8 + x^2 + 1}{x^{10} + x^6 + x^4 + 1} = \frac{m}{n},$$

where m and n are positive integers without common factors larger than 1. Determine the value of $m + n$.

14. Consider the set of all possible pairs (x, y) of real numbers that satisfy $(x-4)^2 + (y-3)^2 = 9$. If S is the largest possible value of $\frac{y}{x}$, find the value of $[7S]$.

15. Let x, y be positive integers with $16x^2 + y^2 + 7xy \leq 2023$. Find the maximum value of $4x + y$.

16. Let x be the largest real number such that

$$\sqrt{x - \frac{1}{x}} + \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{x}} = x.$$

Determine the value of $(2x - 1)^4$.

17. Two positive integers m and n differ by 10 and the digits in the decimal representation of mn are all equal to 9. Determine $m + n$.

18. Let $\{a_n\}$ be a sequence of positive numbers, and let $S_n = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n$. For any positive integer n , let $b_n = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{a_n+1}{a_n} + \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} \right)$. Given that $\frac{a_n+1}{2} = \sqrt{2S_n}$ holds for all positive integers n , determine the limit $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (b_1 + b_2 + \dots + b_n - n)$.

19. Let ABC be a triangle with $AB = c$, $AC = b$ and $BC = a$, and satisfies the conditions $\tan C = \frac{\sin A + \sin B}{\cos A + \cos B}$, $\sin(B - A) = \cos C$ and that area of triangle $ABC = 3 + \sqrt{3}$. Determine the value of $a^2 + c^2$.

20. Let $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $g(0) = 4$ and that

$$g(xy + 1) = g(x)g(y) - g(y) - x + 2023.$$

Find the value of $g(2023)$.

21. In the triangle ABC , D is the midpoint of AC , E is the midpoint of BD , and the lines BA and CE are tangent to the circumcircle of the triangle ADE at A and E respectively. Suppose the circumradius of the triangle AED is $(\frac{64}{7})^{\frac{1}{2}}$. Find the area of the triangle ABC .
22. $ABCD$ is a parallelogram such that $\angle ABC < 90^\circ$ and $\sin \angle ABC = \frac{4}{5}$. The point K is on the extension of BC such that $DC = DK$; the point L is on the extension of DC such that $BC = BL$. The bisector of $\angle CDK$ intersects the bisector of $\angle LBC$ at Q . Suppose the circumradius of the triangle ABD is 25. Find the length of KL .
23. A group of 200 monkeys is given the task of picking up all 3000 peanuts on the ground. Determine the maximum number k such that there must be k monkeys picking up the same number of peanuts.
[It is possible that some lazy monkeys may not pick up any peanuts at all.]
24. A chain of n identical circles C_1, C_2, \dots, C_n of equal radii and centres on the x -axis lie inside the ellipse $E: \frac{x^2}{2023} + \frac{y^2}{333} = 1$ such that C_1 is tangent to E internally at $(-\sqrt{2023}, 0)$, C_n is tangent to E internally at $(\sqrt{2023}, 0)$, and C_i is tangent to C_{i+1} externally for $i = 1, \dots, n-1$. Determine the smallest possible value of n .
25. Let $p > 2023$ be a prime. Determine the number of positive integers n such that

$$(n-p)^2 + 2023(2023 - 2n - 2p)$$

is a perfect square.