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**Individual -**

**1** The distinct points  $X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5, X_6$  all lie on the same side of the line  $AB$ . The six triangles  $ABX_i$  are all similar. Show that the  $X_i$  lie on a circle.

**2** Find all solutions in positive integers to  $a^A = b^B = c^C = 1990^{1990}abc$ , where  $A = b^c, B = c^a, C = a^b$ .

**3** Show that there are two real solutions to:  $x + y^2 + z^4 = 0, y + z^2 + x^4 = 0, z + x^2 + y^5 = 0$ .

**4** Find all solutions in positive integers to:

$$\begin{cases} x_1^4 + 14x_1x_2 + 1 = y_1^4 \\ x_2^4 + 14x_2x_3 + 1 = y_2^4 \\ \dots \\ x_n^4 + 14x_nx_1 + 1 = y_n^4 \end{cases}$$

**5** Let  $n > 1$  be an integer and let  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_{n!}$  be the  $n!$  permutations of  $1, 2, \dots, n$ . (Each  $f_i$  is a bijective function from  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  to itself.) For each permutation  $f_i$ , let us define  $S(f_i) = \sum_{k=1}^n |f_i(k) - k|$ . Find  $\frac{1}{n!} \sum_{i=1}^{n!} S(f_i)$ .

**6**  $p(x)$  is a polynomial with integer coefficients. The sequence of integers  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  (where  $n > 2$ ) satisfies  $a_2 = p(a_1), a_3 = p(a_2), \dots, a_n = p(a_{n-1}), a_1 = p(a_n)$ . Show that  $a_1 = a_3$ .

**Team -**

**7**  $D_n$  is a set of domino pieces. For each pair of non-negative integers  $(a, b)$  with  $a \leq b \leq n$ , there is one domino, denoted  $[a, b]$  or  $[b, a]$  in  $D_n$ . A *ring* is a sequence of dominoes  $[a_1, b_1], [a_2, b_2], \dots, [a_k, b_k]$  such that  $b_1 = a_2, b_2 = a_3, \dots, b_{k-1} = a_k$  and  $b_k = a_1$ . Show that if  $n$  is even there is a ring which uses all the pieces. Show that for  $n$  odd, at least  $(n+1)/2$  pieces are not used in any ring. For  $n$  odd, how many different sets of  $(n+1)/2$  are there, such that the pieces not in the set can form a ring?

**8** We are given a supply of  $a \times b$  tiles with  $a$  and  $b$  distinct positive integers. The tiles are to be used to tile a  $28 \times 48$  rectangle. Find  $a, b$  such that the tile has the smallest possible area and there is only one possible tiling. (If there are two distinct tilings, one of which is a reflection of the

other, then we treat that as more than one possible tiling. Similarly for other symmetries.) Find  $a, b$  such that the tile has the largest possible area and there is more than one possible tiling.

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- 9**  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  is a sequence of integers such that every non-empty subsequence has non-zero sum. Show that we can partition the positive integers into a finite number of sets such that if  $x_i$  all belong to the same set, then  $a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_nx_n$  is non-zero.
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