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– Day 1

1 Real numbers x, y, a satisfy the equations $x + y = x^3 + y^3 = x^5 + y^5 = a$. Find all possible values of a .

2 In an acute-angled triangle ABC , E and F are the feet of the altitudes from B and C , and G and H are the projections of B and C on EF , respectively. Prove that $HE = FG$.

3 Find the largest real number C_1 and the smallest real number C_2 , such that, for all reals a, b, c, d, e , we have

$$C_1 < \frac{a}{a+b} + \frac{b}{b+c} + \frac{c}{c+d} + \frac{d}{d+e} + \frac{e}{e+a} < C_2$$

4 Find the largest natural number n that divides $a^{25} - a$ for all integers a .

5 There are n pieces on the squares of a 5×9 board, at most one on each square at any time during the game. A move in the game consists of simultaneously moving each piece to a neighboring square by side, under the restriction that a piece having been moved horizontally in the previous move must be moved vertically and vice versa. Find the greatest value of n for which there exists an initial position starting at which the game can be continued until the end of the world.

– Day 2

6 Let a, b, c be positive real numbers satisfying $a + b + c = 2$. Prove the inequality

$$\frac{1}{1+ab} + \frac{1}{1+bc} + \frac{1}{1+ca} \geq \frac{27}{13}$$

7 Find all polynomials $Q(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ with integer coefficients for which there exist three different prime numbers p_1, p_2, p_3 such that $|Q(p_1)| = |Q(p_2)| = |Q(p_3)| = 11$.

8 Let $A_1A_2A_3$ be a triangle and ω_1 be a circle passing through A_1 and A_2 . Suppose that there are circles $\omega_2, \dots, \omega_7$ such that:
 (a) ω_k passes through A_k and A_{k+1} for $k = 2, 3, \dots, 7$, where $A_i = A_{i+3}$,
 (b) ω_k and ω_{k+1} are externally tangent for $k = 1, 2, \dots, 6$.
 Prove that $\omega_1 = \omega_7$.

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- 9** Given integers $0 < a_1 < a_2 < \dots < a_{101} < 5050$, prove that one can always choose for different numbers a_k, a_l, a_m, a_n such that $5050 \mid a_k + a_l - a_m - a_n$
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- 10** Find all strictly monotonous functions $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ that satisfy $f(f(n)) = 3n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.
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