

**Estonia Team Selection Test 2011**

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– Day 1

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**1** Two circles lie completely outside each other. Let  $A$  be the point of intersection of internal common tangents of the circles and let  $K$  be the projection of this point onto one of their external common tangents. The tangents, different from the common tangent, to the circles through point  $K$  meet the circles at  $M_1$  and  $M_2$ . Prove that the line  $AK$  bisects angle  $M_1KM_2$ .

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**2** Let  $n$  be a positive integer. Prove that for each factor  $m$  of the number  $1 + 2 + \dots + n$  such that  $m \geq n$ , the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  can be partitioned into disjoint subsets, the sum of the elements of each being equal to  $m$ .  
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**3** Does there exist an operation  $*$  on the set of all integers such that the following conditions hold simultaneously: (1) for all integers  $x, y, z$ ,  $(x * y) * z = x * (y * z)$ ; (2) for all integers  $x$  and  $y$ ,  $x * x * y = y * x * x = y$ ?

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– Day 2

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**4** Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers such that  $2a^2 + b^2 = 9c^2$ . Prove that  $\frac{2c}{a} + \frac{c}{b} \geq \sqrt{3}$ .

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**5** Prove that if  $n$  and  $k$  are positive integers such that  $1 < k < n - 1$ , Then the binomial coefficient  $\binom{n}{k}$  is divisible by at least two different primes.

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**6** On a square board with  $m$  rows and  $n$  columns, where  $m \leq n$ , some squares are colored black in such a way that no two rows are alike. Find the biggest integer  $k$  such that, for every possible coloring to start with, one can always color  $k$  columns entirely red in such a way that still no two rows are alike.

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