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**1** Let  $N = 11 \cdots 122 \cdots 25$ , where there are  $n$  1s and  $n + 1$  2s. Show that  $N$  is a perfect square.

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**2** Does

$$\begin{cases} x^y = z \\ y^z = x \\ z^x = y \end{cases}$$

have any solutions in positive reals apart from  $x = y = z = 1$ ?

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**3** Find all polynomials  $p(x)$  of degree 5 such that  $p(x) + 1$  is divisible by  $(x - 1)^3$  and  $p(x) - 1$  is divisible by  $(x + 1)^3$ .

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**4** A cube side 5 is divided into 125 unit cubes.  $N$  of the small cubes are black and the rest white. Find the smallest  $N$  such that there must be a row of 5 black cubes parallel to one of the edges of the large cube.

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**5**  $ABC$  is a triangle.  $X, Y, Z$  lie on  $BC, CA, AB$  respectively. Show that area  $XYZ$  cannot be smaller than each of area  $AYZ$ , area  $BZX$ , area  $CXY$ .

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**6** Show that there are infinitely many triangles with side lengths  $a, b, c$ , where  $a$  is a prime,  $b$  is a power of 2 and  $c$  is the square of an odd integer.

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