

**IberoAmerican 2002**

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**Day 1**

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- 1 The integer numbers from 1 to 2002 are written in a blackboard in increasing order  $1, 2, \dots, 2001, 2002$ . After that, somebody erases the numbers in the  $(3k + 1) - th$  places i.e.  $(1, 4, 7, \dots)$ . After that, the same person erases the numbers in the  $(3k + 1) - th$  positions of the new list (in this case,  $2, 5, 9, \dots$ ). This process is repeated until one number remains. What is this number?

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  - 2 Given any set of 9 points in the plane such that there is no 3 of them collinear, show that for each point  $P$  of the set, the number of triangles with its vertices on the other 8 points and that contain  $P$  on its interior is even.

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  - 3 Let  $P$  be a point in the interior of the equilateral triangle  $\triangle ABC$  such that  $\angle APC = 120^\circ$ . Let  $M$  be the intersection of  $CP$  with  $AB$ , and  $N$  the intersection of  $AP$  and  $BC$ . Find the locus of the circumcentre of the triangle  $MBN$  as  $P$  varies.

**Day 2**

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- 1 In a triangle  $\triangle ABC$  with all its sides of different length,  $D$  is on the side  $AC$ , such that  $BD$  is the angle bisector of  $\angle ABC$ . Let  $E$  and  $F$ , respectively, be the feet of the perpendicular drawn from  $A$  and  $C$  to the line  $BD$  and let  $M$  be the point on  $BC$  such that  $DM$  is perpendicular to  $BC$ . Show that  $\angle EMD = \angle DMF$ .

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  - 2 The sequence of real numbers  $a_1, a_2, \dots$  is defined as follows:  $a_1 = 56$  and  $a_{n+1} = a_n - \frac{1}{a_n}$  for  $n \geq 1$ . Show that there is an integer  $1 \leq k \leq 2002$  such that  $a_k < 0$ .

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  - 3 A policeman is trying to catch a robber on a board of  $2001 \times 2001$  squares. They play alternately, and the player whose turn it is moves to a space in one of the following directions:  $\downarrow, \rightarrow, \nearrow$ .  
If the policeman is on the square in the bottom-right corner, he can go directly to the square in the upper-left corner (the robber can not do this). Initially the policeman is in the central square, and the robber is in the upper-left adjacent square. Show that:  
a) The robber may move at least 10000 times before the being captured. b) The policeman has an strategy such that he will eventually catch the robber.  
Note: The policeman can catch the robber if he reaches the square where the robber is, but not if the robber enters the square occupied by the policeman.