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Day 1 July 8th

1 Suppose that each of the 5 persons knows a piece of information, each piece is different, about a certain event. Each time person A calls person B , A gives B all the information that A knows at that moment about the event, while B does not say to A anything that he knew.

(a) What is the minimum number of calls are necessary so that everyone knows about the event?

(b) How many calls are necessary if there were n persons?

2 Find a positive integer n with 1000 digits, all distinct from zero, with the following property: it's possible to group the digits of n into 500 pairs in such a way that if the two digits of each pair are multiplied and then add the 500 products, it results a number m that is a divisor of n .

3 The digits of a calculator (with the exception of 0) are shown in the form indicated by the figure below, where there is also a button "+":

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Two players A and B play in the following manner: A turns on the calculator and presses a digit, and then presses the button "+". A passes the calculator to B , which presses a digit in the same row or column with the one pressed by A that is not the same as the last one pressed by A ; and then presses + and returns the calculator to A , repeating the operation in this manner successively. The first player that reaches or exceeds the sum of 31 loses the game. Which of the two players have a winning strategy and what is it?

Day 2 July 9th

4 In the trapezoid $ABCD$ with bases AB and CD , let M be the midpoint of side DA . If $BC = a$, $MC = b$ and $\angle MCB = 150^\circ$, what is the area of trapezoid $ABCD$ as a function of a and b ?

5 Let a be an odd positive integer greater than 17 such that $3a - 2$ is a perfect square. Show that there exist distinct positive integers b and c such that $a + b$, $a + c$, $b + c$ and $a + b + c$ are four perfect squares.

6 Denote S as the subset of $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, 1000\}$ with the property that none of the sums of two different elements in S is in S . Find the maximum number of elements in S .
