

**National Science Olympiad 2017**

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– Day 1

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**1**  $ABCD$  is a parallelogram.  $g$  is a line passing  $A$ . Prove that the distance from  $C$  to  $g$  is either the sum or the difference of the distance from  $B$  to  $g$ , and the distance from  $D$  to  $g$ .

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**2** Five people are gathered in a meeting. Some pairs of people shakes hands. An ordered triple of people  $(A, B, C)$  is a *trio* if one of the following is true:

- A shakes hands with B, and B shakes hands with C, or
- A doesn't shake hands with B, and B doesn't shake hands with C.

If we consider  $(A, B, C)$  and  $(C, B, A)$  as the same trio, find the minimum possible number of trios.

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**3** A positive integer  $d$  is *special* if every integer can be represented as  $a^2 + b^2 - dc^2$  for some integers  $a, b, c$ .

- Find the smallest positive integer that is not special.
  - Prove 2017 is special.
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**4** Determine all pairs of *distinct* real numbers  $(x, y)$  such that both of the following are true:

$$\begin{aligned} -x^{100} - y^{100} &= 2^{99}(x - y) \\ -x^{200} - y^{200} &= 2^{199}(x - y) \end{aligned}$$


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– Day 2

**5** A polynomial  $P$  has integral coefficients, and it has at least 9 different integral roots. Let  $n$  be an integer such that  $|P(n)| < 2017$ . Prove that  $P(n) = 0$ .

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**6** Find the number of positive integers  $n$  not greater than 2017 such that  $n$  divides  $20^n + 17k$  for some positive integer  $k$ .

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**7** Let  $ABCD$  be a parallelogram.  $E$  and  $F$  are on  $BC, CD$  respectively such that the triangles  $ABE$  and  $BCF$  have the same area. Let  $BD$  intersect  $AE, AF$  at  $M, N$  respectively. Prove

there exists a triangle whose side lengths are  $BM, MN, ND$ .

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- 8** A field is made of  $2017 \times 2017$  unit squares. Luffy has  $k$  gold detectors, which he places on some of the unit squares, then he leaves the area. Sanji then chooses a  $1500 \times 1500$  area, then buries a gold coin on each unit square in this area and none other. When Luffy returns, a gold detector beeps if and only if there is a gold coin buried underneath the unit square it's on. It turns out that by an appropriate placement, Luffy will always be able to determine the  $1500 \times 1500$  area containing the gold coins by observing the detectors, no matter how Sanji places the gold coins. Determine the minimum value of  $k$  in which this is possible.
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