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– Paper 1

1 Prove that if $x \neq 0$ is a real number, then: $x^8 - x^5 - \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x^4} \geq 0$.

2 The distances from a point P inside an equilateral triangle to the vertices of the triangle are 3, 4, and 5. Find the area of the triangle.

3 Show that no integer of the form $xyxy$ in base 10 can be a perfect cube. Find the smallest base $b > 1$ for which there is a perfect cube of the form $xyxy$ in base b .

4 Show that a disk of radius 2 can be covered by seven (possibly overlapping) disks of radius 1.

5 If x is a real number such that $x^2 - x$ and $x^n - x$ are integers for some $n \geq 3$, prove that x is an integer.

– Paper 2

1 Find all positive integers n having exactly 16 divisors $1 = d_1 < d_2 < \dots < d_{16} = n$ such that $d_6 = 18$ and $d_9 - d_8 = 17$.

2 Prove that if a, b, c are positive real numbers, then:

$$\frac{9}{a+b+c} \leq 2 \left(\frac{1}{a+b} + \frac{1}{b+c} + \frac{1}{c+a} \right) \leq \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}.$$

3 (a) Prove that \mathbb{N} can be partitioned into three (mutually disjoint) sets such that, if $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $|m - n|$ is 2 or 5, then m and n are in different sets. (b) Prove that \mathbb{N} can be partitioned into four sets such that, if $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $|m - n|$ is 2, 3, or 5, then m and n are in different sets. Show, however, that \mathbb{N} cannot be partitioned into three sets with this property.

4 A sequence (x_n) is given as follows: x_0, x_1 are arbitrary positive real numbers, and $x_{n+2} = \frac{1+x_{n+1}}{x_n}$ for $n \geq 0$. Find x_{1998} .

5 A triangle ABC has integer sides, $\angle A = 2\angle B$ and $\angle C > 90^\circ$. Find the minimum possible perimeter of this triangle.