

**Moldova Team Selection Test 2018**

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– Day 1

1 Let  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{Q}$ , such that  $(x + y + z)^3 = 9(x^2y + y^2z + z^2x)$ . Prove that  $x = y = z$

2 The sequence  $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is defined recursively as  $a_0 = a_1 = 1, a_{n+2} = 5a_{n+1} - a_n - 1, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$   
Prove that

$$a_n \mid a_{n+1}^2 + a_{n+1} + 1$$

for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

3 Let  $O$  be the circumcenter of an acute triangle  $ABC$ . Line  $OA$  intersects the altitudes of  $ABC$  through  $B$  and  $C$  at  $P$  and  $Q$ , respectively. The altitudes meet at  $H$ . Prove that the circumcenter of triangle  $PQH$  lies on a median of triangle  $ABC$ .

4 A pupil is writing on a board positive integers  $x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots$  after the following algorithm which implies arithmetic progression  $3, 5, 7, 9, \dots$ . Each term of rank  $k \geq 2$  is a difference between the product of the last number on the board and the term of arithmetic progression of rank  $k$  and the last but one term on the board with the sum of the terms of the arithmetic progression with ranks less than  $k$ . If  $x_0 = 0$  and  $x_1 = 1$  find  $x_n$  according to  $n$ .

– Day 2

5 Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*, n \geq 3$

a) Prove that the polynomial  $f(x) = \frac{x^{2n-1}-1}{x-1} - X^n$  has a divisor of form  $X^p + 1$  where  $p \in \mathbb{N}^*$

b) Show that for  $n = 7$  the polynomial  $f(X)$  has three divisors with integer coefficients.

6 Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers such that  $a + b + c = 3$ . Show that

$$\frac{a}{1+b^2} + \frac{b}{1+c^2} + \frac{c}{1+a^2} \geq \frac{3}{2}$$

7 Let the triangle  $ABC$  with  $m(\angle ABC) = 60^\circ$  and  $m(\angle BAC) = 40^\circ$ . Points  $D$  and  $E$  are on the sides  $(AB)$  and  $(AC)$  such that  $m(\angle DCB) = 70^\circ$  and  $m(\angle EBC) = 40^\circ$ .  $BE$  and  $CD$  intersect in  $F$ . Prove that  $BC$  and  $AF$  are perpendicular.

- 8** Let the set  $A = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 48n + 24$ , where  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ . Prove that there exist a subset  $B$  of  $A$  with  $24n + 12$  elements with the property : the sum of the squares of the elements of the set  $B$  is equal to the sum of the squares of the elements of the set  $A$ .

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– Day 3

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- 9** The positive integers  $a$  and  $b$  satisfy the sistem  $\begin{cases} a_{10} + b_{10} = a \\ a_{11} + b_{11} = b \end{cases}$  where  $a_1 < a_2 < \dots$  and  $b_1 < b_2 < \dots$  are the positive divisors of  $a$  and  $b$ . Find  $a$  and  $b$ .

- 10** The positive real numbers  $a, b, c, d$  satisfy the equality  $\frac{1}{a+1} + \frac{1}{b+1} + \frac{1}{c+1} + \frac{1}{d+1} = 3$ . Prove the inequality  $\sqrt[3]{abc} + \sqrt[3]{bcd} + \sqrt[3]{cda} + \sqrt[3]{dab} \leq \frac{4}{3}$ .

- 11** Let  $\Omega$  be the circumcircle of the quadrilateral  $ABCD$ , and  $E$  the intersection point of the diagonals  $AC$  and  $BD$ . A line passing through  $E$  intersects  $AB$  and  $BC$  in points  $P$  and  $Q$ . A circle, that is passing through point  $D$ , is tangent to the line  $PQ$  in point  $E$  and intersects  $\Omega$  in point  $R$ , different from  $D$ . Prove that the points  $B, P, Q$ , and  $R$  are concyclic.

- 12** Let  $p > 3$  is a prime number and  $k = \lfloor \frac{2p}{3} \rfloor$ . Prove that

$$\binom{p}{1} + \binom{p}{2} + \dots + \binom{p}{k}$$

is divisible by  $p^2$ .

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