

**Mexico National Olympiad 1988**

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– Day 1

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- 1** In how many ways can one arrange seven white and five black balls in a line in such a way that there are no two neighboring black balls?
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- 2** If  $a$  and  $b$  are positive integers, prove that  $11a + 2b$  is a multiple of 19 if and only if so is  $18a + 5b$ .
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- 3** Two externally tangent circles with different radii are given. Their common tangents form a triangle. Find the area of this triangle in terms of the radii of the two circles.
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- 4** In how many ways can one select eight integers  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_8$ , not necessarily distinct, such that  $1 \leq a_1 \leq \dots \leq a_8 \leq 8$ ?
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– Day 2

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- 5** If  $a$  and  $b$  are coprime positive integers and  $n$  an integer, prove that the greatest common divisor of  $a^2 + b^2 - nab$  and  $a + b$  divides  $n + 2$ .
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- 6** Consider two fixed points  $B, C$  on a circle  $w$ . Find the locus of the incenters of all triangles  $ABC$  when point  $A$  describes  $w$ .
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- 7** Two disjoint subsets of the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, m\}$  have the same sums of elements. Prove that each of the subsets  $A, B$  has less than  $m/\sqrt{2}$  elements.
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- 8** Compute the volume of a regular octahedron circumscribed about a sphere of radius 1.
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