

**NEW YORK CITY INTERSCHOLASTIC MATHEMATICS LEAGUE**  
**Soph-Frosh Division      CONTEST NUMBER 1**

***PART I***                      ***FALL 2009***                      ***CONTEST 1***                      ***TIME: 10 MINUTES***

F09SF1      The average of five numbers is  $\frac{1}{3}$  and the average of three of these numbers is  $\frac{1}{5}$ .  
Compute the average of the other two numbers.

F09SF2      One leg of a right triangle is length 20. The lengths of the other leg and the hypotenuse  
are consecutive odd integers. Compute the length of the hypotenuse.

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***PART II***                      ***FALL 2009***                      ***CONTEST 1***                      ***TIME: 10 MINUTES***

F09SF3      Compute the two-digit number that is 9 times the sum of its digits.

F09SF4      A boat can travel 8 miles per hour in still water. If it can travel 15 miles with the current  
in the same time it travels 9 miles against the current, compute the rate of the current in  
miles per hour.

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***PART III***                      ***FALL 2009***                      ***CONTEST 1***                      ***TIME: 10 MINUTES***

F09SF5      There are 4 different science, 3 different math and 2 different history books on a shelf.  
Compute the number of ways they can be arranged if all the books on the same subject  
have to be next to each other.

F09SF6       $ABCD$  is a rectangle and  $P$  is a point inside the rectangle. If  $PA=3$ ,  $PB=4$ ,  $PC=5$ ,  
compute  $PD$ .

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**NEW YORK CITY INTERSCHOLASTIC MATHEMATICS LEAGUE**  
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**PART I**                      **FALL 2009**                      **CONTEST 2**                      **TIME: 10 MINUTES**

F09SF7      Compute the remainder when  $777^{777}$  is divided by 5.

F09SF8      A sphere with radius 5 is cut by a plane which is 3 units from the center of the sphere. Compute the area of the cross-section formed.

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**PART II**                      **FALL 2009**                      **CONTEST 2**                      **TIME: 10 MINUTES**

F09SF9      Compute the largest prime factor of 9,991.

F09SF10      If  $a, b, c, x, y,$  and  $z$  are real numbers such that  
 $ax + by + cz = 5$   
 $bx + cy + az = 50$   
 $cx + ay + bz = 500$   
and  $a + b + c = 5$ , compute  $x + y + z$ .

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**PART III**                      **FALL 2009**                      **CONTEST 2**                      **TIME: 10 MINUTES**

F09SF11      Compute the area of a rectangle whose diagonal is of length 10 and whose length is 5 times its width.

F09SF12      When the numbers 551, 613 and 768 are divided by  $a, a > 1$  and an integer, they leave a remainder of  $b$ . Compute  $b$ .

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**NEW YORK CITY INTERSCHOLASTIC MATHEMATICS LEAGUE**  
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**PART I**                      **FALL 2009**                      **CONTEST 3**                      **TIME: 10 MINUTES**

F09SF13      If  $\sqrt{x+2} = 4$ , compute  $(x+2)^3$ .

F09SF14      Compute the positive value of  $x$  such that  $x[x] = 55$ . (Note that  $[x]$  denotes the greatest integer that is less than or equal to  $x$ . For example,  $[1.99] = 1$ , and  $[2] = 2$ .)

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**PART II**                      **FALL 2009**                      **CONTEST 3**                      **TIME: 10 MINUTES**

F09SF15      Compute all ordered pairs  $(x, y)$  of integers such that  $x + y = xy$ .

F09SF16      An old printing press can print a newspaper in 10 hours. A new printing press can print a newspaper in 8 hours. Working together, compute how many hours would it take 3 old and 2 new presses to print a newspaper?

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**PART III**                      **FALL 2009**                      **CONTEST 3**                      **TIME: 10 MINUTES**

F09SF17      If  $100!$  is multiplied out, how many zeroes does it end with?

F09SF18      In right triangle  $ABC$ ,  $\angle C$  is a right angle,  $M$  is the midpoint of  $AC$ ,  $N$  is the midpoint of  $BC$ . If  $AN = 12$  and  $BM = 14$ , compute  $AB$ .

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F09SF1             $\frac{8}{15}$ . The sum of the five numbers is  $\frac{5}{3}$ , the sum of the first three numbers is  $\frac{3}{5}$ , the sum of the other two numbers is  $\frac{5}{3} - \frac{3}{5} = \frac{16}{15}$  and their average is  $\frac{8}{15}$ .

F09SF2            **101.** Let  $x$  be the length of the other leg and let  $x + 2$  be the length of the hypotenuse. Then  $x^2 + 20^2 = (x + 2)^2$ . Solve to obtain  $x = 99$ . Then the length of the hypotenuse is  $x + 2 = 101$ . The result is based on the Pythagorean Theorem.

F09SF3            **81.** Let  $t$  represent the tens digit and  $u$  represent the units digit of the answer. Then  $10t + u = 9(t + u)$ , so  $t = 8u$ . Because  $t$  and  $u$  are digits,  $t = 8$  and  $u = 1$ , so the requested number is 81.

Alternative solution:

We know the answer must be a multiple of 9. Every two-digit multiple of 9 has digit sum equal to 9, so the answer must be  $9 \cdot 9 = 81$ .

F09SF4            **2 or 2 miles per hour.** Let  $C$  be the rate of the current, using the formula  $\frac{D}{R} = T$ , where as usual  $D =$  distance,  $R =$  rate, and  $T =$  time. The boat's rates with and against the current are  $8 + C$  and  $8 - C$ , respectively. Because the times for the two trips are the same,  $\frac{15}{8 + C} = \frac{9}{8 - C}$ . Solve to obtain  $C = 2$ .

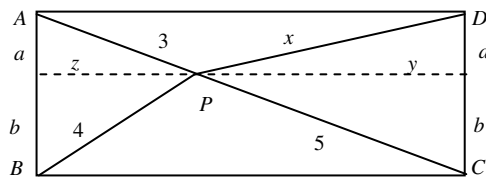
F09SF5            **1728.** There are  $3! = 6$  ways of arranging the subjects,  $4! = 24$  ways of arranging the science books,  $3! = 6$  ways of arranging the math books, and  $2! = 2$  ways of arranging the history books.  $6 \times 24 \times 6 \times 2 = 1728$ .

F09SF6             $3\sqrt{2}$ . Draw a line through  $P$  parallel to  $AD$ .

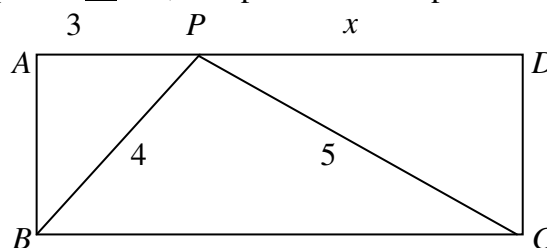
$$9 - a^2 = z^2 = 16 - b^2$$

$$x^2 - a^2 = y^2 = 25 - b^2$$

$$x^2 - 9 = 9 \quad x^2 = 18 \quad x = \sqrt{18} = 3\sqrt{2}$$



Note: If  $P$  is placed on  $AD$ , The problem is simplified.  $4^2 - 3^2 = 5^2 - x^2 \quad x = 3\sqrt{2}$ .



Challenge: Show that for any rectangle  $ABCD$  and any point  $P$ ,  $PA^2 + PC^2 = PB^2 + PD^2$ .

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F09SF7      **2.** The unit digit of  $777^n$  goes in cycles of 7, 9, 3, 1, 7, 9, 3, 1 etc. as  $n$  increases. Thus the remainder upon division by 5 cycles as 2, 4, 3, 1. Since the exponent 777 is one more than a multiple of 4, the requested remainder is 2.

F09SF8      **16π.** The cross section is a circle with radius 4 since it is one leg of a 3-4-5 right triangle. So its area is  $16\pi$ .

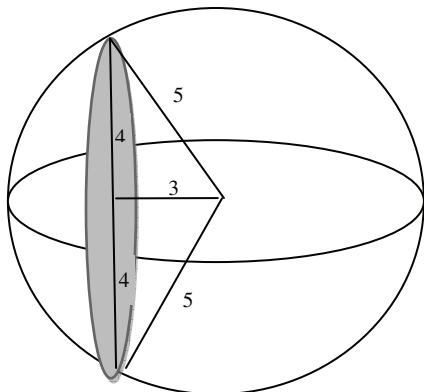


Diagram: The cross section is shaded in gray.

F09SF9      **103.** Since  $9991 = 10000 - 9$ , we may factor it as a difference of squares:  
 $9991 = 100^2 - 3^2 = (100 + 3)(100 - 3) = 103 \times 97$ . Since 103 is prime, it is the largest prime factor of 9991.

F09SF10      **111.** Add the three equations to obtain  $(ax + by + cz) + (bx + cy + az) + (cx + ay + bz) = 555$  and then factor to get  $(a + b + c)(x + y + z) = 555$ . Because  $a + b + c = 5$ , then  $x + y + z = 111$ .

F09SF11       $\frac{250}{13}$  or  $19\frac{3}{13}$ . Let  $5x$  be the length and  $x$  be the width. Then  $(5x)^2 + x^2 = 10^2$ , so  
 $26x^2 = 100$ . Then the area is  $(5x)(x) = 5x^2 = 5\left(\frac{100}{26}\right) = \frac{250}{13}$ .

F09SF12      **24.**       $613 = xa + b$   
                   $551 = ya + b$   
                   $62 = xa - ya = a(x + y)$   
 Because the three numbers leave the same remainder when divided by  $a$ , the difference between any two of them is a multiple of  $a$ . Thus  $a$  is a divisor of both  $613 - 551 = 62$  and  $768 - 613 = 155$ . The only numbers that divides both 62 and 155 are 1 and 31, so  $a = 31$ . Divide any of the three number by 31 to find that  $b = 24$ .

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F09SF13      **4096.**  $\sqrt{x+2} = 4$  Square both sides to obtain  $x + 2 = 16$ . Then  $(x + 2)^3 = 16^3 = 4096$ .

F09SF14       $\frac{55}{7}$  or  $7\frac{6}{7}$ . We have  $7 [7] = 49$ , so 7 is too small. We also have  $8 [8] = 64$ , so 8 is too large. Thus  $x$  must be between 7 and 8. We conclude that  $[x] = 7$ , so  $7x = 55$  and  $x = \frac{55}{7}$ .

F09SF15      **(0,0) and (2,2).** The given equation is equivalent to  $xy - x - y = 0$ , thus  $xy - x - y + 1 = 1$  so  $(x - 1)(y - 1) = 1$ . Either  $x - 1 = y - 1 = 1$  or  $x - 1 = y - 1 = -1$ . These give solutions (0,0) and (2,2).

F09SF16       $\frac{20}{11}$  or  $1\frac{9}{11}$ . Working  $x$  hours, an old press will print  $\frac{x}{10}$  of the paper, a new press will print  $\frac{x}{8}$  of the paper. Then  $3\frac{x}{10} + 2\frac{x}{8} = 1$ , multiply by 40 to get  $12x + 10x = 40$ . Then  $x = \frac{40}{22} = \frac{20}{11}$ .

F09SF17      **24.** You get a zero at the end of a number if you multiply by  $10 = 2 \times 5$ . There are many more factors of 2 than 5 so you have to count how many factors of 5 are there. Every multiple of 5 will therefore produce a zero. There are 20 multiples of 5. Also, 25, 50, 75, and 100 each have two factors of 5.  $20 + 4 = 24$ .

F09SF18       **$4\sqrt{17}$ .** In  $\triangle ACN$   $x^2 + (2y)^2 = 144$   
 In  $\triangle MCB$   $(2x)^2 + y^2 = 196$   
 Add the two equations to get:  
 $5x^2 + 5y^2 = 340$   
 $4x^2 + 4y^2 = AB^2 = 272$   
 $AB = \sqrt{272} = 4\sqrt{17}$ .

