

1999 AHSME Problems

Problem 1

$$1 - 2 + 3 - 4 + \cdots - 98 + 99 =$$

- (A) -50 (B) -49 (C) 0 (D) 49 (E) 50

Problem 2

Which of the following statements is false?

- (A) All equilateral triangles are congruent to each other. (B) All equilateral triangles are convex.
 (C) All equilateral triangles are equiangular. (D) All equilateral triangles are regular polygons.
 (E) All equilateral triangles are similar to each other.

Problem 3

The number halfway between $\frac{1}{8}$ and $\frac{1}{10}$ is

- (A) $\frac{1}{80}$ (B) $\frac{1}{40}$ (C) $\frac{1}{18}$ (D) $\frac{1}{9}$ (E) $\frac{9}{80}$

Problem 4

Find the sum of all prime numbers between 1 and 100 that are simultaneously 1 greater than a multiple of 4 and 1 less than a multiple of 5.

- (A) 118 (B) 137 (C) 158 (D) 187 (E) 245

Problem 5

The marked price of a book was 30% less than the suggested retail price. Alice purchased the book for half the marked price at a Fiftieth Anniversary sale. What percent of the suggested retail price did Alice pay?

- (A) 25% (B) 30% (C) 35% (D) 60% (E) 65%

Problem 6

What is the sum of the digits of the decimal form of the product $2^{1999} \cdot 5^{2001}$?

- (A) 2 (B) 4 (C) 5 (D) 7 (E) 10

Problem 7

What is the largest number of acute angles that a convex hexagon can have?

- (A) 2 (B) 3 (C) 4 (D) 5 (E) 6

Problem 8

At the end of 1994 Walter was half as old as his grandmother. The sum of the years in which they were born is 3838. How old will Walter be at the end of 1999?

- (A) 48 (B) 49 (C) 53 (D) 55 (E) 101

Problem 9

Before Ashley started a three-hour drive, her car's odometer reading was 29792, a palindrome. (A palindrome is a number that reads the same way from left to right as it does from right to left). At her destination, the odometer reading was another palindrome. If Ashley never exceeded the speed limit of 75 miles per hour, which of the following was her greatest possible average speed?

- (A) $33\frac{1}{3}$ (B) $53\frac{1}{3}$ (C) $66\frac{2}{3}$ (D) $70\frac{1}{3}$ (E) $74\frac{1}{3}$

Problem 10

A sealed envelope contains a card with a single digit on it. Three of the following statements are true, and the other is false.

- I. The digit is 1.
 II. the digit is not 2.
 III. The digit is 3.
 IV. The digit is not 4.

Which one of the following must necessarily be correct?

- (A) I is true (B) I is false (C) II is true (D) III is true (E) IV is false

Problem 11

The student lockers at Olympic High are numbered consecutively beginning with locker number 1. The plastic digits used to number the lockers cost two cents apiece. Thus, it costs two cents to label locker number 9 and four cents to label locker number 10. If it costs 137.94 to label all the lockers, how many lockers are there at the school?

- (A) 2001 (B) 2010 (C) 2100 (D) 2726 (E) 6897

Problem 12

What is the maximum number of points of intersection of the graphs of two different fourth degree polynomial functions $y = p(x)$ and $y = q(x)$, each with leading coefficient 1?

- (A) 1 (B) 2 (C) 3 (D) 4 (E) 8

Problem 13

Define a sequence of real numbers a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots by $a_1 = 1$ and $a_{n+1}^3 = 99a_n^3$ for all $n \geq 1$. Then a_{100} equals

- (A) 33^{33} (B) 33^{99} (C) 99^{33} (D) 99^{99} (E) none of the above

Problem 14

Four girls - Mary, Aline, Tina, and Hana - sang songs in a concert as trios, with one girl sitting out each time. Hanna sang 7 songs, which was more than any other girl, and Mary sang 4 songs, which was fewer than any other girl. How many songs did these trios sing?

- (A) 7 (B) 8 (C) 9 (D) 10 (E) 11

Problem 15

Let x be a real number such that $\sec x - \tan x = 2$. Then $\sec x + \tan x =$

- (A) 0.1 (B) 0.2 (C) 0.3 (D) 0.4 (E) 0.5

Problem 16

What is the radius of a circle inscribed in a rhombus with diagonals of length 10 and 24?

- (A) 4 (B) $\frac{58}{13}$ (C) $\frac{60}{13}$ (D) 5 (E) 6

Problem 17

Let $P(x)$ be a polynomial such that when $P(x)$ is divided by $x - 19$, the remainder is 99, and when $P(x)$ is divided by $x - 99$, the remainder is 19. What is the remainder when $P(x)$ is divided by $(x - 19)(x - 99)$?

- (A) $-x + 80$ (B) $x + 80$ (C) $-x + 118$ (D) $x + 118$ (E) 0

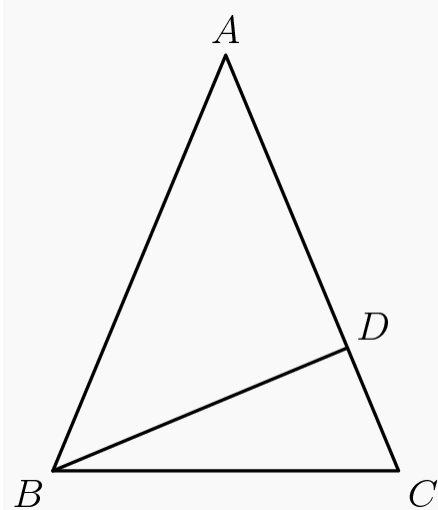
Problem 18

How many zeros does $f(x) = \cos(\log x)$ have on the interval $0 < x < 1$?

- (A) 0 (B) 1 (C) 2 (D) 10 (E) infinitely many

Problem 19

Consider all triangles ABC satisfying in the following conditions: $AB = AC$, D is a point on \overline{AC} for which $\overline{BD} \perp \overline{AC}$, AC and CD are integers, and $BD^2 = 57$. Among all such triangles, the smallest possible value of AC is



- (A) 9 (B) 10 (C) 11 (D) 12 (E) 13

Problem 20

The sequence a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots satisfies $a_1 = 19$, $a_9 = 99$, and, for all $n \geq 3$, a_n is the arithmetic mean of the first $n - 1$ terms. Find a_2 .

- (A) 29 (B) 59 (C) 79 (D) 99 (E) 179

Problem 21

A circle is circumscribed about a triangle with sides 20, 21, and 29, thus dividing the interior of the circle into four regions. Let A , B , and C be the areas of the non-triangular regions, with C be the largest. Then

- (A) $A + B = C$ (B) $A + B + 210 = C$ (C) $A^2 + B^2 = C^2$ (D) $20A + 21B = 29C$ (E) $\frac{1}{A^2} + \frac{1}{B^2} = \frac{1}{C^2}$

Problem 22

The graphs of $y = -|x - a| + b$ and $y = |x - c| + d$ intersect at points $(2, 5)$ and $(8, 3)$. Find $a + c$.

- (A) 7 (B) 8 (C) 10 (D) 13 (E) 18

Problem 23

The equiangular convex hexagon $ABCDEF$ has $AB = 1$, $BC = 4$, $CD = 2$, and $DE = 4$. The area of the hexagon is

- (A) $\frac{15}{2}\sqrt{3}$ (B) $9\sqrt{3}$ (C) 16 (D) $\frac{39}{4}\sqrt{3}$ (E) $\frac{43}{4}\sqrt{3}$

Problem 24

Six points on a circle are given. Four of the chords joining pairs of the six points are selected at random. What is the probability that the four chords form a convex quadrilateral?

- (A) $\frac{1}{15}$ (B) $\frac{1}{91}$ (C) $\frac{1}{273}$ (D) $\frac{1}{455}$ (E) $\frac{1}{1365}$

Problem 25

There are unique integers $a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5, a_6, a_7$ such that

$$\frac{5}{7} = \frac{a_2}{2!} + \frac{a_3}{3!} + \frac{a_4}{4!} + \frac{a_5}{5!} + \frac{a_6}{6!} + \frac{a_7}{7!}$$

where $0 \leq a_i < i$ for $i = 2, 3, \dots, 7$. Find $a_2 + a_3 + a_4 + a_5 + a_6 + a_7$.

- (A) 8 (B) 9 (C) 10 (D) 11 (E) 12

Problem 26

Three non-overlapping regular plane polygons, at least two of which are congruent, all have sides of length 1. The polygons meet at a point A in such a way that the sum of the three interior angles at A is 360° . Thus the three polygons form a new polygon with A as an interior point. What is the largest possible perimeter that this polygon can have?

- (A) 12 (B) 14 (C) 18 (D) 21 (E) 24

Problem 27

In triangle ABC , $3 \sin A + 4 \cos B = 6$ and $4 \sin B + 3 \cos A = 1$. Then $\angle C$ in degrees is

- (A) 30 (B) 60 (C) 90 (D) 120 (E) 150

Problem 28

Let x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n be a sequence of integers such that

(i) $-1 \leq x_i \leq 2$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$

(ii) $x_1 + \dots + x_n = 19$, and

(iii) $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2 = 99$.

Let m and M be the minimal and maximal possible values of $x_1^3 + \dots + x_n^3$, respectively. Then $\frac{M}{m} =$

- (A) 3 (B) 4 (C) 5 (D) 6 (E) 7

Problem 29

A tetrahedron with four equilateral triangular faces has a sphere inscribed within it and a sphere circumscribed about it. For each of the four faces, there is a sphere tangent externally to the face at its center and to the circumscribed sphere. a point P is selected at random inside the circumscribed sphere. The probability that P lies inside one of the five small spheres is closest to

- (A) 0 (B) 0.1 (C) 0.2 (D) 0.3 (E) 0.4

Problem 30

The number of ordered pairs of integers (m, n) for which $mn \geq 0$ and

$$m^3 + n^3 + 99mn = 33^3$$

is equal to

- (A) 2 (B) 3 (C) 33 (D) 35 (E) 99