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PART I Answer Key

1. a  $f(g(x-1)) = f[(x-1)^2 + 1] = \sqrt{[(x-1)^2 + 1]} - 1 = \sqrt{(x-1)^2} = |x-1|$
2. e
3. b 
$$\begin{array}{rcl} p = s + d & \Rightarrow & 3p = 3s + 3d \\ 2p = 3d & & -2p = -3d \\ \hline & & p = 3s \end{array}$$
4. e The last two digits of  $1996^{1996}$  can be found by finding  $1996^{1996} \pmod{100}$ . Since  $1996 \equiv -4 \pmod{100}$ ,  $1996^{1996} \equiv (-4)^{1996} \pmod{100} \equiv ((-4)^4)^{499} \pmod{100} \equiv (56)^{499} \pmod{100}$   

$$\begin{aligned} &\equiv (56)^{400} (56)^{99} \pmod{100} \equiv ((56)^4)^{100} ((56)^3)^{33} \pmod{100} \equiv (96)^{100} (16)^{33} \pmod{100} \\ &\equiv ((96)^4)^{25} ((16)^3)^{11} \pmod{100} \equiv (56)^{25} (96)^{11} \pmod{100} \equiv ((56)^5)^5 (96)^6 (96)^5 \pmod{100} \\ &\equiv (76)^5 (96)(76) \pmod{100} \equiv (76)^6 (96) \pmod{100} \equiv (76)(96) \pmod{100} \equiv 7296 \pmod{100} \end{aligned}$$
5. b  $\text{lcm}(21, 96) = 672 = 7 \cdot 96$
6. b There are 6 out of 36 ways to roll a seven with one pair of dice, so the answer is  $\frac{1}{6}(1728) = 288$ .
7. d Let  $d$  be the distance from your house to your friend's house in miles and let  $t$  be the time in hours for the round trip. Then  $\frac{d}{10} + \frac{d}{8} = t$  and the average velocity for the round trip is 
$$\frac{2d}{t} = \frac{2d}{\frac{d}{10} + \frac{d}{8}} = \frac{2d}{\frac{8d+10d}{80}} = \frac{160d}{18d} \approx 8.89 \text{ mph.}$$
8. a  $a^2 + (a+3)^2 = (a+1)^2 + (a+2)^2 \Rightarrow a^2 + a^2 + 6a + 9 = a^2 + 2a + 1 + a^2 + 4a + 4$   
 $\Rightarrow 2a^2 + 6a + 9 = 2a^2 + 6a + 5 \Rightarrow 9 = 5$ , so there are no solutions.
9. c

Week	#adult females	#infant females	#adult males	#infant males	Total
0	50	0	50	0	100
3	50	150	50	150	400
6	200	150	200	150	700
9	350	600	350	600	1900
12	950	1050	950	1050	4000
10. e
11. d The number of ways to seat 6 people at a round table is  $\frac{6!}{6} = 5! = 120$ . We divide by 2, obtaining the correct answer of 60, since the twins are indistinguishable.
12. a  $65 \frac{0.3}{0.5} = 39 \text{ mph}$
13. a  $[(3 \cdot 2) \# 5] \# 1 = [3^2 + 2(5)] + 2(1) = 21$
14. c

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15. e  $\log_{32} 256 = \log_{2^5} 2^8 = \frac{8}{5}$  since  $(2^5)^{\frac{8}{5}} = 2^8$ . Similarly,  $\log_{16} 32 = \log_{2^4} 2^5 = \frac{5}{4}$ . So  
 $\log_{32} 256 - \log_{16} 32 = \frac{8}{5} - \frac{5}{4} = \frac{7}{20} = 0.35$ .
16. c Using the approximation of  $\pi x^2$  for the area, we get  $\pi x^2 = \pi(4000 \sin 23.5^\circ)^2 \approx 8 \times 10^6 \text{ m}^2$ .
17. a There are  $5(6) = 30$  different outcomes from the dreidel (first coordinate) and die (second coordinate). Only (1,6), (2,5), (3,4), (4,5) & (5,6) result in a sum of 7, so the probability is  $\frac{5}{30} = \frac{1}{6}$ .
18. b  $\log \pi \approx 0.4971498727$ , so  $\pi \approx 10^{0.4971498727}$  and  $\pi^{3450} \approx (10^{0.4971498727})^{3450} \approx 10^{1715}$ .
19. a Let  $b$  be the base. Then  $(b+8)(b+7) = b^2 + 9b + 1 \Rightarrow b^2 + 15b + 56 = b^2 + 9b + 1 \Rightarrow b^2 - 6b - 55 = 0 \Rightarrow b = 11$  (or  $b = -5$ ).
20. e By the Pythagorean theorem,  $x^2 + (x+d)^2 = (x+2d)^2 \Rightarrow 2x^2 + 2dx + d^2 = x^2 + 4dx + 4d^2 \Rightarrow x^2 - 2dx - 3d^2 = 0 \Rightarrow (x-3d)(x+d) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 3d, x+d = 4d$ , and  $x+2d = 5d$ . Since only 95 is a multiple of 3, 4, or 5, it must be the correct answer.
21. d  $4^x - 4^{x-1} = 24 \Rightarrow 4^{x-1}(4-1) = 4^{x-1}(3) = 24 \Rightarrow 4^{x-1} = 8 \Rightarrow 2^{2(x-1)} = 2^3 \Rightarrow 2(x-1) = 3 \Rightarrow x = \frac{5}{2}$ . Then  $8^x - 8^{x-1} = 8^{\frac{5}{2}} - 8^{\frac{3}{2}} = (2^3)^{\frac{5}{2}} - (2^3)^{\frac{3}{2}} = 2^{\frac{15}{2}} - 2^{\frac{9}{2}} = 128\sqrt{2} - 16\sqrt{2} = 112\sqrt{2}$ .
22. d Let  $x$  be the length of one side of the square. Then  $3x = 24\text{cm}$ , so  $x = 8\text{cm}$  and the area of  $ABCD$  is  $64\text{cm}^2$ .
23. c
- | #pennies | #thrup'pennies | #ha'pennies |
|----------|----------------|-------------|
| 3        |                | 4           |
| 2        | 1              |             |
| 2        |                | 6           |
| 1        | 1              | 2           |
| 0        | 1              | 4           |
- for a total of 5 ways.
24. c  $2m + e = \$5.72$  and  $2m + 2e + b = \$8.00$ . Subtracting the first equation from the second gives  $e + b = \$2.28$  so her change will be \$.72.
25. a Since  $12'' = \underline{6}(2'')$ ,  $24'' = \underline{12}(2'')$ , and  $5'' = \underline{2}(2'') + 1''$ , the answer is  $6(12)(2) = 144$ .
26. d Since the two leftmost digits tell us  $1\#_{20} + \#_{20} = 20_{20}$ , in base 10,  $20 + 2\# = 40$  and  $\# = 10$ .

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27. d	#in T1	#in T2	#of ways
	1	9	$\binom{10}{1} = 10$
	2	8	$\binom{10}{2} = 45$
	3	7	$\binom{10}{3} = 120$
	4	6	$\binom{10}{4} = 210$
	5	5	$\frac{\binom{10}{5}}{2} = \frac{252}{2} = 126$

Divide by two since the two teams in this case are indistinguishable. The total is then 511.

28. c Because of the 5-cycles, at least 3 colors are needed.

29. c There are 366 days in 1996 (a leap year) and the clock loses 5 min/day for a total of 1830 min = 30.5 hours. This is equivalent to losing 6.5 hours, so the clock reads 5:30pm.

30. a  $x + \sqrt{2}x = 1 \Rightarrow (1 + \sqrt{2})x = 1 \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{2}} = \sqrt{2} - 1$

31. d Let  $x$  be the number of people in the group originally. Then  $\frac{30.8x + 4(32)}{x + 4} = 31$   
 $\Rightarrow 30.8x + 128 = 31x = 124 \Rightarrow 0.2x = 4 \Rightarrow x = 20$ , so there are now 24 people.

32. c Let  $a$  and  $b$  be the two numbers. If  $a = 0$ , then the probability that the distance between  $a$  and  $b$  is  $> 5$  is 0.5 since any  $b > 5$  will make the distance greater than 5. Similarly, if  $a = 10$ , the desired probability is 0.5. If  $a = 5$ , then the probability is 0 since no  $b$  in  $[0, 10]$  will be more than 5 away. If  $a = 2.5$ , then any  $b$  in  $[0, 10]$  greater than 7.5 will make that distance between  $a$  and  $b$  greater than 5; thus this probability will be 0.25. Thus, the graph of the probability distribution  $P(t)$  looks like the figure below. So, the answer is given by

$$\frac{1}{10} \int_0^{10} P(t) dt = \frac{1}{10} \left( \frac{5}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{4}.$$

33. b Since  $\cos^{-1}(-0.25) \approx 104^\circ$ , the angle must be opposite the largest side. So, using the Law of Cosines,  $(k + 10)^2 = k^2 + (k + 5)^2 - 2k(k + 5)(-0.25) \Rightarrow 1.5k^2 - 7.5k - 75 = 0 \Rightarrow k = 10$  or  $k = -5$ . But  $k$  cannot be -5 so  $k = 10$ .

34. b  $2x - 3y = 5 \Rightarrow y = \frac{2}{3}x - \frac{5}{3}$  Therefore, since  $x$  and  $y$  must both be positive integers,  $x \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ . Then,  $x = 4, 7, 10, \dots, 97$  give positive  $y$  values less than 99 so there are 32 solutions.

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35. e  $(2,000,000\text{gal})(231\text{in}^3/\text{gal})\left(\frac{1\text{ft}^3}{12^3\text{in}^3}\right)\left(0.3048^3\frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{ft}^3}\right)=7570\text{m}^3$  water. To get the depth, take

this volume and divide by the area of one acre in  $\text{m}^2$ . One *acre*  $= (43560\text{ft}^2)\left(0.3048^2\frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{ft}^2}\right) \approx$

$4047\text{m}^2$ . Thus the answer is  $\frac{7570\text{m}^3}{4047\text{m}^2} \approx 1.87\text{m}$ .

36. a Let  $r$  be the average speed on the superhighway (in  $\text{mph}$ ). Then the time in hours for the scenic route is  $\frac{231}{r-18} = \frac{150}{r} + 3$ . Solving for  $r$  we obtain  $r=60\text{mph}$  so the time for the direct route is  $150\text{m}/60\text{mph} = 2.5\text{hours}$ .

37. b  $30000(1+.98+.98^2+.98^3+\dots+.98^{19}) = 30000(1+.98+.98^2+.98^3+\dots+.98^{19})\left(\frac{1-.98}{1-.98}\right) =$   
 $\frac{30000(1-.98^{20})}{(1-.98)} \approx 498588$

38. d  $2\sin^2 3\theta = 1 \Rightarrow \sin^2 3\theta = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \sin 3\theta = \pm \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$  Thus there are 4 solutions for  $3\theta$  between 0 and 360 degrees and  $3(4)=12$  solutions for  $\theta$  in that same range.

39. d He sees buses at 1:00, 1:05, 1:10, 1:15, and 1:20, so he sees the buses every 5 *minutes*. However, by the time he sees the bus at 1:05, the bus he saw 5 *min.* ago at 1:00 has been traveling in the opposite direction for 5 *min.* Therefore that bus is 10 *min.* ahead.

40. c Let  $x$  represent the height of the trapezoid; then  $x = \cos 45^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ . The trapezoid has a base of length 2, the other base of length  $2-2x$ , and height  $x$  so its area is given by  $\frac{1}{2}x(2+(2-2x)) = x(2-x) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\left(2-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) = \sqrt{2} - \frac{1}{2}$ . The unshaded region in the trapezoid is

given by  $\frac{\pi}{4}$ . Therefore, the percent of area **shaded** is  $\frac{\sqrt{2} - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4}}{\sqrt{2} - \frac{1}{2}} \approx 14\%$ .