



# Raffles Mathematical Olympiad 2023

## Round 1 (Solutions)

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This paper consists of 20 questions.

\*For practice purpose, the multiple choice options are removed.

The marks allocation is as follows:

Question Number	Correct	Unanswered	Incorrect
1 to 10	4 marks	1 mark	0 mark
11 to 20	6 marks	1 mark	0 mark

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1. We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{1}{1 \times 2} + \frac{1}{2 \times 3} + \frac{1}{3 \times 4} + \dots + \frac{1}{n(n+1)} \\
 &= \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3}\right) + \dots + \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1}\right) > \frac{1823}{2023} \\
 &\Rightarrow 1 - \frac{1}{n+1} > \frac{1823}{2023} \\
 &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{n+1} < \frac{200}{2023} \\
 &\Rightarrow n > \frac{1823}{200} = 9\frac{23}{200} \\
 &\therefore \text{least integer } n = \boxed{10}.
 \end{aligned}$$

2. When the number is multiplied to itself, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \underbrace{999\dots 99}_{2023 \text{ digits}} \times \underbrace{999\dots 99}_{2023 \text{ digits}} \\
 &= \underbrace{999\dots 99}_{2023 \text{ digits}} \times \left( \underbrace{1000\dots 00}_{2023 \text{ digits}} - 1 \right) \\
 &= \underbrace{999\dots 99}_{2023 \text{ digits}} \underbrace{000\dots 00}_{2023 \text{ digits}} - \underbrace{999\dots 99}_{2023 \text{ digits}} \\
 &= \underbrace{999\dots 99}_{2022 \text{ digits}} \underbrace{8000\dots 001}_{2022 \text{ digits}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus the sum is  $9 \times 2022 + 8 + 1 = \boxed{18207}$ .

3.

$$\text{Let } a = \frac{1}{17} + \frac{2}{39} + \frac{3}{53} + \frac{4}{79} + \frac{5}{98}, \quad b = \frac{2}{39} + \frac{3}{53} + \frac{4}{79} + \frac{5}{98}.$$

$$\text{Then } a - b = \frac{1}{17}.$$

Now, required sum

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= a \left( b + \frac{6}{119} \right) - \left( a + \frac{6}{119} \right) b \\
 &= ab + \frac{6a}{119} - ab - \frac{6b}{119} \\
 &= \frac{6}{119} (a - b) \\
 &= \boxed{\frac{6}{2023}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

4. Since  $\underbrace{20232023\dots2023}_{k \text{ copies of } 2023}1965$  is already a multiple of 5 and is divisible by 55, then it must also be divisible by 11.

Taking difference of the sum of digits in odd and even places, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & [(2+2)k+1+6] - [(0+3)k+9+5] \\ & = k-7 \text{ which must be zero or a multiple of } 11 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, least  $k$  is  $\boxed{7}$ .

5. Let  $X = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2013} + \frac{1}{2014} + \frac{1}{2015} + \dots + \frac{1}{2023}}$

$$\frac{1}{\frac{1}{2013} + \frac{1}{2013} + \frac{1}{2013} + \dots + \frac{1}{2013}} < X < \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2023} + \frac{1}{2023} + \frac{1}{2023} + \dots + \frac{1}{2023}}$$

$$\frac{2013}{11} < X < \frac{2023}{11}$$

i.e.  $183 < X < 183\frac{10}{11}$

Thus, the integer part is  $\boxed{183}$ .

6. Suppose Jack has  $x$  green marbles, so he'll have  $4x$  blue marbles, and  $kx$  red marbles, where  $k$  is a positive integer.

Thus, we get  $4x + 22 = 5kx$ .

$$(5k-4)x = 22$$

From here, we deduce that  $5k-4$  is a factor of 22, so  $5k-4$  is either 1, 2, 11 or 22.

Since  $k$  is a positive integer, we have  $5k-4 = 1$  or 11, whereupon  $k = 1$  or 3.

If  $k = 1$ , then  $x = 22$  and  $4x = 88$  is a contradiction.

So, when  $k = 3$ , we have  $x = 2$ ,  $4x = 8$  and  $kx = 6$ , thus the number of marbles that

Jack owns which are neither blue, green, nor red is  $40 - 2 - 8 - 6 = \boxed{24}$ .

7. Suppose Bob's monthly income is  $4x$  while Charlie's  $3x$ . Then we have

$$\frac{4x - \frac{9000}{12}}{3x - \frac{9000}{12}} = \frac{11}{7}$$

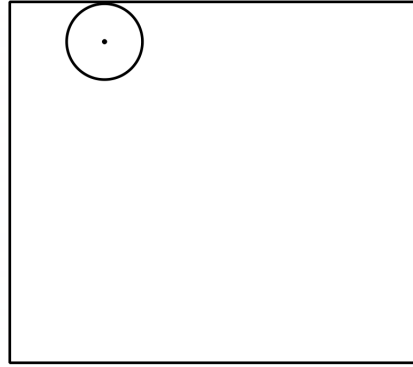
$$7(4x - 750) = 11(3x - 750)$$

$$33x - 28x = 750(11 - 7)$$

$$x = 150(4) = 600$$

Thus, Bob's monthly income =  $\boxed{\$2400}$ .

8.



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Total area covered by the circle} \\ &= 10^2 - 6^2 - [2^2 - 3.14 \times 1^2] \\ &= \boxed{63.14 \text{ cm}^2}. \end{aligned}$$

9.  $a(b^c c^d + 1) = ab^c c^d + a = 2023 = 7.17^2$

Thus,  $a = 7$ .

Next  $17^2 = 289$

$$= 288 + 1$$

$$= 2^5 \cdot 3^2 + 1$$

$$= 3^2 \cdot 2^5 + 1$$

Thus,  $b = 3$ ,  $c = 2$  and  $d = 5$ .

Hence, required sum =  $7.3 + 3.2 + 2.5 + 5.7$

$$= \boxed{72}.$$

10. Taking the total scores over  $k$  days, we have

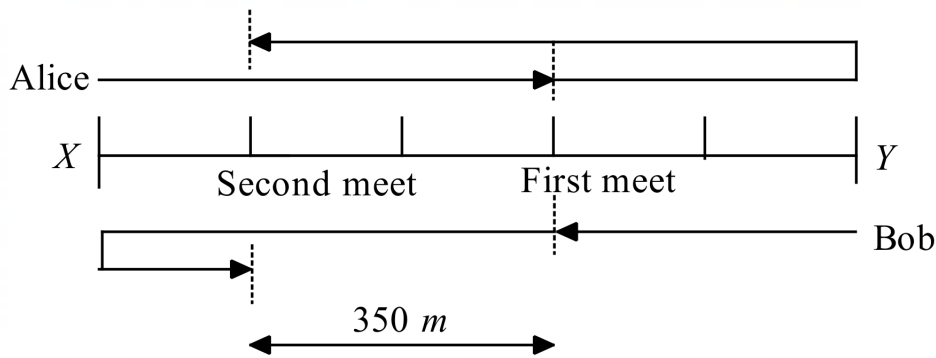
$$k(1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n) = 40n$$

$$\frac{kn(n+1)}{2} = 40n$$

$$k(n+1) = 80 = 1.80 = 2.40 = 4.20 = 5.16$$

Since  $k$  is a factor of  $n$ , and  $k > 1$ , we have  $k = 5$  and  $n = \boxed{15}$ .

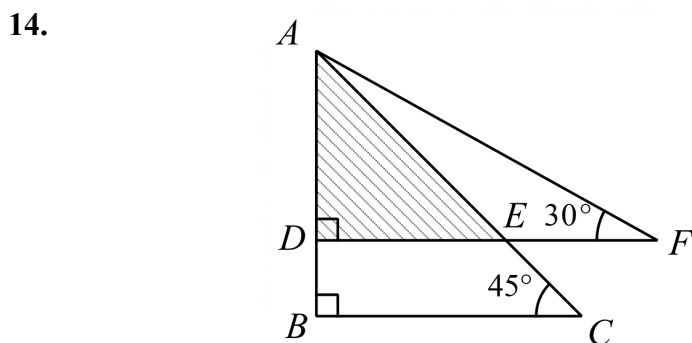
11. Since Alice's speed is 1.5 times that of Bob's, in other words, for every 3 units covered by Alice, Bob would walk 2 units, thus we can partition the distance between  $X$  and  $Y$  into 5 units as shown in the figure:



$$\text{Distance of } XY = 350 \times \frac{5}{2} = \boxed{875 \text{ m}}.$$

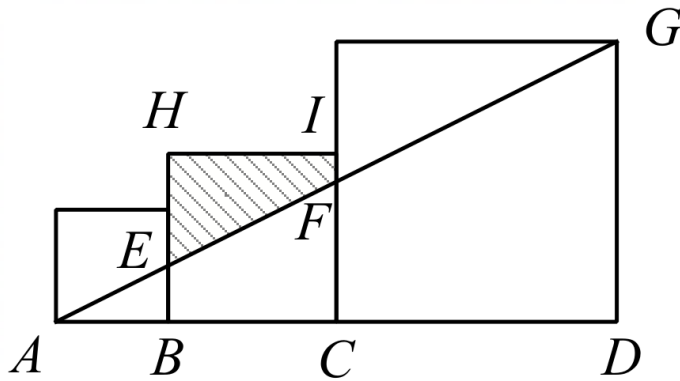
12. There is a total of 420 males and 580 females (i.e. 1000 people) in both villages. After the move of some villagers from B to A, ratio of males to females in Village A is  $2u : 3u$  and Village B is  $3v : 2v$ , where  $u > v$ . We thus have  $5u + 5v = 1000$  ..... (1) and  $3u + 2v = 580$  ..... (2). Solving these equations:  $v = 20, u = 180$ . Thus, a total of  $400 - 5(20) = \boxed{300 \text{ people}}$  moved from B to A.

13. Least number of students who can play all four sports  
 $= 46 - [(46 - 40) + (46 - 38) + (46 - 35) + (46 - 27)]$   
 $= \boxed{2 \text{ students}}$



Using the labelled diagram, we note that  $AD = DE$ , so  
 $\frac{1}{2} AD^2 = 578$   
 $AD^2 = 2^2 \cdot 17^2$   
 $AD = 34 \text{ cm}$   
 We have  $AD = \frac{1}{2} AF$ , thus  $AF = \boxed{68 \text{ cm}}$ .

15.



Using the labelled diagram,

$$\frac{BE}{DG} = \frac{AB}{AD} = \frac{3}{3+5+8} \Rightarrow BE = \frac{3}{16} \times 8 = 1.5 \text{ cm}$$

$$\Rightarrow EH = 3.5 \text{ cm}$$

$$\frac{CF}{BE} = \frac{AC}{AB} = \frac{3+5}{3} \Rightarrow CF = \frac{8}{3} \times \frac{3}{2} = 4 \text{ cm}$$

$$\Rightarrow FI = 1 \text{ cm}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area of shaded region} &= \frac{1}{2}(3.5+1)(5) \\ &= \boxed{11.25 \text{ cm}^2} \end{aligned}$$

16. Since 6 can be prime factorised as 2.3, we can consider all possible marks are of the form  $3x + 4y$ , where  $0 \leq x \leq 20$ ,  $0 \leq y \leq 10$ . By varying  $y$ , we consider cases of getting possible total marks.

If  $y = 0$ , possible total marks between (*and inclusive* henceforth) 0 to 60 are multiples of 3.

If  $y = 1$ , possible total marks between 4 to 64 are 1 + multiples of 3

If  $y = 2$ , possible total marks between 8 to 68 are 2 + multiples of 3

If  $y = 3$ , possible total marks between 12 to 72 are multiples of 3

If  $y = 4$ , possible total marks between 16 to 76 are 1 + multiples of 3

If  $y = 5$ , possible total marks between 20 to 80 are 2 + multiples of 3

If  $y = 6$ , possible total marks between 24 to 84 are multiples of 3

If  $y = 7$ , possible total marks between 28 to 88 are 1 + multiples of 3

If  $y = 8$ , possible total marks between 32 to 92 are 2 + multiples of 3

If  $y = 9$ , possible total marks between 36 to 96 are multiples of 3

If  $y = 10$ , possible total marks between 40 to 100 are 1 + multiples of 3

For total marks which are

1 + multiples of 3 between 0 to 96, it's impossible to obtain 1 mark;

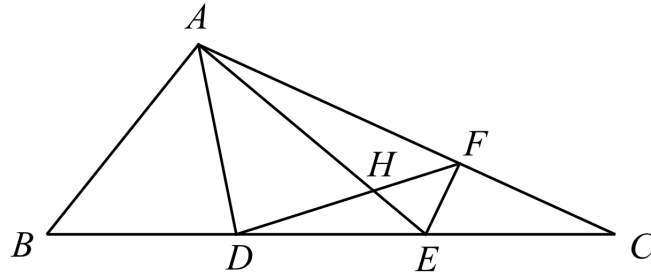
2 + multiples of 3 between 8 to 92, it's impossible to obtain 2, 5, 95, 98 marks

Multiples of 3 between 0 to 96, it's impossible to obtain 99 marks.

In all, these **6 scores**: 1, 2, 5, 95, 98 and 99 are not possible.

17. Since each supermarket would basically have 4 boxes of apples and 3 boxes of oranges delivered, we would only need to consider the no. of ways to distribute the remaining 3 boxes of apples and 3 boxes of oranges to these five supermarkets. For the 3 boxes of apples, they can be distributed in  $\binom{5}{1} + \binom{5}{1}\binom{4}{1} + \binom{5}{3} = 5 + 20 + 10 = 35$  ways, based on whether they are distributed to 1, 2 or 3 supermarket(s) respectively. Similarly, there are 35 ways to distribute the 3 boxes of oranges. Since these two are independent distributions, the total no. of ways to distribute the fruits are  $35 \cdot 35 = \boxed{1225 \text{ ways}}$ .

18.



Let's use  $[ABC]$  to denote the area of triangle ABC.

$$3[ADE] = [ABC] \text{ and } [ECF] = [EDF].$$

Since  $\triangle ECF \sim \triangle BCA$ , we have  $9[ECF] = [ABC]$ .

$$\text{Moreover } [ADH] - [EFH] = 12.6 \Rightarrow [ADE] - [EDF] = 12.6$$

$$\frac{1}{3} [ABC] - \frac{1}{9} [ABC] = 12.6$$

$$\frac{2}{9} [ABC] = 12.6$$

$$\text{Thus, } [ABC] = 12.6 \left(\frac{9}{2}\right) = \boxed{56.7 \text{ cm}^2}.$$

19.

Row No.	Pattern	Sum
1	1, 2	3
2	1, 3, 2	$3 + 3$
3	1, 4, 3, 5, 2	$3 + 3 + 9$
4	1, 5, 4, 7, 3, 8, 5, 7, 2	$3 + 3 + 9 + 27$
5	1, 6, 5, 9, 4, 11, 7, 10, 3, 11, 8, 13, 5, 12, 7, 9, 2	$3 + 3 + 9 + 27 + 81$

By the pattern established for the sum, we have by row 9, sum of entries

$$= 3 + 3^1 + 3^2 + 3^3 + \dots + 3^8$$

$$= 3 + \frac{3(3^8 - 1)}{3 - 1}$$

$$= 3 + \frac{3(6560)}{2}$$

$$= \boxed{9843}.$$

20.

Suppose we have  $a > b > c > d$  and  $d \neq 0$ .

We will demonstrate that this case cannot work.

So the largest number is  $\overline{abcd}$  and the smallest is  $\overline{dcba}$ .

Then,  $\overline{abcd} + \overline{dcba} = 11359$  is not possible as we run through all cases of  $d = 1, 2, \dots, 9$ , and corresponding  $a = 8, 7, 6, \dots, 0$ .

Thus, we would consider  $a > b > c > d$  and  $d = 0$ .

So the largest number is  $\overline{abc0}$  and the smallest is  $\overline{c0ba}$ .

Now, from  $\overline{abc0} + \overline{c0ba} = 11359$ , we can deduce that  $a = 9$ .

Further,  $a + c = 11$  tells us that  $c = 2$  and so  $b = 3$ .

Then the difference between the two numbers 9320 and 2039 is 7281.