



**Sample IVMO Intermediate**  
**Time allowed - 1 Hour**

1.  $4.321 + 43.21 + 432.1 + 4321$

2. Draw a ring round the number below that is divisible by 18.

834257

764522

427536

869365

647381

3. 
$$\begin{array}{r} 683 \\ \times 996 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

4. 
$$\begin{array}{r} 1756 \\ \times 1003 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

5.  $7.5^2$

6.  $47 \times 49$

7. Divide, leaving the remainder as a whole number.

$$97 \overline{) 21311}$$

8. Divide,

$$113 \overline{) 25998}$$

9.  $43^3$

10. Find the square root of the perfect square, 5776.

11.  $44 \times 404$

12. 3.2% of 25

13.  $993^2$

14.  $52.17 \times 2.823$

15. Convert  $\frac{116}{125}$  to decimal.

16. Convert the fraction,  $\frac{7}{19}$ , to decimal, correct to 9 decimal places.

17. Find the density of a lump of Protactinium that has a mass of 48.96 grams and a volume of  $3.2\text{ cm}^3$ .

18. Convert  $0.3\overline{25}$  to a fraction in lowest terms.

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$$\frac{4x}{5} - \frac{2x}{3} = 4$$

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28. Find the equation of the straight line that passes through the points  $(2, 9)$  and  $(1, 2)$ .

29. Expand and simplify,

$$(x^2 - 5x + 3)(3x^2 + 7x - 4)$$

30.  $4x^3 + 8x^2 + 9x + 10 \div (2x + 3)$

31. Simplify,

$$\frac{3x^2 + 2x - 8}{15x^2 - 17x - 4}$$

32. Solve,

$$x + \frac{1}{x} = \frac{26}{5}$$

33. Jamie wanted to multiply  $238 \times 479$  using bar numbers (viculums) for large digits. He set out his calculation as shown on the right.

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Draw circles around the places where he made mistakes.

34. Exactly one of these equations is correct. Draw a circle round the correct one.

A  $44^2 + 77^2 = 4477$

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C  $66^2 + 55^2 = 6655$

D  $88^2 + 33^2 = 8833$

E  $99^2 + 22^2 = 9922$

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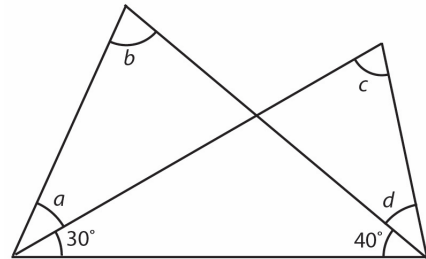
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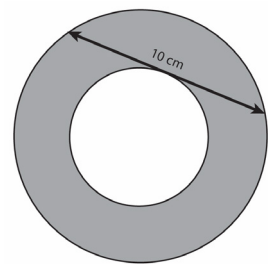
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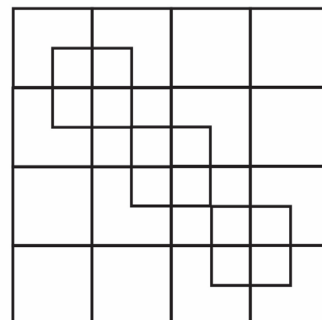
$$x \quad x^3 \quad x^4 \quad x^2 \quad x^0$$

Where does  $-x^{-1}$  belong in the list above?

49. Work out the area of the shaded region, leaving your answer in terms of  $\pi$ . The 10 cm line is tangent to the inner circle.



50. How many squares are there?





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By one more than the one before

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834257

By elimination and retention

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Only the last digits

427536

869365

647381

3.  $683 - 317$

$\times 996 - 004$

$680 / 268$

All from 9 and the last from 10

4.  $1756 + 756$

$\times 1003 + 003$

$1761 / 268$

All from 9 and the last from 10

5.  $7.5^2$     56.25

By one more than the one before

6.  $47 \times 49$      $47 - 03$

$\times 49 - 01$

$2)46 / 03$

$2303$

All from 9 and the last from 10

Proportionately

7. Divide, leaving the remainder as a whole number.

$$\begin{array}{r} 97 \quad | \quad 213 / 16 \\ 03 \quad | \quad 06 \\ \quad \quad | \quad 03 \\ \quad \quad | \quad 27 \\ \hline 219 / 73 \end{array}$$

All from 9 and the last from 10

8. Divide,

$$\begin{array}{r} 113 \quad | \quad 259 / 98 \\ \bar{1} \bar{3} \quad | \quad \bar{2} \bar{6} \\ \quad \quad | \quad \bar{3} \bar{9} \\ \quad \quad | \quad 00 \\ \hline 230 / 08 \end{array}$$

Transpose and apply

$$\begin{array}{r}
 9. \quad 43^3 \quad \quad 64 \quad 48 \quad 36 \quad 27 \\
 \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad 96 \quad 72 \\
 \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \underline{15 \quad 11 \quad 2} \\
 \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad 79 \quad 5 \quad 0 \quad 7
 \end{array}$$

By one more than the one before  
Proportionately

$$\begin{array}{r}
 10. \text{ Find the square root of the perfect square,} \\
 5776. \\
 \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad 76
 \end{array}$$

Only the last digits  
Product/sum Sum/product

$$\begin{array}{r}
 11. \quad 44 \times 404 \\
 \quad \quad \quad 17776
 \end{array}$$

Transpose and apply

$$\begin{array}{r}
 12. \quad 3.2\% \text{ of } 25 \\
 \quad \quad \quad 3.2\% \text{ of } 25 = 25\% \text{ of } 3.2 = 0.8
 \end{array}$$

Proportionately

$$\begin{array}{r}
 13. \quad 993^2 \quad \quad 986049
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 14. \quad 52.17 \times 2.823
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad 5 \quad 2 \quad 1 \quad 7 \\
 \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \times 2 \quad 8 \quad 2 \quad 3 \\
 \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \underline{\hspace{1.5cm}} \\
 \quad \quad \quad 14 \quad 7 \quad 3 \quad 2 \quad 7 \quad 5 \quad 9 \quad 1
 \end{array}$$

Vertically and crosswise

$$\begin{array}{r}
 15. \quad \text{Convert } \frac{116}{125} \text{ to decimal.}
 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{116}{125} \times \frac{8}{8} = \frac{928}{1000} = 0.928$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 16. \quad \text{Convert the fraction, } \frac{7}{19}, \text{ to decimal, correct} \\
 \text{to 9 decimal places.}
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 0. \quad \underset{1}{0} \underset{1}{5} \underset{1}{2} \underset{1}{6} \underset{1}{3} \underset{1}{1} \underset{1}{5} \underset{1}{7} \underset{1}{8} \underset{1}{9} \dots \\
 = 0.052631579 \text{ (9dp)}
 \end{array}$$

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 \text{grams and a volume of } 3.2 \text{ cm}^3.
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 3. \overset{2}{2} \left| \begin{array}{r} 4 \quad 8 \quad . \quad 9 \quad 6 \\ \hline 1 \quad 5 \quad . \quad 3 \quad 0 \end{array} \right. \text{ g/cm}^3
 \end{array}$$

Vertically and crosswise

$$\begin{array}{r}
 18. \quad \text{Convert } 0.3\dot{2}\dot{5} \text{ to a fraction in lowest terms.}
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 1000 \times 0.3\dot{2}\dot{5} = 325.\dot{2}\dot{5} \\
 \underline{10 \times 0.3\dot{2}\dot{5} = 3.\dot{2}\dot{5}} \\
 990 \times 0.3\dot{2}\dot{5} = 322 \\
 0.3\dot{2}\dot{5} = \frac{322}{990} = \frac{161}{495}
 \end{array}$$

By elimination and retention

Proportionately

19. Solve the simultaneous equations,

$$\begin{aligned} 11x + 3y &= 15 \\ -13x + 6y &= 30 \\ x = 0, y &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

When one is in ratio, the other is zero

21. If  $6x - y = 21$  and  $6y - x = 14$ , what is the value of  $x - y$ ?

$$\begin{aligned} 7x - 7y &= 7 \\ x - y &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

By addition and subtraction

23. Solve by factorisation,

$$5x^2 + 17x - 12 = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & -3 \\ 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} (5x - 3)(x + 4) = 0$$

$$x = \frac{3}{5} \text{ or } -4$$

Vertically and crosswise

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25. Find the equation of the straight line with gradient, 3, and that passes through the point (4, 2).

$$\begin{aligned} mx - y &= mx_1 - y_1 \\ 3x - y &= 10 \end{aligned}$$

Specific and general

20. Solve,

$$\frac{4x}{5} - \frac{2x}{3} = 4$$

$$\frac{2x}{15} = 4, x = 30$$

Vertically and crosswise

22. Find the minimum value of the function,

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$$x^2 - 8x + 23 = (x - 4)^2 + 7$$

$$\text{Minimum} = 7$$

By completion and non-completion

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$$\begin{array}{r|l} x-2 & 6x^3 - 19x^2 + 9x + 10 \\ +2 & \underline{12x^2 - 14x - 10} \\ & 6x^2 - 7x - 5 / 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -5 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} (3x - 5)(2x + 1)(x - 2) = 0$$

$$x = \frac{5}{3}, -\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 2$$

Transpose and apply

26. Two lines have equations,  $2x + 3y = 15$  and  $5x + 4y = 13$ .

What is the position of their point of intersection?

$$x = \frac{3 \times 13 - 4 \times 15}{3 \times 5 - 2 \times 4} = \frac{-21}{7} = -3$$

$$y = \frac{5 \times 15 - 2 \times 13}{7} = \frac{49}{7} = 7$$

Transpose and apply



27. Find the equation of the straight line perpendicular to the line with equation,  $3x + 5y = 23$  and which passes through the point (1, 5).

$$5x - 3y = -10$$

Transpose and apply

Specific and general

29. Expand and simplify,

$$(x^2 - 5x + 3)(3x^2 + 7x - 4)$$

$$x^2 - 5x + 3$$

$$3x^2 + 7x - 4$$

$$3x^4 - 8x^3 - 30x^2 + 41x - 12$$

Vertically and crosswise

31. Simplify,

$$\frac{3x^2 + 2x - 8}{15x^2 - 17x - 4}$$

$$\frac{(3x - 4)(x + 2)}{(3x - 4)(5x + 1)} = \frac{x + 2}{5x + 1}$$

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Only the last digits

28. Find the equation of the straight line that passes through the points (2, 9) and (1, 2).

$$7x - y = 5$$

Transpose and apply

Product of the means

minus product of the extremes

30.  $4x^3 + 8x^2 + 9x + 10 \div (2x + 3)$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x + 3 \overline{) 4x^3 + 8x^2 + 9x + 10} \\ \underline{-3x^2 - 3x - 9} \phantom{0} \\ 2x^2 + x + 3 \phantom{0} / 1 \end{array}$$

Transpose and apply

32. Solve,

$$x + \frac{1}{x} = \frac{26}{5}$$

$$\frac{26}{5} = 5\frac{1}{5}, \quad x = 5 \text{ or } \frac{1}{5}$$

By inspection

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$$\frac{2}{227} \quad \frac{1}{113} \quad \frac{2}{225} \quad \frac{4}{447}$$

Proportionately

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$$\begin{array}{r} 50003 + 0003 \\ \times 52467 + 2467 \\ \hline 2) 52470 / 7401 \\ \hline 26235 / 7401 \end{array}$$

Proportionately

All from 9 and the last from 10

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$$2^3 \overline{) 471845} \begin{array}{l} 20 \\ 51 \\ 50 \end{array}$$

Vertically and crosswise

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$$\begin{aligned} 85 &= 5 \times 17 \\ &= (11 - 6)(11 + 6) \\ &= 11^2 - 6^2 \end{aligned}$$

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Proportionately

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$$\begin{aligned}
 1 &\rightarrow 9 && = 9 \text{ digits} \\
 10 &\rightarrow 99 && = 180 \text{ digits} \\
 100 &\rightarrow 999 && = 2700 \text{ digits} \\
 9 + 180 + 2700 &= 2889, && 2929 - 2889 = 40 \\
 40 \div 4 &= 10. && 999 + 10 = 1009 \text{ pages}
 \end{aligned}$$

Transpose and apply

- 42., How many positive two-digit numbers are there whose square and cube both end in the same digit?

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0
Last digits of squares	1	4	9	6	5	6	9	4	1	0
Last digits of cubes	1	8	7	4	5	6	3	2	9	0

Last digit 5, 9 numbers, last digit 6, 9 numbers,  
last digit 1, 9 numbers, last digit 0, 9 numbers

Only the last digits      Total, 36

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$$\frac{12 \times 5 + 20 \times 6}{2} = 90 \quad \text{By inspection}$$

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$$5 \times 2^9 = 2560 \text{ cm} = 25.6 \text{ metres} \quad \text{Proportionately}$$

45. Two similar cones, A and B, have surface areas  $900 \text{ cm}^2$  and  $8100 \text{ cm}^2$ , respectively.

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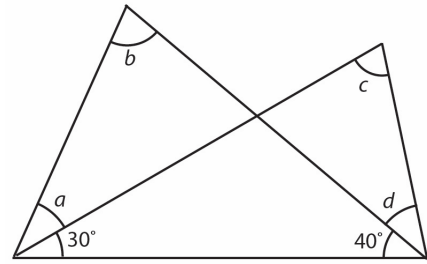
$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{ASF} &= 1:9, \quad \text{LSF} = 1:3, \quad \text{VSF} = 1:27 && \text{Proportionately} \\
 27 \times 1800 &= 486,000 \text{ cm}^3
 \end{aligned}$$

46. In the diagram, what is the sum of angles a, b, c and d?

$$a + b = 110^\circ, \quad c + d = 110^\circ,$$

$$a + b + c + d = 220^\circ$$

By inspection



47. Roshni has the same number of brothers as she has sisters. Each one of her brothers has 50% more sisters than brothers. How many children are in Roshni's family?

$$x + 1 = 1.5(x - 1) \quad \text{Transpose and apply}$$

$$x = 5, \quad \text{Total is 11}$$

48. Five numbers are arranged in order from least to greatest.

$$x \quad x^3 \quad x^4 \quad x^2 \quad x^0$$

Where does  $-x^{-1}$  belong in the list above?

Transpose and apply

$$\text{Let } x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} \quad -\frac{1}{8} \quad \frac{1}{16} \quad \frac{1}{4} \quad 1$$

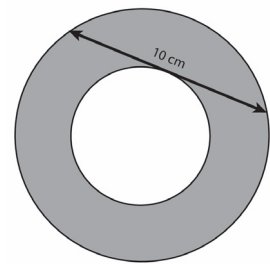
$$-\frac{1}{-\frac{1}{2}} = 2, \text{ belongs at the end}$$

49. Work out the area of the shaded region, leaving your answer in terms of  $\pi$ . The 10 cm line is tangent to the inner circle.

$$R^2 - r^2 = 5^2$$

$$\text{Difference in areas} = \pi R^2 - \pi r^2 = \pi(R^2 - r^2) = 25\pi$$

Transpose and apply



50. How many squares are there?

51

By elimination and retention

