

## Answers to Practice Set Number 3

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### Hints, suggestions, and some solutions:

#### Pascal

1.  $\binom{6}{5} \binom{7}{6} \binom{8}{7} = \binom{8}{5}$ .
2. Since the three angles add to 180,  $2b + b + 3b = 180$  and  $b = 30$ . So  $3b = 90$  and we have a right triangle.
3. Trial and error shows the numbers are 45, 47, 49.
4. Since most of these cancel in pairs we just add  $24 + 25 + 26 \dots + 31$ . These 8 integers average  $(24 + 31)/2$  and so the total is  $4 \times 55 = 220$ .
5. Think of the suits as 100 groups of 2 expensive and 1 cheap suit. The average of each group is  $(24 + 31)/2$  and so the total is  $4 \times 55 = 220$ .
6. The numerator must be increased by 1700.
7. The area is an  $a$  by  $b$  rectangle plus a triangle of height  $c - a$  and base  $b$ . The area is  $ab + a(c - b)/2 = ab/2 + ac/2 = a(b + c)/2$ .
8. The areas of triangles with the same altitudes are in the same ratio as their bases. So if the required area is  $A$  then  $\frac{A}{54} = \frac{12}{36}$  and  $A = 18$ .
9. If the distance is  $D$  then  $\frac{D}{60} - \frac{D}{100} = 2$  and  $D = 300$ . So the required speed is  $\frac{300}{4} = 75$  km/h.
10. Join  $E$  to the midpoint  $M$  and  $AC$ . Then the triangle  $CEM$  is equilateral of side 1 and triangle  $EMA$  has a 120 angle at  $M$  and  $MA = ME = 1$ . Bisect angle  $M$  in the triangle to form two 30-60-90 triangles. Using the ratio of the sides of a 30-60-90 triangle  $AE = 2 \left( \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)$ .

#### Cayley

1. The answer is approximately  $14 \times 365 \times 24 \times 60 \times 60 / 1000000 = 400$ .
2. The perimeter is just the same as a 9 by 27 rectangle!
3. Using the standard formula  $2(8x15 + 4x15 + 8x4)$ .

4.  $x + 47 = 2(25)$  and  $11 + y = 28$  so  $x + y = 20$ .
5. Solve  $32x + 72(25 - x) = 64(25)$ .
6. Since the correct answer involves multiplying and then adding 5 the error must involve reversing these operations. So  $x = 5$  and the correct answer is  $95 + 5 = 100$ .
7. Divide the area into two semicircles around a rectangle!
8. Only decimals in lowest terms whose denominators involve only powers of 2 and 5 terminate. But  $144 = 9 \times 16$  so  $\frac{9}{144} = \frac{1}{16}$  is the first terminating decimal.
9. First  $CZ = 6$ ,  $BY = k$  and  $CY = 8 - k$ . Using Pythagoras

$$PA^2 + PB^2 + PC^2 = PX^2 + 9 + PY^2 + k^2 + PZ^2 + 36 = PX^2 + 25 + PY^2 + (8 - k)^2 + PZ^2 + 4$$

Thus  $16k = 48$  and  $k = 3$ .

10.  $2004 = 2 \times 2 \times 3 \times 167$ . Let  $n = k^2$  and  $n + 2004 = m^2$  so  $m^2 - k^2 = 2004 \Rightarrow (m + k)(m - k) = 2004$ . But  $m + k$  and  $m - k$  must have same parity and so must be even. So  $\{m + k = 2(501)$  and  $m - k = 2(1)\}$  or  $\{m + k = 2(167)$  and  $m - k = 2(3)\}$ . Thus  $k = 500$  or  $164$ , leading to just 2 values for  $n$ .

## Fermat

1. Since the triangle is scalene the best we can do is 75, 74, 31.
2. A little arithmetic shows that for  $a, b, c$  and  $d$  to be integers  $a$  must be a multiple of 9.
3.  $(a - b)^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab = 9$ .
4.  $432 = 16 \times 27$ . Since 16 is a perfect square we need only make 27 one also.
5. Since the ratio  $16 : 24 = 24 : 36 = 2 : 3$  the triangles are similar and their areas are in ratio 4 : 9.
6. The number 'ddd' has a factor  $111 = 3 \times 37$ . So 37 must be one number. The other is  $9 \times 3 = 27$  and indeed  $27 \times 37 = 999$ .
7. Using sum and product  $ab = b$  and  $-a = a + b$ . Since there are two roots,  $a$  and  $b$  are not zero so solving these equations  $a = 1$  and  $b = -2$ .
8. The areas are: a) 12.25      b) 12      c) 12      d)  $4\sqrt{5}$       e)  $\frac{9}{2}\pi$
9. Since  $30^{30} = 2^{30} \cdot 3^{30} \cdot 5^{30}$  and perfect squares have even exponents the answer is  $16 \times 16 \times 16$ .
10. Note triangle  $ABC$  is a 30, 60, 90 triangle! Let the other point of circle intersection be  $D$ . The required area is then sector  $ACD$  plus sector  $BCD$  minus twice triangle  $ABC$ . Since the sector angles are 60 and 120 we get  $\frac{1}{3}(3\pi) + \frac{1}{6}(9\pi) = 2\left(\frac{1}{2}3\sqrt{3}\right) = \frac{5}{2}\pi - 3\sqrt{3}$ .