## **1** Problems

**Problem 1.** If  $2^{3x+5} = 8^{-23} \cdot 4^x$ , find *x*.

**Problem 2.** If  $3^{9x} = \frac{9^{24}}{81^14}$ .

**Problem 3.** A bacteria colony doubles its population every 10 seconds. If it has a population of 200 right now, how many seconds ago did it have a population of 100?

**Problem 4 (ML ES Target 11322/2).** Find the units digit of 147<sup>148</sup>.

**Problem 5.** Find the last two digits of  $6^{2020}$ .

Problem 6. Compute

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1}+\sqrt{2}}+\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}+\sqrt{3}}+\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{4}}+\ldots+\frac{1}{\sqrt{99}+\sqrt{100}}.$$

**Problem 7 (ML ES Sprint 11927/20).** If  $16^{3x-2} = 36$ , what is the value of  $8^x$ ?

**Problem 8 (ML ES Sprint 12029/21).** If  $16^{x+21} = 64^{\frac{x}{2}-1}$ , then what is the value of  $2^{-\frac{x}{2}}$ ?

**Problem 9 (ML ES Sprint 12027/22).** If  $9^{3x-2} = 243$ , then what is the value of  $2^{4x+3}$ ?

Problem 10 (ML ES Sprint 11721/23). Simplify  $\frac{96}{69}$ .

**Problem 11 (ML ES Sprint 11923/23).** If  $4^{x+3} = 192$ , what is the value of  $2^{4x+1}$ ?

**Problem 12 (ML ES Sprint 12121/24).** If  $12^y = 32$ , then what is the value of  $144^{\frac{y}{4}}$ ?

**Problem 13 (ML ES Sprint 12020.2/25).** If  $9^{6x} = 27^{1-x}$ , what is the value of  $\frac{1}{x}$ ?

**Problem 14 (ML ES Sprint 12121/27).** What is the least whole number value of x for which  $2^x$  is greater than  $5^{27}$ ?

**Problem 15 (ML ES Sprint 11923/27).** What is the remainder when  $21^{22}$  is divided by 23?

**Problem 16 (ML ES Team 12027/6).** What is the units digit of  $2^{2020} + 3^{2020} + 5^{2020} + 7^{2020}$ ?

**Problem 17 (ML ES Team 11927/7).** What is the units digit of  $2^{2019} + 0^{2019} + 1^{2019} + 9^{2019}$ ?

**Problem 18 (ML ES Team 12029/7).** What is the sum of the hundreds, tens, and units digit of  $18^{2020}$ ?

**Problem 19 (ML ES Team 12020.2/8).** What is the units digit of  $2^{2021} + 0^{2021} + 1^{2021} + 9^{2021}$ ?

Remark 1.1. Does the above problem look familiar?