

Thirteenth International Olympiad in Linguistics

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Individual Contest Problems

Do not copy the statements of the problems. Write down your solution to each problem on a separate sheet or sheets. On each sheet indicate the number of the problem, the number of your seat and your surname. Otherwise your work may be mislaid or misattributed.

Your answers must be well-supported by argument. Even a perfectly correct answer will be given a low score unless accompanied by an explanation.

Problem 1 (20 points). Nahuatl:

$$\textit{mahtlactli-on-cē} \times \textit{mahtlactli} = \textit{mācuīl-pōhualli-on-mahtlactli} \quad (1)$$

$$\textit{cem-pōhualli} \times \textit{ōme} = \textit{ōm-pōhualli} \quad (2)$$

$$\textit{yē-pōhualli-on-chicōme} + \textit{mahtlactli-on-nāhui} = \textit{nāuh-pōhualli-on-cē} \quad (3)$$

$$\textit{mācuīlli} + \textit{ōme} = \textit{chicōme} \quad (4)$$

$$\textit{mahtlactli-on-ēyi} \times \textit{ēyi} = \textit{cem-pōhualli-on-cactōlli-on-nāhui} \quad (5)$$

$$\textit{mācuīlli} \times \textit{ēyi} = \textit{cactōlli} \quad (6)$$

Arammba:

$$\textit{ngámbi} + \textit{ngámbi} = \textit{ngámbi} \times \textit{yànpa} \quad (7)$$

$$\textit{ngámbi} + \textit{asàr} = \textit{tambaroy} \quad (8)$$

$$\textit{yànpa} \textit{tàxwo} + \textit{fete asàr tàxwo} = \textit{yànpa fete} \quad (9)$$

$$\textit{yenówe} \times \textit{yenówe tàxwo} = \textit{fete yenówe tàxwo} \quad (10)$$

$$\textit{nimbo} \times \textit{fete} = \textit{tarumba} \quad (11)$$

$$\textit{nimbo} + \textit{yànpa} \textit{tàxwo} = \textit{yenówe tàxwo} \quad (12)$$

Nahuatl:

Arammba:

$$\textit{yē-tzontli-on-nāuh-pōhualli-on-cactōlli-on-cē} = \textit{ndamno} \quad (13)$$

$$\textit{cen-tzontli-on-cem-pōhualli-on-mahtlactli-on-ōme} = \textit{yànpa tarumba} \quad (14)$$

$$\textit{cen-tzontli} = \textit{tarumba tambaroy fete asàr} \quad (15)$$

$$\textit{cen-xiquipilli} = \textit{weremeke tarumba nimbo yànpa} \quad (16)$$

(a) Write the equalities (1–12) and the numbers (13–16) in numerals.

(b) Write out in Nahuatl: 42; 494.

(c) Write out in Arammba: 43; 569.

⚠ Classical Nahuatl, of the Uto–Aztecan family, was the language of the Aztec Empire in Mexico.

The Arammba language (also called Serki, Serkisetavi, or Upper Morehead) belongs to the South-Central Papuan family. It is spoken by approx. 970 people in Papua New Guinea.

—Milena Veneva