TEAM SELECTION TEST INTRERNATIONAL MATHEMATICAL OLYMPIAD

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Problem 1. Given a positive integer k, show that there exists a prime p such that one can choose distinct integers $a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_{k+3} \in \{1, 2, \ldots, p-1\}$ such that p divides $a_i a_{i+1} a_{i+2} a_{i+3} - i$ for all $i = 1, 2, 3, \ldots, k$.

Problem 2. Suppose that a, b, c, d are positive real numbers satisfying (a+c)(b+d) = ac+bd. Find the smallest possible value of

$$\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{d} + \frac{d}{a}$$
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Problem 3. Let p be an odd prime and let $N = \frac{1}{4}(p^3 - p) - 1$. The numbers 1, 2, ..., N are painted arbitrarily in two colors, red and blue. For any positive integer $n \leq N$, denote by r(n) the fraction of integers in $\{1, 2, ..., n\}$ that are red (number of red numbers divided by n). Prove that there exists a positive integer $a \in \{1, 2, ..., p-1\}$ such that $r(n) \neq a/p$ for all n = 1, 2, ..., N.