## MASSACHUSETTS MATHEMATICS LEAGUE CONTEST 6 - MARCH 2014 ROUND 2 ALG1: EXPONENTS AND RADICALS

## **ANSWERS**

- A) \_\_\_\_\_
- B) \_\_\_\_\_
- C) \_\_\_\_\_

A) Given:  $\{A, B, C, D\} = \{-1, 2, 3, 4\}$ 

Let  $N = A^B + C^D$  be a <u>positive</u> integer, where A, B, C, and D are <u>distinct</u> integers. Compute the <u>minimum</u> value of N.

- B) Find <u>all</u> values of x for which the fraction  $\frac{1+x}{x-\frac{5}{2x-3}}$  is <u>undefined</u>.
- C) Compute all values of x for which  $\begin{cases} \frac{2^{x^2 + Bx}}{4^{Ax}} = \frac{1}{32} \\ 3^{2A + B + 4} = 5^{2(A + B) + 3} = 7^{\frac{2A + 5}{B}} \end{cases}$

where *A* and *B* are rational numbers.