Arpon Basu, School: AECS-4 , Mumbai-400094 Solution for Problem J373

$$a^2+b^2+2=a^2+b^2+1+1=a^2+1+b^2+1\geq \frac{(a+1)^2}{2}+\frac{(b+1)^2}{2}\geq 2\sqrt{\frac{(a+1)^2(b+1)^2}{4}}=(a+1)(b+1)$$

whereby the inequalities are true by direct application of the AM-GM inequality. Therefore we get that:

$$(a^2 + b^2 + 2)(b^2 + c^2 + 2)(c^2 + a^2 + 2) \ge (a+1)(b+1)(b+1)(c+1)(c+1)(a+1) = (a+1)^2(b+1)^2(c+1)^2$$

Since $a^2+1 \ge \frac{(a+1)^2}{2}$ is true for all $a \ge -1$, we conclude that the inequality holds for all real $a,b,c \ge -1$