

## **JUDGING NOTES**

- 1. In the past, the Judges have issued very few actual clarifications and those were only for ambiguities. Please read the problem statement and examine the sample test cases carefully before submitting any request for clarifications.
- 2. The following guidelines apply to handling input/output in programs:
  - All input comes from standard input.
  - All output goes to standard output.
  - Unless the problem explicitly states otherwise, the input for a problem consists of a single test case. If the input contains multiple test cases, then the problem will also state an upper bound on the number of test cases.
  - Your program may be run on multiple input files. Note that this means that if your program has more than one error (say, Time Limit Exceeded and Wrong Answer), then you can get either error as judgment. See the *DOMjudge* documentation for details on how the judging works.
  - The time and memory limits for each problem will be specified in the problem statement.
  - Output formatting should follow the sample output in the problem statement, although extra whitespace within reason is acceptable. For example, if you print out a gigabyte of blanks, then the Judges will treat that as Wrong Answer; however an extra blank at the end of a line or an extra blank line between test cases is acceptable.
- 3. For problems with floating point output, the Judges will accept a range of answers as correct as long as they satisfy the constraints described in the problem statement. These constraints will be specified as an absolute and/or relative tolerance, which will be given.
- 4. There is no such thing as "Presentation Error" or "Format Error." If you misspell the word "impossible," for example, and the problem requires that word as output, then your submission will be judged as "Wrong Answer."
- 5. Unless a problem specifically indicates that uppercase or lowercase letters are important, then either will be accepted. For example, "Yes" or "yes" would be treated the same, but "yse" would be judged as "Wrong Answer".
- 6. During the contest, input size constraints on test cases will be given as part of the problem statements.
- 7. If you submit a solution that has a Compile Error, then you will be notified of it (just as any other error). However, Compile Errors do not count toward penalty time.