

Q1(1):

$$\sqrt{6 + \sqrt{a}} + \sqrt{6 - \sqrt{a}} = \sqrt{14}$$

$$(6 + \sqrt{a}) + (6 - \sqrt{a}) + 2\sqrt{(6 + \sqrt{a})(6 - \sqrt{a})} = 14$$

$$\sqrt{36 - a} = 1$$

$$36 - a = 1$$

$$a = \boxed{35}$$

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Q1(2):

By using long division,  $x^3 = (x+1)(x^2 - x + 1) - 1$ . Hence, the remainder of the division of  $x^3$  by  $x^2 - x + 1$  is  $\boxed{-1}$ .

Note that  $x^{2007} = x^{3 \cdot 669} = (x^3)^{669} = ((x+1)(x^2 - x + 1) - 1)^{669}$ . By using the binomial theorem, we can expand it as

$$(x+1)^{669}(x^2 - x + 1)^{669} - 669(x+1)^{668}(x^2 - x + 1)^{668} + \dots + (-1)^{669}.$$

As all the first 668 terms contain  $x^2 - x + 1$  as a factor, when it is divided by  $x^2 - x + 1$ , the remainder will be  $(-1)^{669} = \boxed{-1}$ .

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Q1(3):

$$\log_2(x+1) \leq 3$$

$$x+1 > 0 \text{ and } x+1 \leq 2^3$$

$$x > -1 \text{ and } x \leq 7$$

$$\boxed{-1 < x \leq 7}$$


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Q1(4):

By completing the circle, rewrite  $C : (x - 1)^2 + y^2 = 5$ . Therefore, we have the coordinates of center are  $O(1, 0)$  and the radius is  $\sqrt{5}$ .

As  $AP$  is tangent to  $C$ , we have  $AP \perp AO$  and hence

$$AP^2 + AO^2 = PO^2$$

$$AP^2 + (\sqrt{5})^2 = (\sqrt{(4-1)^2 + 3^2})^2$$

$$AP = \sqrt{18-5} = \boxed{\sqrt{13}}$$

(Note: Although this question has itself introduced the coordinate system, analytical method is not recommended as the coordinates of A  $(\frac{11-\sqrt{65}}{6}, \frac{5+\sqrt{65}}{6})$  are very ugly and the corresponding simultaneous equation is very difficult to solve.)

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Q1(5):

As 16 is a factor to both  $x$  and  $y$ , we can rewrite  $x = 16a$  and  $y = 16b$ , where  $0 < a < b$  as  $x < y$  and  $x, y \neq 0$ .

Then, the given condition  $x + y = 96$  will become  $a + b = 6$ . All the integer solutions are  $(a, b) = (1, 5)$  and  $(a, b) = (2, 4)$ .

However, when  $(a, b) = (2, 4)$ , the greatest common divisor of  $x$  and  $y$  will become 32. Therefore, we have  $(a, b) = (1, 5)$  and hence  $(x, y) = (\boxed{16}, \boxed{80})$ .

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Q2:

(1): By the cosine formula,

$$AC^2 = BA^2 + BC^2 - 2(BA)(BC) \cos \angle B$$

$$AC = \sqrt{5^2 + 4^2 - 2(5)(4) \cos 60^\circ} = \boxed{\sqrt{21}}$$

(2): By the sine formula,

$$\frac{AC}{\sin \angle B} = 2R$$
$$R = \frac{\sqrt{21}}{2 \sin 60^\circ} = \boxed{\sqrt{7}}$$

(3): As the area of  $\triangle ABC$  is fixed, the area of  $ABCD$  attains to its maximum when the area of  $\triangle ADC$  attains to its maximum. By that time,  $D$  lies above the centre with respect to  $AC$  (as for fixed base  $AC$ , the altitude is maximised by that time). By that time, we have  $AD = AC$ .

On the other hand, as  $ABCD$  is a cyclic quadrilateral,  $\angle D = 180^\circ - \angle B = 120^\circ$ .

Then, by the cosine formula,

$$AC^2 = AD^2 + DC^2 - 2(AD)(DC) \cos \angle D$$

$$21 = 2AD^2 - 2AD^2 \cos 120^\circ$$

$$AD = \sqrt{7}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore, the maximum area of } ABCD &= \frac{1}{2}(BC)(BA) \sin \angle B + \frac{1}{2}(AD)(DC) \sin \angle D \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(4)(5) \sin 60^\circ + \frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{7})(\sqrt{7}) \sin 120^\circ \\ &= 5\sqrt{3} + \frac{7}{4}\sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{27}{4}\sqrt{3}}.$$

**Alternative to (3)** See MEXT's official solution.

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Q3:

$$\begin{aligned} (1): F(x) &= \int_1^x (3t^3 - x^2t)dt \\ &= \frac{3}{4}t^4 - \frac{x^2}{2}t^2 \Big|_1^x \\ &= \frac{3}{4}x^4 - \frac{1}{2}x^4 - \frac{3}{4} + \frac{x^2}{2} \\ &= \frac{1}{4}x^4 + \frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{3}{4}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } F'(x) = \boxed{x^3 + x}.$$

$$\textbf{Alternative } F(x) = \int_1^x (3t^3 - x^2t)dt = \int_1^x (3t^3)dt - x^2 \int_1^x tdt.$$

By the fundament theorem of calculus and using the product rule of differenti-

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ation, } F'(x) &= 3x^3 - \left(\frac{d}{dx}x^2\right) \int_1^x tdt - x^3 \\ &= 2x^3 - 2x \left[\frac{1}{2}t^2\right]_1^x \\ &= 2x^3 - x^3 + x \\ &= \boxed{x^3 + x}. \end{aligned}$$

(2): To find the extremum of  $F(x)$ , set  $F'(x) = 0$ , then we have  $x = 0$ .

$$F''(x) = 3x^2 + 1.$$

Conduct the second derivative test, as  $F''(0) = 1 > 0$ ,  $F(x)$  attains to its mini-

$$\text{mum when } x = 0 \text{ and the corresponding value is } F(0) = \boxed{-\frac{3}{4}}.$$

**Alternative to (2)** See MEXT's official solution, which used the first derivative test to test for the minimum.