

Algebra

Directions: You will have 50 minutes to complete this 10 question short-answer algebra test. Not all questions will require only algebra, but the test primarily focuses on algebraic concepts. You will earn 1 point for each correct answer. There is no guessing penalty. No calculators will be allowed. Tiebreakers will be decided in order of time turned in. Good luck!

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1. The sum of the first 50 terms of an arithmetic sequence is $\frac{1}{4}$ the sum of the next 50 terms. Find the ratio of the common difference to the first term. (10 points)
2. Given $4x^2 + 9y^2 - 48x + 72y + 144 = 0$,
 - a) Indicate the type of conic section formed by the graph. (2 points)
 - b) Find the equation in the form $\frac{(x-h)^2}{a^2} + \frac{(y-k)^2}{b^2} = 1$ (8 points)
3. Find the smallest integer k for which $(\log_6 11)(\log_{11} 16)(\log_{16} 21) \dots (\log_{5k+1}(5k+6))$ is an integer. (10 points)
4. There are six fish in a pond, three of which are tagged. If a man catches three fish selected at random without replacement, what is the probability that exactly two of the fish caught are tagged? (10 points)
5. Given $f(x)$ such that $f(35 - x^3) + (35 - x^3)f(x^3) = 48$, if $f(8)$ can be expressed as $\frac{m}{n}$, find $m + n$. (10 points)
6. Let $x = \sqrt{20} + \frac{13}{\sqrt{20} + \frac{13}{\sqrt{20} + \frac{13}{\dots}}}$
Find the sum of the cubes of all possible values of x . (10 points)
7. When polynomial $f(x)$ is divided by $(x - 2013)$, the remainder is 2103. When $f(x)$ is divided by $(x - 2103)$, the remainder is 2013. If the remainder of $f(x)$ when divided by $(x - 2013)(x - 2103)$ is $r(x)$, what is $r(1337)$? (10 points)
8. Determine the value of the sum $\frac{3}{1!+2!+3!} + \frac{4}{2!+3!+4!} + \dots + \frac{2013}{2011!+2012!+2013!}$ (10 points)
9. For which integer n is $\frac{1}{n}$ closest to $\sqrt{8464} - \sqrt{8463}$? (10 points)
10. Consider the polynomial $3x^5 - x^4 + 2x^3 + x^2 - 5$.
If r_1, r_2, r_3, r_4 , and r_5 are its roots, find $r_1^4 + r_2^4 + r_3^4 + r_4^4 + r_5^4$. (10 points)