

**India**  
**Regional Mathematical Olympiad**  
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- [1] Let  $AC$  be a line segment in the plane and  $B$  a points between  $A$  and  $C$ . Construct isosceles triangles  $PAB$  and  $QAC$  on one side of the segment  $AC$  such that  $\angle APB = \angle BQC = 120^\circ$  and an isosceles triangle  $RAC$  on the other side of  $AC$  such that  $\angle ARC = 120^\circ$ . Show that  $PQR$  is an equilateral triangle.

- [2] Solve the equation  $y^3 = x^3 + 8x^2 - 6x + 8$ , for positive integers  $x$  and  $y$ .

- [3] Suppose  $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  is a sequence of positive real numbers such that  $x_1 \geq x_2 \geq x_3 \dots \geq x_n \dots$ , and for all  $n$

$$\frac{x_1}{1} + \frac{x_4}{2} + \frac{x_9}{3} + \dots + \frac{x_{n^2}}{n} \leq 1.$$

Show that for all  $k$

$$\frac{x_1}{1} + \frac{x_2}{2} + \dots + \frac{x_k}{k} \leq 3.$$

- [4] All the 7 digit numbers containing each of the digits 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 exactly once , and not divisible by 5 are arranged in increasing order. Find the 200th number in the list.

- [5] The internal bisector of angle  $A$  in a triangle  $ABC$  with  $AC > AB$  meets the circumcircle  $\Gamma$  of the triangle in  $D$ . Join  $D$  to the center  $O$  of the circle  $\Gamma$  and suppose that  $DO$  meets  $AC$  in  $E$ , possibly when extended. Given that  $BE$  is perpendicular to  $AD$ , show that  $AO$  is parallel to  $BD$ .

- [6] (i) Consider two positive integers  $a$  and  $b$  which are such that  $a^ab^b$  is divisible by 2000. What is the least possible value of  $ab$ ? (ii) Consider two positive integers  $a$  and  $b$  which are such that  $a^bb^a$  is divisible by 2000. What is the least possible value of  $ab$ ?

- [7] Find all real values of  $a$  such that  $x^4 - 2ax^2 + x + a^2 - a = 0$  has all its roots real.