Spring 2012 McNabb GDCTM Contest Calculus

NO Calculators Allowed

Note: all variables represent real numbers unless otherwise stated in the problem itself.

1. The value of $-3 - 3^2 - 3^3$ is equal to

(A) -41 (B) -40 (C) -39 (D) -37 (E) -36

- 2. What is the largest possible product of two positive odd integers whose sum is 40?
 - (A) 39 (B) 279 (C) 300 (D) 399 (E) 400
- 3. If $a \diamond b$ equals the lesser of 1/a and 1/b, find the value of $-3 \diamond (-2 \diamond (-1/2))$.

(A) -3 (B) -1/3 (C) -1/2 (D) -2 (E) -1

4. What is the remainder when the sum

$$1^{111} + 2^{111} + 3^{111} + 4^{111} + 5^{111} + 6^{111} + 7^{111} + 8^{111} + 9^{111} + 10^{111}$$

is divided by 11?

- **(A)** 0 **(B)** 2 **(C)** 4 **(D)** 6 **(E)** 8
- 5. Distribute 14 points along a line segment. How many distinct ways exist for pairing the points via semicircles? The case of four points is pictured below.





6. If $2 + \ln x = \ln(x+2)$ then x must equal

(A)
$$\frac{2}{e^2 - 1}$$
 (B) $\frac{2}{e - 1}$ (C) $\frac{1}{e^2 - 1}$ (D) $\frac{2}{e^2 + 1}$ (E) $\frac{1}{e^2 + 1}$

7. When expanded and simplified $(1 - x + x^2 - x^3)^{10}$ has the form

$$c_0 + c_1 x + c_2 x^2 + \dots + c_{30} x^{30}$$

What is the value of $c_1 + c_3 + c_5 + \cdots + c_{29}$, the sum of the coefficients of all the odd powers of *x*?

- (A) -4^{19} (B) -2^{20} (C) -2^{19} (D) 0 (E) 2^{19}
- 8. A small bug crawls on the surface of a $2 \times 2 \times 2$ cube from one corner to the far opposite corner along the gridlines formed by viewing this cube as an assembly of eight $1 \times 1 \times 1$ cubes. How many shortest paths of this type are possible? One example is shown.
 - (A) 54 (B) 64 (C) 90 (D) 96 (E) 120



9. Find the value of $r^2s^2 + s^2t^2 + t^2r^2$ if r, s, and t are the three possibly complex roots of the cubic polynomial $x^3 + 5x^2 - 3x + 1$.

(A) -1 (B) 0 (C) 3 (D) 5 (E) 8

10. What is the sum

$$1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{20} + \frac{1}{25} + \cdots$$

which consists of the sum of the reciprocals of 1 and all the natural numbers whose prime factorizations contain no primes other than 2 or 5?

(A) 5/2 (B) 7/2 (C) 5/3 (D) 2 (E) 3

- 11. In $\triangle ABC$, the medians *AD* and *BE* are perpendicular. If AC = 8 and BC = 12, what is the length of *AB*?
 - (A) 6 (B) 9 (C) $4\sqrt{3}$ (D) 7 (E) $4\sqrt{13/5}$
- 12. When the polynomial x^{2012} is divided by the polynomial $x^2 + x + 1$ what is the remainder R(x)?
 - (A) 1 (B) x + 1 (C) 2x 1 (D) 0 (E) -x 1
- 13. Which of the following are equal to $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ for all continuous functions f and all values of the constants a, b, and k, with $k \neq 0$?

I.
$$-\int_{b}^{a} f(x) dx$$

II. $\int_{a}^{b} f(a+b-x) dx$
III. $\int_{ka}^{kb} f(kx) dx$.

- (A) none of them(B) I only(C) I and II only(D) I and III only(E) I, II and III
- 14. When the integrals listed below are arranged in order from least to greatest, which integral will be in the center?

$$\int_{0}^{1} 1 + x \, dx \qquad \int_{0}^{1} \frac{1}{1+x} \, dx \qquad \int_{0}^{1} \frac{1}{1+x + \frac{x^{2}}{2}} \, dx \qquad \int_{0}^{1} e^{x} \, dx \qquad \int_{0}^{1} e^{-x} \, dx$$
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(D) $\int_{0}^{1} e^{x} \, dx \qquad$ (E) $\int_{0}^{1} e^{-x} \, dx$

- 15. If f(x) and g(x) are differentiable functions and $F(x) = \int_0^{g(x)} f(t) dt$, then F'(1) equals
 - (A) f(g(1)) (B) f(1)g'(1) (C) f'(g(1))g'(1) (D) f(g(1))g'(1) (E) f'(1)g'(1)

16. Evaluate $\int_0^{49} \frac{1}{\sqrt{16-\sqrt{x}}} dx$. (A) 28/3 (B) 32/3 (C) 12 (D) 40/3 (E) 44/3

17. Given that the area of an ellipse with semimajor axis *a* and semiminor axis *b* is πab , find the volume of the set of points $\{(x, y, z) : \frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{y^2}{9} + \frac{z^2}{25} \le 1\}$.

- (A) 10π (B) 20π (C) 30π (D) 40π (E) 50π
- 18. John has just learned the arclength formula for functions of the form y = f(x) and wishes to test this formula by measuring with a string the actual graph of $y = x^2$ from x = 0 to x = 1, with one unit in both the x and y direction measuring one inch. However, when he prints the graph of $y = x^2$ using his Computer Algebra System, he notes that while the unit in the x direction does measure exactly one inch, the unit in the y direction measures only three-quarters of an inch. Which integral below will give the length in inches of the actual printed curve $y = x^2$ from x = 0 to x = 1?

(A)
$$\int_0^1 \sqrt{1 + \frac{9}{4}x^2} dx$$
 (B) $\int_0^1 \sqrt{1 + \frac{4}{9}x^2} dx$ (C) $\int_0^1 \sqrt{1 + 4x^2} dx$
(D) $\int_0^1 \sqrt{1 + 9x^2} dx$ (E) $\int_0^1 \sqrt{1 + 6x^2} dx$

- 19. Given that $\ln 2 = 1 1/2 + 1/3 1/4 + 1/5 1/6 + \cdots$ and $\ln k = 1 + 1/2 + 1/3 3/4 + 1/5 + 1/6 + 1/7 3/8 + \cdots + 1/(4n+1) + 1/(4n+2) + 1/(4n+3) 3/(4n+4) + \cdots$, then k =
 - (A) 3 (B) 4 (C) 5 (D) 6 (E) 7
- 20. A large circular metal plate has 12 equal smaller circular holes drilled out along its periphery to hold test tubes. Currently the plate holds no test tubes, but soon a robot arm will randomly place 5 test tubes on the plate. What is the probability that after all 5 of these test tubes are placed no two test tubes will be adjacent to one another?
 - (A) 5/12 (B) 1/11 (C) 1/24 (D) 1/22 (E) 1/48