

# FALL 2011 McNABB GDCTM CONTEST

## CALCULUS

NO Calculators Allowed

All variables are assumed to represent real numbers unless stated in the problem otherwise.

- The number of even factors of  $7^7$  is  
(A) 0      (B) 2      (C) 4      (D) 6      (E) 8
- Recall that  $[x]$  denotes the greatest integer less than or equal to  $x$ . If  $f(x) = [x^2] - [x]^2$ , find  $f(\pi)$ .  
(A) -2      (B) -1      (C) 0      (D) 1      (E) 2
- How many subsets of  $\{a, b, c, d, e\}$  have an odd number of elements?  
(A) 0      (B) 2      (C) 4      (D) 8      (E) 16
- How many solutions are there to the equation  $2^a = a^2$ ?  
(A) 0      (B) 1      (C) 2      (D) 3      (E) 4
- Given that the piecewise function
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 4x & \text{if } x \leq 0 \\ ax^2 + bx + c & \text{if } 0 < x < 1 \\ 6 - 3x & \text{if } x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$
is differentiable at all real numbers, find the value of  $a + b + c$ .  
(A) 1      (B) 2      (C) 3      (D) 4      (E) 5
- The value of  $13 \sin(\tan^{-1}(5/12)) + 15 \sin(\tan^{-1}(9/12))$  is  
(A) 11      (B) 12      (C) 13      (D) 14      (E) 15

7. Let  $f(x)$  be differentiable at  $x = 3$ . If  $f(3) = 5$  and  $\left(\frac{1}{f}\right)'(3) = 4$  then what is the value of  $f'(3)$ ?

- (A) -100      (B) -20      (C) -1/4      (D) 1/4      (E) 20

8. Determine the value of

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (\cos x)^{\frac{1}{\sin^2 x}}$$

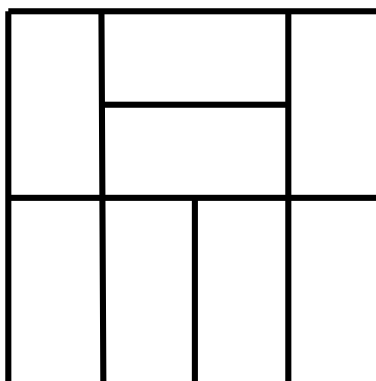
- (A) 0      (B) 1      (C)  $e$       (D)  $e^2$       (E)  $e^{-\frac{1}{2}}$

9. The graph of  $y = \sin ax + \sin bx$  is shown below for  $x$  in the interval  $[0, 2\pi]$ . Given that  $a$  and  $b$  are positive integers, with  $a + b$  large compared to  $a - b$  and  $a > b$ , the value of  $a - b$  could be:

- (A) 1      (B) 2      (C) 3      (D) 5      (E) 7

10. An eight by eight matrix has its  $(i, j)$ th entry given by  $f(i)g(j)$  where  $f(i) = 4i - 3$  and  $g(j) = 2j + 5$ . What is the sum of all of the entries of this matrix?
- (A) 13440      (B) 13540      (C) 13640      (D) 13740      (E) 13840
11. If  $f(x) = x^7 + x$ , then what is the value of the second derivative of the inverse function of  $f$  at 2? That is, what is  $(f^{-1})''(2)$ ?
- (A)  $-7/128$       (B)  $-7/16$       (C)  $-21/256$       (D)  $-3/64$       (E)  $3/64$
12. Find the absolute maximum value of  $f(x) = \sin^8 x \cos^4 x$  on the interval  $[0, 2\pi]$ .
- (A)  $\frac{2^4}{3^6}$       (B)  $\frac{1}{2^6}$       (C)  $\frac{3^4}{2^{12}}$       (D)  $\frac{3^6}{2^{10}}$       (E)  $\frac{3^2}{2^6}$
13. Five horses are in a race. In how many ways can they finish if ties are allowed?
- (A) 511      (B) 530      (C) 531      (D) 541      (E) 625
14. For the sequence given by  $t_{n+1} = \frac{t_n + t_{n-1} + 1}{t_{n-2}}$ , with  $t_1 = 4$ ,  $t_2 = 2$  and  $t_3 = 5$ , find  $t_{2011}$ .
- (A) 4      (B) 2      (C) 5      (D)  $7/5$       (E)  $16/5$
15. Find the radius of the sphere that contains the points  $(0, -3, -2)$ ,  $(0, -3, 2)$ ,  $(2, 3, 1)$ , and  $(-2, 3, 1)$ .
- (A)  $\frac{43}{12}$       (B)  $\frac{\sqrt{1945}}{12}$       (C)  $\frac{47}{12}$       (D)  $\frac{\sqrt{2011}}{12}$       (E)  $\frac{49}{12}$
16. A certain polynomial  $P(x)$  has the property that all its coefficients are non-negative integers, none of which is larger than 6. If  $P(7) = 2011$ , what is  $P$ 's coefficient of  $x^2$ ?
- (A) 2      (B) 3      (C) 4      (D) 5      (E) 6

17. If  $a = \frac{1110}{1111}$ ,  $b = \frac{2221}{2223}$ , and  $c = \frac{3331}{3334}$  which of the following is true?  
 (A)  $a > b > c$       (B)  $b > a > c$       (C)  $c > a > b$       (D)  $c > b > a$   
 (E)  $b > c > a$
18. Which of the following are always true about the pair of functions  $y = a^x$  and  $y = \log_a x$ , where  $a > 1$ ?  
 I. Both are increasing on their domains  
 II. For the same  $a > 1$ , their graphs never intersect  
 III. For the same  $a > 1$ , they are inverses of each other.  
 (A) I only      (B) II only      (C) I and II only  
 (D) I and III only      (E) I, II and III
19. In how many ways can a  $4 \times 4$  nailed down board be tiled by eight  $1 \times 2$  dominoes? One way to tile the board is shown below.
- (A) 16      (B) 32      (C) 36      (D) 40      (E) 49



20. If  $a + b + c = 9$  and  $ab + bc + ca = 7$  then the maximum possible value of  $c$  is closest to  
 (A) 8      (B) 8.5      (C) 9      (D) 9.5      (E) 10