

2019 Mock AIME Tiebreaker Round B

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You are participating in Tiebreaker Round B because you have tied with another contestant and have a score between 6 and 10, inclusive. The results of this tiebreaker round will determine your placement on the leaderboard.

1 Instructions

1. DO NOT FLIP OVER THIS PAPER UNTIL YOU HAVE STARTED YOUR TIMER.
2. This tiebreaker round is a 5-question, 30-minute examination. All answers are integers ranging from 000 to 999, inclusive. Your score will be the number of correct answers. There is neither partial credit nor penalties for wrong answers. The problems are not necessarily sorted in order of increasing difficulty.
3. Only scratch paper, graph paper, rulers, compasses, protractors, and erasers are allowed as aids. No calculators, smartwatches, phones, or computing devices are allowed. No problems on this exam will require the use of a calculator.
4. Whenever recording an answer for any problem, record the time, including minutes and seconds, remaining on the clock. PM your most recent answers and times for each problem to both TheUltimate123 and nukelauncher.
5. If multiple scores (number of correct answers) tie, then we will look at the times of the latest correct submission. For instance, consider the following hypothetical scenario:

Problem	Answer	Submission	Time Left	Problem	Answer	Submission	Time Left
1	031	031	4:13	1	031	031	25:11
2	068	065	17:18	2	068	068	19:02
3	551	981	1:01	3	551	414	13:13
4	137	137	26:24	4	137	123	2:19
5	111	151	8:19	5	111	110	0:03

In this case, the two contestants have both solved exactly two problems. However, the latest correct submission for the left contestant occurred at 4:13, while that of the right contestant occurred at 19:02. Therefore, the right contestant wins.

2 Problems

- B1. Aaron and Erin are working together on a 30-question test that consists of 12 physics problems and 18 math problems. Aaron picks two distinct problems at random so that each problem has an equal chance of being chosen, and correctly solves both of them. Erin then chooses one of the 30 problems to solve so that each problem has an equal chance of being chosen. The probability that the problem Erin chose is an unsolved math problem can be expressed in the form $\frac{m}{n}$, where m and n are relatively prime positive integers. Find $m + n$.
- B2. A sequence $\{a_i\}$ satisfies $a_{n+1} = \frac{a_n - 7}{a_n + 2}$ for all positive integers n . If $a_{2019} = 2019$, then a_1 can be expressed in the form $\frac{m}{n}$, where m and n are relatively prime positive integers. Find the remainder when $m + n$ is divided by 1000.
- B3. Call a positive integer *palatable* if when expressed in binary, each contiguous block of zeros that is not a subsequence of another contiguous block of zeros has even length, and each contiguous block of ones that is not a subsequence of another contiguous block of ones has odd length. For example, $57 = 111001_2$ is palatable while $69 = 1000101_2$ is not. Find the number of palatable positive integers N such that $2^{18} < N < 2^{19}$.
- B4. Consider all positive integers a, b such that $\text{lcm}(a^2 - 1, b^2 - 1) = 29^2 - 1$. Find the sum of all distinct values of $a + b$.
- B5. In triangle ABC , $AB = 26$, $BC = 42$, and $CA = 40$. Let ω be the incircle of $\triangle ABC$, and let ω_A be the circle tangent to segment BC and the extensions of lines AB and AC past B and C , respectively. Suppose that ω and ω_A are tangent to $\overline{BC}$ at P and Q , respectively, and that X and Y lie on ω and ω_A , respectively, such that $\angle AXP = \angle AYQ = 90^\circ$. If M is the midpoint of $\overline{BC}$ and Z is the intersection of $\overline{PX}$ and $\overline{QY}$, find MZ^2 .