

# 35<sup>th</sup> Indian National Mathematical Olympiad-2020

Time: 4 hours

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Instructions:

- Calculators (in any form) and protractors are not allowed.
- Rulers and compasses are allowed.
- All questions carry equal marks. Maximum marks: 102.
- Answer all the questions.
- Answer to each question should start on a new page. Clearly indicate the question number.

1. Let  $\Gamma_1$  and  $\Gamma_2$  be two circles of unequal radii, with centres  $O_1$  and  $O_2$  respectively, in the plane intersecting in two distinct points  $A$  and  $B$ . Assume that the centre of each of the circles  $\Gamma_1$  and  $\Gamma_2$  is outside the other. The tangent to  $\Gamma_1$  at  $B$  intersects  $\Gamma_2$  again in  $C$ , different from  $B$ ; the tangent to  $\Gamma_2$  at  $B$  intersects  $\Gamma_1$  again in  $D$ , different from  $B$ . The bisectors of  $\angle DAB$  and  $\angle CAB$  meet  $\Gamma_1$  and  $\Gamma_2$  again in  $X$  and  $Y$ , respectively, different from  $A$ . Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be the circumcentres of triangles  $ACD$  and  $XAY$ , respectively. Prove that  $PQ$  is the perpendicular bisector of the line segment  $O_1O_2$ .

2. Suppose  $P(x)$  is a polynomial with real coefficients satisfying the condition

$$P(\cos \theta + \sin \theta) = P(\cos \theta - \sin \theta),$$

for every real  $\theta$ . Prove that  $P(x)$  can be expressed in the form

$$P(x) = a_0 + a_1(1 - x^2)^2 + a_2(1 - x^2)^4 + \cdots + a_n(1 - x^2)^{2n},$$

for some real numbers  $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  and nonnegative integer  $n$ .

3. Let  $X = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$ . Let  $S \subseteq X$  be such that any positive integer  $n$  can be written as  $p + q$  where the non-negative integers  $p, q$  have all their digits in  $S$ . Find the smallest possible number of elements in  $S$ .
4. Let  $n \geq 3$  be an integer and let  $1 < a_1 \leq a_2 \leq a_3 \leq \cdots \leq a_n$  be  $n$  real numbers such that  $a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \cdots + a_n = 2n$ . Prove that

$$a_1 a_2 \cdots a_{n-1} + a_1 a_2 \cdots a_{n-2} + \cdots + a_1 a_2 + a_1 + 2 \leq a_1 a_2 \cdots a_n.$$

5. Infinitely many equidistant parallel lines are drawn in the plane. A positive integer  $n \geq 3$  is called *frameable* if it is possible to draw a regular polygon with  $n$  sides all whose vertices lie on these lines and no line contains more than one vertex of the polygon.

- (a) Show that 3, 4, 6 are *frameable*.  
(b) Show that any integer  $n \geq 7$  is not *frameable*.  
(c) Determine whether 5 is *frameable*.

6. A *stromino* is a  $3 \times 1$  rectangle. Show that a  $5 \times 5$  board divided into twenty-five  $1 \times 1$  squares cannot be covered by 16 *strominos* such that each *stromino* covers exactly three unit squares of the board and every unit square is covered by either one or two *strominos*. (A *stromino* can be placed either horizontally or vertically on the board.)