

29. The 1st 12 won $12 \times \$80 = \960 . The next 20 won $20 \times \$70 = \1400 . The 32 contestants won an average of $\$2360 \div 32 = \73.75 .
 A) \$73.75 B) \$74.75 C) \$75.00 D) \$75.75

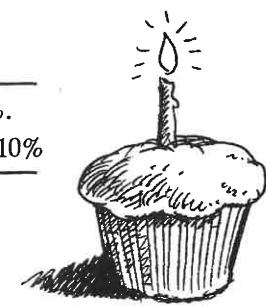
30. $4^3 \times 4^3 = 4^{3+3} = 4^6$. A) 16^9 B) 16^6 C) 4^9 D) 4^6

31. 4 such circles fit inside a square of side-length 4.
 A) 1 B) 4 C) 5 D) 16



32. Just as $1 - 0.9 = 0.1$, $0.1\% = 1.0\% - 0.9\%$.
 A) 0.009% B) 0.09% C) 0.9% D) 10%

33. Change each answer choice to months.
 Since 6 years = 72 months, and 5 years ago I was 1 year old, choice A is correct.
 A) 6 B) 7 C) 8 D) 12



34. $\sqrt{81 \times 81 \times 81 \times 81} = \sqrt{81^4} = 81^2$, so $\sqrt{\sqrt{81 \times 81 \times 81 \times 81}} = \sqrt{81^2} = 81$.
 A) 3 B) 9 C) 27 D) 81

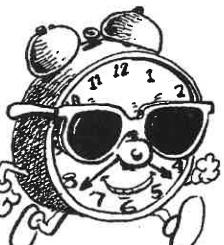
35. If a product is even, *at least* 1 factor must be even.
 A) 2005 B) 2004 C) 1 D) 0

36. $1/2$ is one-fourth of 2, its reciprocal, so choice A is correct.
 A) $\frac{1}{2}$ B) $\frac{1}{4}$ C) 2 D) 4

37. $21 = 3 \times 7$; $51 = 3 \times 17$; $81 = 3 \times 27$; $91 = 7 \times 13$. Other 5 are prime.
 A) 4 B) 5 C) 6 D) 7

38. $(301-1) + (302-2) + \dots + (325-25) = (300) \times 25 = 7500$.
 A) 25 B) 2500 C) 5000 D) 7500

39. Angle at 4:30 is 45° . Each min., the min. hand moves 6° , hr. hand moves 0.5° , so the angle increases 5.5° . The 8-min. increase is 44° , so the angle at 4:38 is only 89° .
 A) 4:36 B) 4:37 C) 4:38 D) 4:39



40. If $H+K+L+N = 2005$, then H is less than $2005 \div 4 = 501.25$. If $H = 498$, $H+K+L+N = 498+501+502+504 = 2005$. Since M and N are the middle of the alphabet, the average of all 26 letters is $(503+504) \div 2 = 503.5$.

- A) 491 B) 498 C) 503.5 D) 505.5

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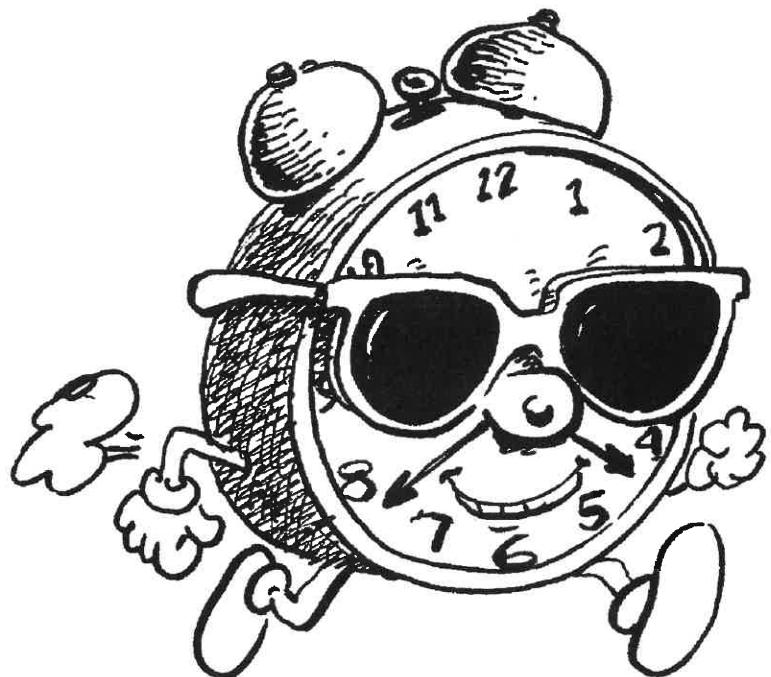
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February 15 or 22, 2005

Contest Information

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- **Solutions** Turn the page for detailed contest solutions (written in the question boxes) and letter answers (written in the *Answers* column to the right of each question).
- **Scores** Please remember that *this is a contest, not a test*—and there is no “passing” or “failing” score. Few students score as high as 30 points (75% correct). Students with half that, 15 points, deserve commendation!
- **Answers & Rating Scale** Turn to page 141 for the letter answers to each question and the rating scale for this contest.



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16.	As shown, 2 squares with a common side form a rectangle.	A) An octagon B) A hexagon C) A rectangle D) A triangle
17.	Each of the 9 numbers in the first sum is 1 more than the number in the same position in the second sum.	A) 9 B) 10 C) 90 D) 100
18.	Uncle Bookworm eats 2 books a week, or every 2 months, or 6 a year. Uncle eats 104 a year. Aunt Bookworm eats 1 book every 2 months, or 6 a year. Uncle eats 104 - 6 = 98 more books than Aunt.	A) 20 B) 40 C) 80 D) 98
19.	The largest odd factor of 81 is 81.	A) 3 B) 9 C) 27 D) 81
20.	$(\frac{2}{3})^3 = \frac{2 \times 2 \times 2}{3} = \frac{8}{3}$. A) 2 B) $\frac{6}{9}$ C) $\frac{8}{3}$ D) $\frac{8}{27}$	
21.	To seat the most students, put the students in seats 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, and 25. That's 13 seated students.	A) 11 B) 12 C) 13 D) 24
22.	The smallest multiple of 10 that's greater than $9 \times 9 = 81$ is 90.	A) $9 \times 9 + 10$ B) 9.1×10 C) 9×10 D) 10×10
23.	$\frac{6}{5} - \frac{5}{6} = \frac{36}{30} - \frac{25}{30} = \frac{11}{30}$.	A) $\frac{5}{1}$ B) $\frac{1}{6}$ C) $\frac{1}{30}$ D) $\frac{11}{30}$
24.	The rear wheel's diameter is 6 cm more than the front wheel's circumference is $(d+6) \times \pi$ cm, which is 6π cm more than the front wheel's circumference is $d\pi$ cm, which is 6π cm more than the rear wheel's circumference is $(d+6) \times \pi$ cm.	A) 3π B) 6π C) 9π D) 36π
25.	All sides of a regular polygon have equal lengths.	A) square B) equilateral C) scalene D) isosceles
26.	My age could be 8 and yours could be 16. When you divide 16 by 5, the remainder is 1.	A) 1 B) 2 C) 3 D) 4
27.	If a rectangle's perimeter is 30 cm, and its area is 56 cm^2 , then the longer side's length is 8 cm, and the shorter side's length is 7 cm.	A) 1 B) 5 C) 20 D) 26
28.	Try some numbers. One set that works is 12 and 13. (The sum always exceeds the difference by twice the smaller number.)	A) 0 B) 6 C) 12 D) 48

Answers

2004-2005 7TH GRADE COUNTDOWN SOLUTIONS

84

1. 84 players can split into $84 \div 6 = 14$ teams of 6 players. Three are 7 more teams of 4.2. $(0 \times 1) + (1 \times 10) + (0 \times 0) + 1 = 0 + 10 + 0 + 1 = 11$.3. The sum is 180°. The third angle must be $180^\circ - (20^\circ + 40^\circ) = 120^\circ$.4. $3456 \times 0.001 = 3.456$. This rounds up to 3.5.5. Since 720 minutes = $(720 \div 60)$ hours = 12 hours, my bad hair day began at 7:20 A.M.6. The sum = $5 \times 500 = 2500 = 10 \times 250$.

7. Since every number on the list is greater than the sum of its digits, all 90 numbers are greater than the sum of their digits.

8. $1^3 + 2^4 = 17 = 1^3 + 4^2$. A) $1^4 + 3^2$ B) $1^3 + 4^2$ C) $1^2 + 4^3$ D) $1^1 + 3^4$

9. There are 11 prime days in May: 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, and 31.

10. $(\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{3}{2}) \times (\frac{4}{5} \times \frac{5}{4}) \times (\frac{6}{7} \times \frac{7}{6}) = 1 \times 1 \times 1 = 1$. A) 1 B) 3 C) 6 D) 12

11. Since 5 nickels = 1 quarter, 500 nickels = 100 quarters.

12. All side-lengths are equal, so the perimeter is divisible by 4.

13. That's the same as 2 of every 100, which is 2%.

14. 33 cannot be reduced.

15. $\sqrt{100} = \sqrt{36 + \sqrt{7}} \Leftrightarrow 10 = 6 + \sqrt{7}$, so $4 = \sqrt{7} = \sqrt{16}$.

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