

## SELECTION TEST 4 FEBRUARY 2017

1. Triangle  $ABC$  has area  $S$ . Denote by  $M, N$  and  $P$  the midpoints of  $BC, CA$  and  $AB$  respectively. Prove that

$$2S \left( \frac{1}{AB} + \frac{1}{BC} + \frac{1}{CA} \right) \leq AM + BN + CP < \frac{3}{2}(AB + BC + CA).$$

2. A positive integer is said to be *near-square* if it is a product of two positive integers differing by 1. For example, 20 is a near-square because  $20 = 4 \times 5$ . Prove that every near-square positive integer can be expressed as the ratio of two other near-square positive integers.
3. Alice and Bob play a game with a string of 2017 pearls. In the first move, Alice cuts the string and Bob chooses a part. Thereafter, the player who chose a part at the end of a move will cut the string in the next move. A player loses if he or she obtains a string with a single pearl such that no more cuts are possible.

Which of the two players has a winning strategy?

4. The diagonals of the convex quadrilateral  $ABCD$  of area 1 intersect at  $O$ . If  $\frac{BO}{DO} = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{AO}{CO} = \frac{3}{4}$ , find the area of triangles  $AOB, BOC, COD$  and  $DOA$ .
5. Determine with proof all prime numbers  $p$  for which  $7p + 4$  is the square of an integer.
6. (a) Simplify  $(x^2 - 1)^2 + (x^2 + 2x)^2 - (x^2 + x + 1)^2$  and then factor the result as far as possible.  
 (b) Show that there are infinitely many pairs of integers  $m, n$  for which  $m^2 + n^2 - mn$  is the square of an integer.
7.  $ABC$  is an acute triangle. The angle bisector  $AL$ , the altitude  $BH$  and the median  $CM$  are such that  $\angle CAL = \angle ABH = \angle ACM$ . Find the angles of triangle  $ABC$ .
8. The function  $\mu$  is defined on the set of positive integers as follows:
- $\mu(1) = 1$  and  $\mu(p) = -1$  for any prime number  $p$ ;
  - $\mu(ab) = \mu(a)\mu(b)$  for any positive integers with  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ ;
  - $\mu(n) = 0$  if  $n$  is a positive integer which is divisible by a square of a prime number.

(For instance  $\mu(15) = \mu(3)\mu(5) = 1$  and  $\mu(12) = 0$ , because 12 is divisible by  $2^2$ ).

Prove that for any positive integer  $n > 1$ , we have  $\sum_{d|n} \mu(d) = 0$ .

9. Let  $p, q, r$  be prime numbers with

$$p < q < r < q + p^4 \quad \text{and} \quad pq^2 = r^2 + 1.$$

Find, with proof, all possible values for  $p, q$  and  $r$ .

10. The positive real numbers  $a, b, c$  satisfy the double inequality

$$\frac{b^2}{a+b} + \frac{c^2}{b+c} + \frac{a^2}{c+a} \geq \frac{c^2}{a+b} + \frac{a^2}{b+c} + \frac{b^2}{c+a} \geq \frac{a^2}{a+b} + \frac{b^2}{b+c} + \frac{c^2}{c+a}.$$

Prove that  $a = b = c$ .