

International Math Olympiad Handbook

– Grade 7

This handbook covers topics for Grade 7 students (Age 12–13).

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Introduction

Grade 7 students focus on pre-algebra, ratio, proportion, percentages, integers, probability, basic coordinate geometry, and Olympiad-style problem solving.

Curriculum Topics

- Integers and Rational Numbers
- Fractions, Decimals, Percentages
- Ratio, Proportion, Rates
- Algebra: expressions, linear equations
- Geometry: triangles, quadrilaterals, circles, angles
- Coordinate Geometry: plotting points, distance
- Perimeter, Area, Volume
- Probability and Simple Statistics
- Word Problems
- Logical Reasoning and Puzzles

Examples & Explanations

- **Algebra:** Solve linear equations

Example: $2x + 5 = 15 \rightarrow x = 5$

- **Fractions/Decimals/Percentages:** Solve problems

Example: $25\% \text{ of } 240 = 60$

- **Ratio/Proportion:** Scale problems

Example: Map scale $1:100 \rightarrow 3 \text{ cm} = 300 \text{ cm actual}$

- **Geometry:** Angles, perimeter, area

Example: Area of trapezium $= \frac{1}{2} \times (\text{sum of parallel sides}) \times \text{height}$

- **Coordinate Geometry:** Plot points, calculate distance

Example: Distance between $(1,2)$ and $(4,6) = 5$

- **Probability:** Simple events

Example: Probability of head in coin toss $= \frac{1}{2}$

- **Word Problems:** Multi-step reasoning

Example: If 3 pencils cost \$9, 7 pencils cost ?

- **Logic/Puzzles:** Number sequences, patterns

Practice Problems

1. Solve: $3x + 7 = 22$
2. $45\% \text{ of } 200 = ?$
3. $3:5 = ?/20$
4. Distance between $(2,3)$ and $(5,7)$
5. Area of trapezium $a=4, b=6, h=5$

6. Probability: roll a die, get 4
7. Word problem: $50 \div 5 + 12 = ?$
8. Pattern: 2, 6, 12, 20, ?