

HIBA Math Olympiad (HMO) Sample Paper Grade 9

Pattern and Marking Scheme										
Grade	Topic / Section	NO. of Questions	Marks Per Questions	Total Marks						
Grade 9	Practical Mathematics	40	1	40						
	Achiever's Section	10	2	20						
Grade Total		50		60						

The total duration of the exam is 60 minutes. Grade 9 (Age 14–15)

Syllabus

Section 1: Number Systems, Polynomials, Coordinate Geometry, Linear Equations in Two Variables, Introduction to Euclid's Geometry, Lines and Angles, Triangles, Quadrilaterals, Areas of Parallelograms and Triangles, Circles, Constructions, Heron's Formula, Surface Areas and Volumes, Statistics, Probability.

Achievers Section: Higher Order Thinking Questions - Syllabus as per Section 1



Each Question is 1 Mark

- 1. ABCD is a rectangle formed by the points A(0, 0), B(0, 6), C(8, 6) and D(8, 0). P, Q, R and S are midpoints of AB, BC, CD and DA respectively. The quadrilateral PQRS is a:
 - a. Square
- b. Rectangle
- c. Rhombus
- d. None of these
- 2. The points A(1, 2), B(2, 4), C(6, 6) and D(4, 5) are such that:
 - a. A, B, C and D are collinear

b. ABCD is a parallelogram

c. D lies inside triangle ABC

- d. D lies on the boundary of triangle ABC
- 3. A rectangular box has dimensions p, q and r units with p < q < r. If one dimension is increased by 1 unit, the increase in volume is:
 - a. Greatest when p is increased.
- b. Greatest when q is increased.
- c. Greatest when r is increased.
- d. The same regardless which one is increased.
- 4. Polynomials $ax^2 + 4x^2 5$ and $2x^3 7x + a$ when divided by (x 3) leave remainders R1 and R2 respectively. If 3R1 - R2 = 0, then a = :

a.
$$-\frac{10}{89}$$

b.
$$\frac{10}{23}$$

c.
$$\frac{11}{89}$$

b.
$$\frac{10}{23}$$
 c. $\frac{11}{89}$ d. $-\frac{11}{23}$

- 5. If x + y = 15, then x + y + z = 15 + z. Which Euclid axiom illustrates this?
 - a. First axiom b. Second axiom c. Third axiom d. Fourth axiom
- 6. Which of the following are correct?
 - I. If two sides of a triangle are unequal, the larger side has the greater opposite angle.
 - II. The sum of any two sides of a triangle is greater than the third side.



- III. From an external point to a line, the perpendicular segment is the shortest.
- IV. If all three sides of a triangle are equal, it is called a scalene triangle.
- a. I and III b. I, II and III c. I, III and IV d. Only III
- 7. ABCD is a parallelogram. If its diagonals are equal in length, what is measure of angle ABC?
 - a. 70°
- b. 80°
- c. 90°
- d. 100°
- 8. The point (3, y) divides the line joining (-6, 2) and (6, 2) in what ratio and what is y?
 - a. 3:2, y=2
- b. 2:3, y = 2 c. 3:2, y = 3 d. 2:3, y = 3
- 9. An urn contains 5 blue and P green balls. If probability of drawing a green ball is twice that of drawing a blue, then P =:
 - a. 5

b. 15

c. 20

d. 10

10. Which relationship is correct?

a.
$$P(E) + P(\bar{E}) = 1$$

b.
$$P(\overline{E}) - P(E) = 1$$

c.
$$P(E) = 1 + P(\overline{E})$$

d. None of these

11. $\frac{1}{2}(a+b+c)\{(a-b)^2+(b-c)^2+(c-a)^2\}=?$

a.
$$a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + 3abc$$

b.
$$a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc$$

c.
$$a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + 3abc(a + b + c)$$
 d. $3abc$

12. If x = a(b - c), y = b(c - a), z = c(a - b) then $(\frac{x}{a})^3 + (\frac{y}{b})^3 + (\frac{z}{a})^3 = ?$



a.
$$\frac{3xyz}{abc}$$

b.
$$\frac{xyz}{abc}$$

c.
$$3xyzabc$$

d. 3

13. A bag contains 4 red, 5 yellow and 3 green balls. If two balls are picked at random, probability that both are red or both are green is:

a.
$$\frac{3}{8}$$

b.
$$\frac{5}{16}$$

c.
$$\frac{1}{8}$$

 $d.\frac{1}{4}$

14. A box has 30 eggs; 10 are rotten. Two eggs selected at random. Probability exactly one is rotten:

a.
$$\frac{11}{29}$$

b.
$$\frac{17}{29}$$
 c. $\frac{13}{29}$

c.
$$\frac{13}{29}$$

d.
$$\frac{32}{87}$$

15. Two years ago A:B = 6:11. A's age three years ago was 14 years less than B's age six years ago. Find B's present age.

d. 32

16. If $\frac{(4+3\sqrt{7})}{(4-3\sqrt{7})} = a + b\sqrt{7}$, then (a,b) =:

a.
$$(\frac{83}{41}, -\frac{24}{41})$$

b.
$$(-\frac{83}{41}, \frac{24}{41})$$

c.
$$(\frac{83}{41}, \frac{24}{41})$$

d.
$$(-\frac{83}{41}, -\frac{24}{41})$$



17. $\sqrt{7+4\sqrt{3}}$ equals:

a.
$$\sqrt{3} + 2$$

b.
$$\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2}$$

c.
$$\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{3}$$
 d. $\sqrt{3} +$

d.
$$\sqrt{3} +$$

 $\sqrt{2}$.

- 18. Simplify $(a + b)^3 + (a b)^3 + 6a(a^2 b^2)$:
 - a. $8a^2$
- b. $8a^2b$ c. $8a^3b$
- d. $8a^{3}$
- 19. If x + y + z = 1, xy + yz + zx = -1, xyz = -1, then $x^3 + y^3 + z^3 = ?$
 - a. -1
- b. 1

- c. 2
- d. -2
- 20. ABCD is a rhombus with $\angle ABC = 52^{\circ}$. Then $\angle ACD =$:
 - a. 90°
- b. 60°

- c. 52°
- d. 64°
- 21. A tells truth 62% of time, B 72%. Probability they say same about one event:
 - a. 0.56
- b. 0.54
- c. 0.38
- d. 0.94
- 22. If $x^3 + 6x^2 + 11k$ leaves remainder -2x when divided by $x^2 + 3$, k =:
 - a. -3
- b. -1

c. 1

- d. 2
- 23. G is centroid of triangle ABC; area of ABC = 84 cm². Area of \triangle BDG =:
 - a. 12 cm²
- b. 14 cm²
- c. 21 cm²
- d. 7 cm²
- 24. From four corners of a square side 6 cm, four quarter-circle pieces radius 3 cm are cut. Area remaining =:
 - a. $18 3\pi$
- b. $36 9\pi$
- c. $36 6\pi$
- d. 9 3π



- 25. Measurements: one side +4% and other side -3%. Percentage error in area \approx :
 - a. 1.1%

b. 0.9%

c. 1.0%

- d. 1.2%
- 26. Difference between squares of two consecutive even integers is divisible by:
 - a. 3

b. 4

c. 6

- d. 7
- 27. Area of rectangle is $506 m^2$. Length is 20% more than breadth. Breadth =:
 - a. 20 m

b. 23 m

c. 26 m

- d. 21 m
- 28. Numerator is 5 less than denominator. If numerator -2 and denominator +1 makes denominator $7 \times$ numerator, find fraction.
 - a. $\frac{3}{8}$

b. $\frac{4}{9}$

c. $\frac{2}{9}$

d. $\frac{3}{7}$

- 29. If $x = 4 + 3\sqrt{2}$, find $x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}$:
 - a. 65

b. 68

c. 70

d. 66

30. Factorize $11a^2 - 14\sqrt{2a} + 4$:

a.
$$(11a - 2\sqrt{2})(a - \sqrt{2})$$

b.
$$(11a - \sqrt{2})(a - 2\sqrt{2})$$

c.
$$(11a - 2)(a - 2\sqrt{2})$$

d.
$$(11a - 2\sqrt{2})(a - 2)$$

- 31. Region x + y > 9 and x + y < 13 in first quadrant represents a:
 - a. triangle
- b. rectangle
- c. trapezium
- d. rhombus



- 32. A fraction becomes 1 if +1 numerator and -1 denominator; becomes $\frac{1}{3}$ if +1 to denominator. Sum numerator+denominator =:
 - a. 7

b. 8

c. 9

- d. 11
- 33. Speed of Karina is 6 km/h more than Anna. Anna reaches 3 hours earlier than Karina. If Anna and Karina are 30 km and 60 km from offices respectively, speed of Karina =:
 - a. 12 km/h
- b. 6 km/h
- c. 10 km/h
- d. 9 km/h
- 34. Lines 4x + 3y 8 = 0 and 8x + ky 10 = 0 are such that any line perpendicular to the first is also perpendicular to the second. k = 0:
 - a. -6

b. -8

c. 6

d. 8

- 35. Circumcenter of triangle O(0,0), A(8,0), B(0,8) is:
 - a. (4,4)

- b. (2,2)
- c. (1,1)
- d.(0,0)
- 36. Students ratio C1: C2 = 3:5. After shifting 15 from C1 to C2 ratio becomes 4:9. How many must be shifted from C2 to C1 to get C1: C2?
 - a. 10

b. 15

c. 20

- d. 8
- 37. Train A crosses a 150 m platform in 75 s. Train B speed = $2 \times A$. A's length is 80% of B. B crosses 300 m platform in x s. Find x.
 - a. 30

b. 35

c. 40

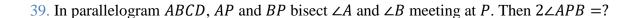
d. 45

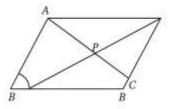
- $38.\frac{3}{5} + \frac{(-4)}{7} = ?$ The result being $\frac{-1}{35}$ shows:
 - a. Rational numbers closed under addition
- b. Not closed under addition



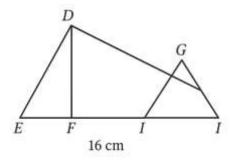
c. Closed under multiplication

d. Addition not commutative





- a. $\angle C + \angle D$ b. $\angle A + \angle C$ c. $\angle B + \angle D$
- d. $2 \times \angle C$
- 40. Two isosceles right triangles DEF and HGI on same base DH, DH \parallel FI. If DE = GH = 6 cm and DH = 16 cm, area of quadrilateral FEGI =:



- a. 72 cm²
- b. 24 cm²
- c. 48 cm²
- d. 96 cm²



Each Question is 2 Mark

41. If $(x^3 + ax^2 + bx + 6)$ when divided by $(x^2 + x - 2)$ leaves no remainder (i.e. the quotient is a polynomial of degree 1), find a and b.

a)
$$a = -1$$
, $b = -4$

b)
$$a = -2$$
, $b = -5$

42. c)
$$a = 3$$
, $b = -4$

d)
$$a = 3$$
, $b = 4$

43. In right triangle ABC with AB = 3, BC = 4, AC = 5. Let D be the midpoint of AC. A square is constructed with side BD. What is the area of the square?

a)
$$4.0 cm^2$$

b)
$$6.25 cm^2$$

- d) None of these
- 43. A right triangular prism has base sides 6, 8, 10 and height 15 *cm*. It is transformed into a prism whose base sides are 9, 12, 15 (same shape scaled). Find the height of the new prism so that volumes are equal, and find the change in total surface area (new original).

a)
$$10 \ cm$$
, $+120 \ cm^2$

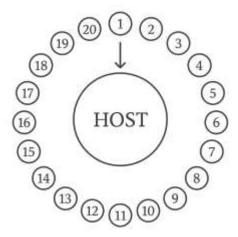
b) 8 *cm*,
$$+132 cm^2$$

c)
$$\frac{20}{3}$$
 cm, -60 cm²

d)
$$8 cm$$
, $-120 cm^2$

44. Twenty people (including the host) are to be seated around a circular table. Two particular guests must sit on either side of the host. How many seating arrangements satisfy this condition (count rotations as identical)?





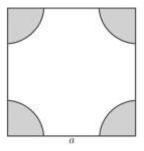
- a) $2 \times 18!$
- b) $2 \times 17!$
- c) 17!
- d) 18!
- 45. A person invested \$5,000 at simple interest 6% per annum for 2 years. At the end of 2 years he took the entire amount (principal+interest) and invested it at compound interest 10% per annum for 2 more years. What is the total amount at the end of 4 years?
 - a) \$6,560
- b) \$6,686
- c) \$6,600
- d) \$6,776
- 46. The value of a gemstone varies as the cube of its weight. The gem breaks into three pieces in ratio 1: 2: 3. If the original (unbroken) gem was worth \$96,336, what is the loss in value due to breakage?
 - a) \$80,280
- b) \$16,056
- c) \$40,140
- d) \$8,028
- 47. In triangle PQR, a line LM is drawn parallel to QR so that trapezium LMRQ has area twice the area of triangle PLM. If $\frac{PL}{PQ}=k$, find k.
 - a) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

- b) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$
- c) $\frac{1}{2}$

d) $\frac{1}{3}$



48. A square of side *a* has at each corner a circular sector constructed so that the corner side *a* is a chord subtending 120° at the sector's centre. (So each corner contributes the sector minus the triangular part.) Express the total shaded+square area as a simple formula; which of the following is correct?

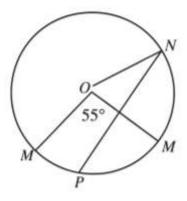


a)
$$a^2 + 4(\frac{a^2\pi}{9} - \frac{a^2}{\sqrt{23}})$$

b)
$$a^2 + 4(\frac{a^2\pi}{9} - \frac{a}{12}\sqrt{3})$$

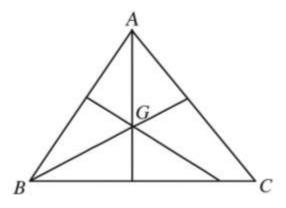
c)
$$9a^2 - 4\pi + \sqrt{33}a^2$$

- d) None of these
- 49. A circle has center O. Points M, N, P lie on the circumference. If the inscribed angle $\angle MPN = 55^{\circ}$ what is the value of $\angle MON + \angle OMN + \frac{1}{2} \angle MNO$?





- a) 145° b) 162.5° c) 158.5°
- d) 180°
- 50. In triangle ABC the medians intersect at centroid G. If area ($\triangle ABC$) = 90 cm², what is the area of the triangle formed by joining the midpoints of the sides of ABC?



- a) $22.5 cm^2$ b) $30 cm^2$ c) $45 cm^2$ d) $15 cm^2$



Answer Key

1.	а	2.	С	3.	С	4.	b	5.	а	6.	b	7.	С
8.	b	9.	d	10.	а	11.	b	12.	а	13.	С	14.	b
15.	а	16.	С	17.	d	18.	d	19.	d	20.	d	21.	а
22.	b	23.	b	24.	b	25.	а	26.	b	27.	b	28.	а
29.	d	30.	а	31.	С	32.	b	33.	С	34.	а	35.	а
36.	С	37.	С	38.	а	39.	а	40.	С	41.	b	42.	b
43.	С	44.	b	45.	d	46.	а	47.	b	48.	b	49.	d
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