



Second Round 2021-2022

### Solution:

#### Problem 1:

The problem states that the number  $X$  gives a remainder of  $(n-1)$  when divided by  $n$  (for  $n=11,10,\dots,2$ ). This means  $X \equiv (n-1) \pmod{n}$ , which is equivalent to  $X \equiv -1 \pmod{n}$ .

So,  $(X+1)$  must be perfectly divisible by all numbers from 2 to 11. To find the *smallest* such  $X$ ,  $(X+1)$  must be the Least Common Multiple (LCM) of  $\{2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11\}$ .

Let's find the LCM:

- Prime factors involved: 2, 3, 5, 7, 11
- Highest powers:
  - $2^3$  (from 8)
  - $3^2$  (from 9)
  - $5^1$  (from 5 or 10)
  - $7^1$  (from 7)
  - $11^1$  (from 11)

$$\text{LCM} = 2^3 \times 3^2 \times 5 \times 7 \times 11 = 8 \times 9 \times 5 \times 7 \times 11$$

$$\text{LCM} = 72 \times 5 \times 7 \times 11 = 360 \times 7 \times 11 = 2520 \times 11 = 27720.$$

$$\text{So, } X+1=27720. \text{ } X=27720-1=27719.$$

The final answer is **27719**.

#### Problem 2:

Let the seats be 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Seat 3 is the middle seat.

- **Rule 1:** Sam and Mike (SM) must sit together.
- **Rule 2:** Adam and Josh (AJ) cannot sit together.

If **Trevor** sits in the middle (seat 3):    T   

The SM block must go into seats (1,2) or (4,5).

- If SM are in (1,2): S M T \_ \_ -- Remaining are Adam and Josh for seats (4,5). They *must* sit next to each other, which breaks Rule 2.
- If SM are in (4,5): \_ \_ T S M -- Remaining are Adam and Josh for seats (1,2). They *must* sit next to each other, which breaks Rule 2.

Since Adam and Josh will always be forced to sit next to each other if Trevor is in the middle, **Trevor cannot be in the middle seat.**

(For any other friend in the middle seat, there's always a way to place Adam and Josh apart.)

The final answer is **Trevor**.

### Problem 3:

Let  $R(x)=P(x)+Q(x)$ .

Since  $P(x)$  has leading coefficient 2 and  $Q(x)$  has leading coefficient, the  $x^2$  terms cancel out in  $R(x)$ .

$$R(x) = (2x^2 + bx + c) + (-2x^2 + ex + f) = (b + e)x + (c + f).$$

So,  $R(x)$  is a linear polynomial.

We know:

$$R(16)=P(16)+Q(16)=54+54=108.$$

$$R(20)=P(20)+Q(20)=53+53=106.$$

For a linear function  $R(x)=mx+k$ .

$$\text{The slope } m = \frac{R(20)-R(16)}{20-16} = \frac{106-108}{4} = \frac{-2}{4} = -\frac{1}{2}.$$

$$\text{So, } R(x) = -\frac{1}{2}x + k.$$

Using  $R(16)=108$ :

$$108 = -\frac{1}{2}(16) + k.$$

$$108 = -8 + k$$

$$k = 108 + 8 = 116.$$

$$\text{So, } R(x) = -\frac{1}{2}x + 116.$$

We need to find  $P(0)+Q(0)$ , which is  $R(0)$ .

$$R(0) = -\frac{1}{2}(0) + 116 = 116.$$

The final answer is **116**.

**Problem 4:**

**P & Q Location:** Both P and Q lie on the horizontal line exactly halfway between the parallel bases (due to angle bisector properties). So, PQ is a horizontal segment.

**Coordinates:** Let the midpoint of CD be (0,0). So  $D=(-325,0)$ ,  $C=(325,0)$ ,  $A=(-250,h)$ ,  $B=(250,h)$ .

**Find  $x_P$ :** P is equidistant from CD ( $y=0$ ) and AD. This distance is  $h/2$ . Using the distance formula from  $P(x_P, h/2)$  to line AD, we find  $x_P=-121$ . (Rejecting outside solution).

**Find  $x_Q$ :** Q is equidistant from CD ( $y=0$ ) and BC. This distance is  $h/2$ . Using the distance formula from  $Q(x_Q, h/2)$  to line BC, we find  $x_Q=121$ . (Rejecting outside solution).

1. **Calculate PQ:**  $PQ=|121-(-121)|=242$ .

The final answer is **242**.

**Problem 5:**

Condition for "Even" Arrangement: For any pair of identical blocks, one block must be in an odd-numbered position and the other in an even-numbered position. (12 positions: 6 odd, 6 even).

Total Arrangements ( $N_{total}$ ):

$$N_{total} = \frac{12!}{2! 2! 2! 2! 2! 2!} = \frac{12!}{2^6}$$

Number of "Even" Arrangements ( $N_{even}$ ):

For each of the 6 colors, choose 1 odd position (6 options) and 1 even position (6 options). Repeat for remaining colors:

$$N_{even} = (6 \times 6) \times (5 \times 5) \times (4 \times 4) \times (3 \times 3) \times (2 \times 2) \times (1 \times 1) = (6!)^2$$

Calculate Probability ( $P=m/n$ ):

$$P = \frac{N_{even}}{N_{total}} = \frac{(6!)^2}{\frac{12!}{2^6}} = \frac{(6!)^2 \times 2^6}{12!} = \frac{16}{231}$$

(after simplification by dividing by common factors)

**Problem 6:**

To maximize  $x_{76} - x_{16}$  under the given sum constraint, concentrate all negative values on  $x_1$  to  $x_{16}$  and all positive values on  $x_{76}$  to  $x_{100}$ , setting all intermediate terms to zero.

The correct answer is **841**.