

ALGEBRA
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The University of the State of New York
REGENTS HIGH SCHOOL EXAMINATION

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Monday, August 19, 2024 — 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., only

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A graphing calculator and a straightedge (ruler) must be available for you to use while taking this examination.

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computations.

4 Which equation is true for all real values of x ?

(1) $x^4 + x = (x + 1)(x^3 - x^2 + x)$

(2) $x^4 + x = (x + 1)(x^3 + x)$

(3) $x^4 + x = (x^2 + x)^2$

(4) $x^4 + x = (x - 1)(x^3 + x^2 + x)$

5 The solution of $\frac{x}{x + 3} + \frac{2}{x - 4} = \frac{2x + 27}{x^2 - x - 12}$ is

(1) -3

(3) 3

(2) -7

(4) 7

6 The cost, in dollars, of a single-ride fare in the New York City subway in the years since 1904 is listed in the table below.

Years since 1904 (x)	0	49	72	91	99	111
Fare (y)	\$0.05	\$0.15	\$0.50	\$1.50	\$2.00	\$2.75

Which equation best models the cost of a single-ride fare based on these data?

(1) $y = 0.0375(1.0392)^x$

(3) $y = 0.0234x - 0.487$

(2) $y = 1.0392(0.0375)^x$

(4) $y = -0.179 + 0.356 \ln(x)$

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7 Which expression is equivalent to $\frac{6x^4 + 4x^3 + x + 200}{x + 2}$?

(1) $6x^2 - 8x + 17 + \frac{166}{x + 2}$

(2) $6x^2 + 16x + 33 + \frac{266}{x + 2}$

(3) $6x^3 + 16x^2 + 32x + 65 + \frac{330}{x + 2}$

(4) $6x^3 - 8x^2 + 16x - 31 + \frac{262}{x + 2}$

8 The solution to the equation $6(2^{x+4}) = 36$ is

(1) -1

(3) $\ln(3) - 4$

(2) $\frac{\ln 36}{\ln 12} - 4$

(4) $\frac{\ln 6}{\ln 2} - 4$

9 The asymptote of the graph of $f(x) = 5 \log(x + 4)$ is

(1) $y = 6$

(3) $x = 4$

(2) $x = -4$

(4) $y = 5$

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10 The probability of having math homework is $\frac{1}{3}$ and the probability of having English homework is $\frac{1}{7}$. The probability of having math homework or having English homework is $\frac{9}{21}$. What is the probability of having math homework and having English homework?

(1) $\frac{19}{21}$

(3) $\frac{1}{21}$

(2) $\frac{1}{5}$

(4) $\frac{10}{21}$

11 The solution set of the equation $x - 1 = \sqrt{2x + 6}$ is

(1) $\{5, -1\}$

(3) $\{-1\}$

(2) $\{5\}$

(4) $\{ \}$

12 Given $x > 0$, the expression $\left(\frac{1}{x^{-2}}\right)^{-\frac{3}{4}}$ is equivalent to

(1) $x\sqrt{x}$

(3) $\sqrt[3]{x^2}$

(2) $\frac{1}{x\sqrt{x}}$

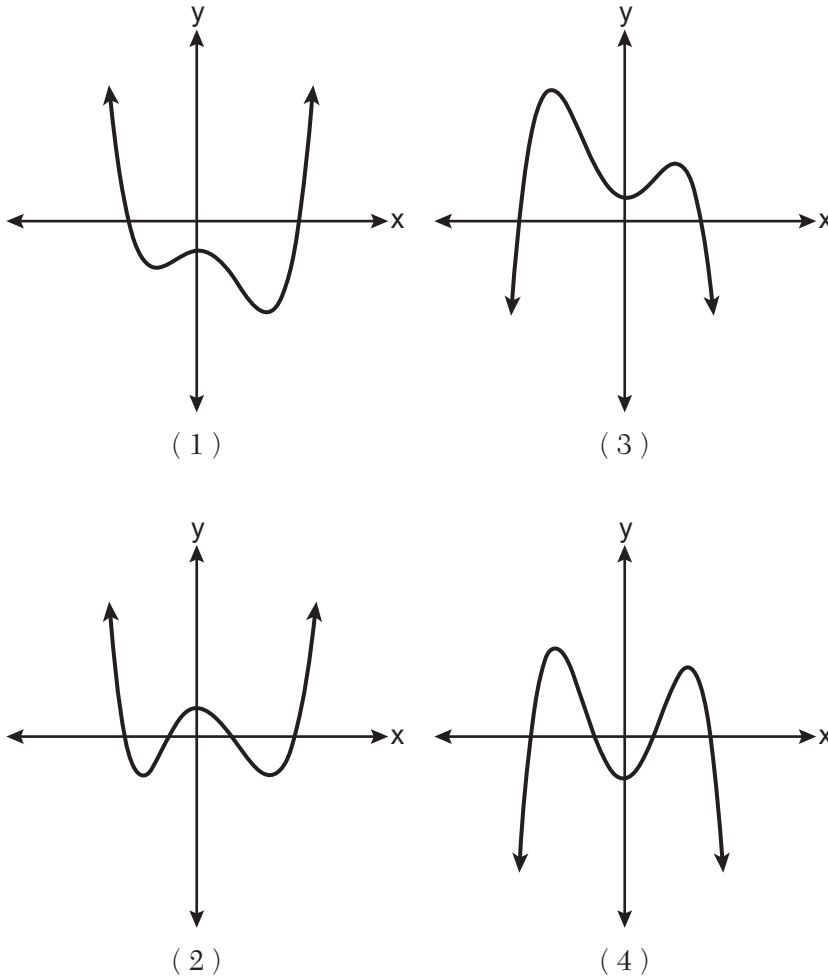
(4) $\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x^2}}$

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13 The graph of which function has a period of 3?

- (1) $y = -7\sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}x\right) - 5$ (3) $y = -7\sin(3x) - 5$
(2) $y = -7\sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}x\right) + 9$ (4) $y = 3\sin(\pi x) + 9$

14 Which graph could represent a 4th degree polynomial function with a positive leading coefficient, 2 real zeros, and 2 imaginary zeros?



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15 Given i is the imaginary unit, which expression is equivalent to

$$5i(2x + 3i) - x\sqrt{-9}?$$

(1) $15 + 13xi$

(3) $15 + 7xi$

(2) $-15 + 13xi$

(4) $-15 + 7xi$

16 What is the focus of the parabola $8(y + 2) = (x + 5)^2$?

(1) $(-5, 0)$

(3) $(5, 0)$

(2) $(-5, -4)$

(4) $(5, 4)$

17 Given $q(x) = 2\log(x)$ and $r(x) = (x - 2)^3 - 4$, what is a solution of $q(x) = r(x)$ to the *nearest tenth*?

(1) 1.1

(3) 3.9

(2) 3.7

(4) 4.3

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18 The volume of a cardboard box can be modeled by $V(x)$, which is the product of the length, width, and height, x . If the length can be represented by $L(x) = 18 - 2x$ and the width can be represented by $W(x) = 18 - 2x$, then which function represents $V(x)$?

(1) $V(x) = 4x^2 - 72x + 324$

(2) $V(x) = 4x^3 - 72x^2 + 324x$

(3) $V(x) = -3x + 36$

(4) $V(x) = 4x^3 + 324x$

19 The expression $8^{\frac{x}{2}} \cdot 8^{\frac{x}{3}}$ is equivalent to

(1) $\sqrt[6]{8^{5x}}$

(3) $\sqrt[5]{8^{2x}}$

(2) $64^{\frac{5x}{6}}$

(4) $64^{\frac{x^2}{6}}$

20 If θ is an angle in standard position whose terminal side passes through the point $(-3, -4)$, which statement is true?

(1) $\sec \theta > 0$ and $\tan \theta > 0$

(2) $\sec \theta < 0$ and $\tan \theta < 0$

(3) $\sec \theta > 0$ and $\tan \theta < 0$

(4) $\sec \theta < 0$ and $\tan \theta > 0$

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21 What is the value of y for the system shown below?

$$3x + 4y - 5z = -27$$

$$2x + 3y - z = -3$$

$$6x - y + 4z = 3$$

(1) -27

(3) 3

(2) 6

(4) -3

22 The number of employees who work nights and weekends at a department store is summarized in the table below.

	Works Nights	Doesn't Work Nights
Works Weekends	8	40
Doesn't Work Weekends	12	60

Let N represent the event “works nights” and let W represent the event “works weekends.” Based on the table, are N and W independent events?

(1) Yes, because $P(N) \cdot P(W) = P(N \cap W)$.

(2) Yes, because $P(N) \cdot P(W) \neq P(N \cap W)$.

(3) No, because $P(N) \cdot P(W) = P(N \cap W)$.

(4) No, because $P(N) \cdot P(W) \neq P(N \cap W)$.

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23 Which expression is equivalent to $x^8 - y^8$?

(1) $(x - y)^8$

(3) $(x^4 + y^4)(x^2 + y^2)(x + y)(x - y)$

(2) $(x^2 + y^2)^2(x^2 - y^2)^2$

(4) $(x + y)^4(x - y)^4$

24 A research assistant receives a first year salary of \$90,000 and a 2% annual raise throughout the first ten years of employment. In total, how much money will be earned over the first ten years, to the *nearest dollar*?

(1) \$91,837

(3) \$877,917

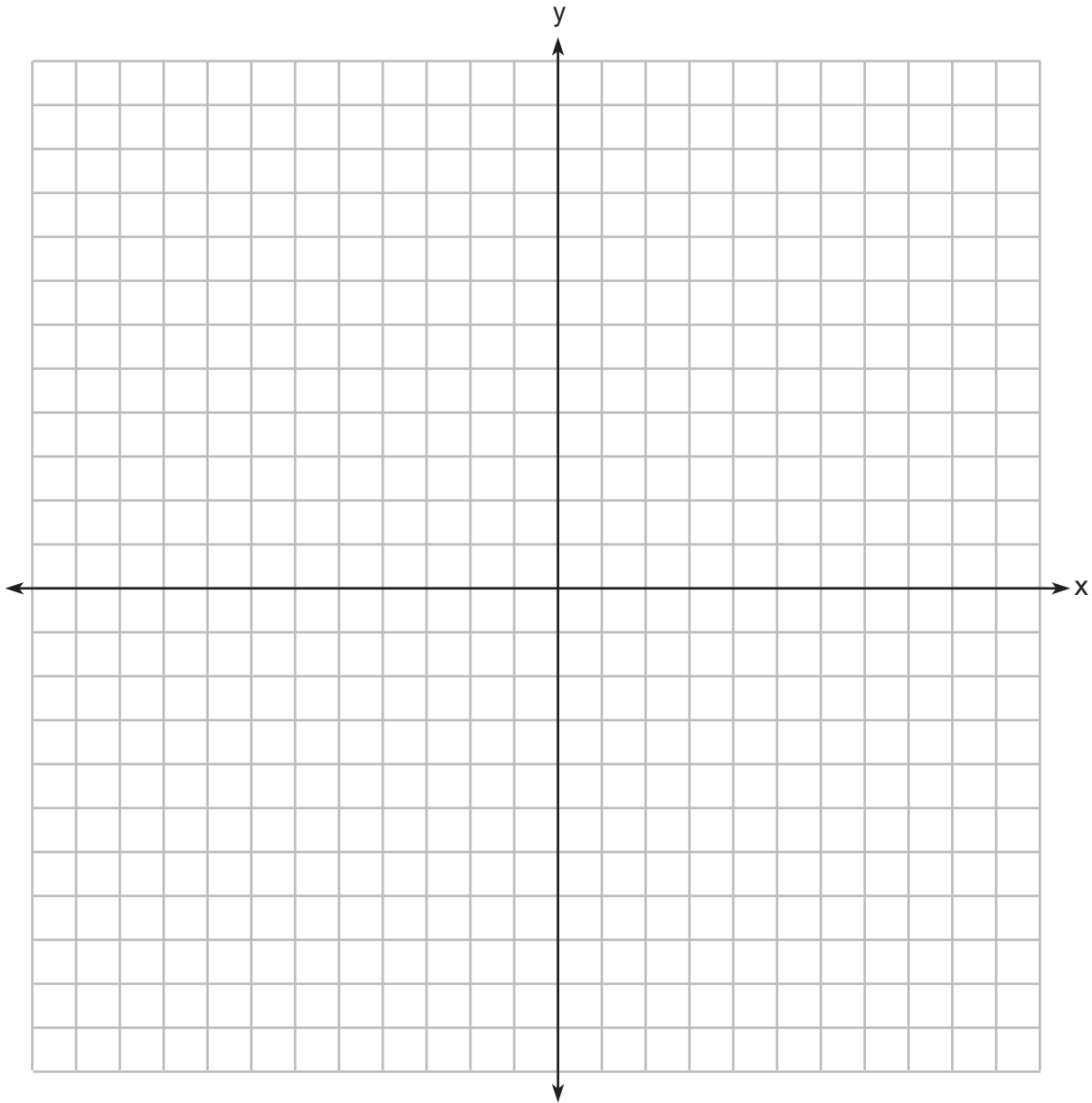
(2) \$109,709

(4) \$985,475

Part II

Answer all 8 questions in this part. Each correct answer will receive 2 credits. Clearly indicate the necessary steps, including appropriate formula substitutions, diagrams, graphs, charts, etc. Utilize the information provided for each question to determine your answer. Note that diagrams are not necessarily drawn to scale. For all questions in this part, a correct numerical answer with no work shown will receive only 1 credit. All answers should be written in pen, except for graphs and drawings, which should be done in pencil. [16]

25 On the axes below, graph $y = 3.2(1.8)^x$.



26 Is $x + 3$ a factor of $7x^3 + 27x^2 + 9x - 27$?
Justify your answer.

27 Over the set of integers, factor the expression $2x^4 - 10x^3 + 3x^2 - 15x$ completely.

28 The monthly unemployment rate of towns in the United States is approximately normally distributed with a mean rate of 5.2% and a standard deviation of 1.6%. Determine the percentage of towns, to the *nearest integer*, that have a monthly unemployment rate greater than 6%.

29 The function $d(t) = 2\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{6}t\right) + 5$ models the water depth, in feet, at a location in a bay, t hours since the last high tide. Determine the *minimum* water depth of the location, in feet, and justify your answer.

30 A brewed cup of coffee contains 130 mg of caffeine. The half-life of caffeine in the bloodstream is 5.5 hours. Write a function, $C(t)$ to represent the amount of caffeine in the bloodstream t hours after drinking one cup of coffee.

31 Markus is a long-distance walker. In one race, he walked 55 miles in t hours and in another race walked 65 miles in $t + 3$ hours. His rates are shown in the equations below.

$$r = \frac{55}{t} \quad r = \frac{65}{t + 3}$$

Markus walked at an equivalent rate, r , for each race. Determine the number of hours that *each* of the two races took.

32 Solve the equation $x^2 + 3x + 11 = 0$ algebraically. Express the answer in $a + bi$ form.

Part III

Answer all 4 questions in this part. Each correct answer will receive 4 credits. Clearly indicate the necessary steps, including appropriate formula substitutions, diagrams, graphs, charts, etc. Utilize the information provided for each question to determine your answer. Note that diagrams are not necessarily drawn to scale. For all questions in this part, a correct numerical answer with no work shown will receive only 1 credit. All answers should be written in pen, except for graphs and drawings, which should be done in pencil. [16]

33 The population of China, in millions, can be modeled by the function $P(x) = 316.93e^{0.0133x}$, where x is the number of years since 1900.

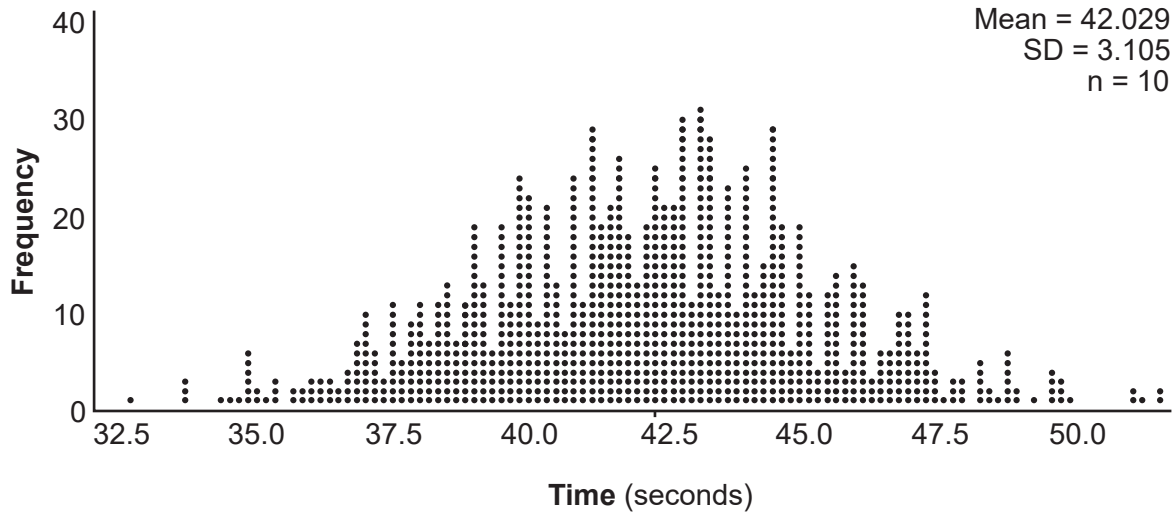
The population of India since 1900 is summarized in the table below:

Years since 1900	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
Population (millions)	243	254	268	285	324	376.3	450.6	555.1	699	873.3	1056.6	1234.3	1380

Which country's population had a greater average rate of change between 1950 and 2020? Justify your answer.

34 In a packaging plant, a machine packs boxes with jars. The machine's manufacturer states that a box is packed, on average, every 42 seconds. To test that claim, the packaging plant randomly selects a sample of 10 boxes and finds the sample mean to be 49.8 seconds.

The company ran a simulation of 1000 trials based on the manufacturer's claim. The approximately normal results are shown below.



Based on the simulation, determine an interval containing the middle 95% of plausible mean times. Round your answer to the *nearest hundredth*.

Is the time 49.8 seconds unusual? Use statistical evidence to justify your answer.

35 Consider the function $f(x) = 2^x$.

Is $f(x)$ an even function? Justify your answer.

Write an equation for $g(x)$, the function that results after $f(x)$ is shifted up 5 units.

Write an equation for $h(x)$, the inverse of $g(x)$.

36 Solve the system of equations shown below algebraically:

$$(x - 4)^2 + (y - 1)^2 = 9$$

$$x - y = 6$$

Part IV

Answer the question in this part. A correct answer will receive 6 credits. Clearly indicate the necessary steps, including appropriate formula substitutions, diagrams, graphs, charts, etc. Utilize the information provided to determine your answer. Note that diagrams are not necessarily drawn to scale. A correct numerical answer with no work shown will receive only 1 credit. All answers should be written in pen, except for graphs and drawings, which should be done in pencil. [6]

37 Taylor wants to open an investment account with the \$1200 she received for her birthday. She has narrowed her choices down to two banks. America's Bank offers 6.4% annual interest compounded quarterly. Barnyard Bank offers 6.35% annual interest compounded continuously.

Write functions for $A(t)$ and $B(t)$ to represent the value of her investment with America's Bank and Barnyard Bank as a function of time, t , in years.

Taylor would like to invest the \$1200 into one bank for ten years making no additional deposits and no withdrawals. With which bank will Taylor earn the most money? Justify your answer.

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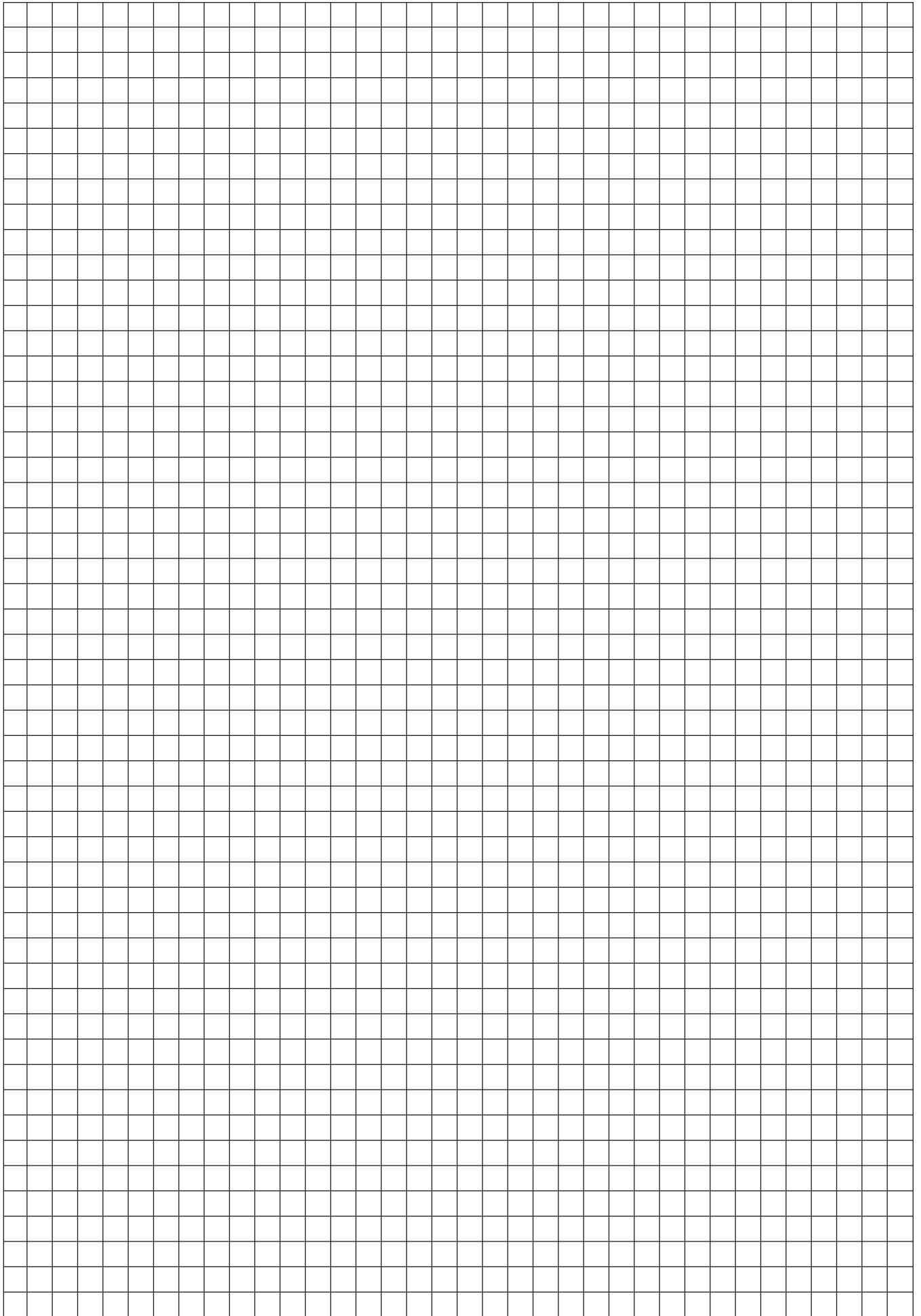
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Taylor chooses to invest her money in Barnyard Bank. Algebraically determine how long, to the *nearest tenth of a year*, it will take her initial investment to triple assuming she makes no deposits or withdrawals.

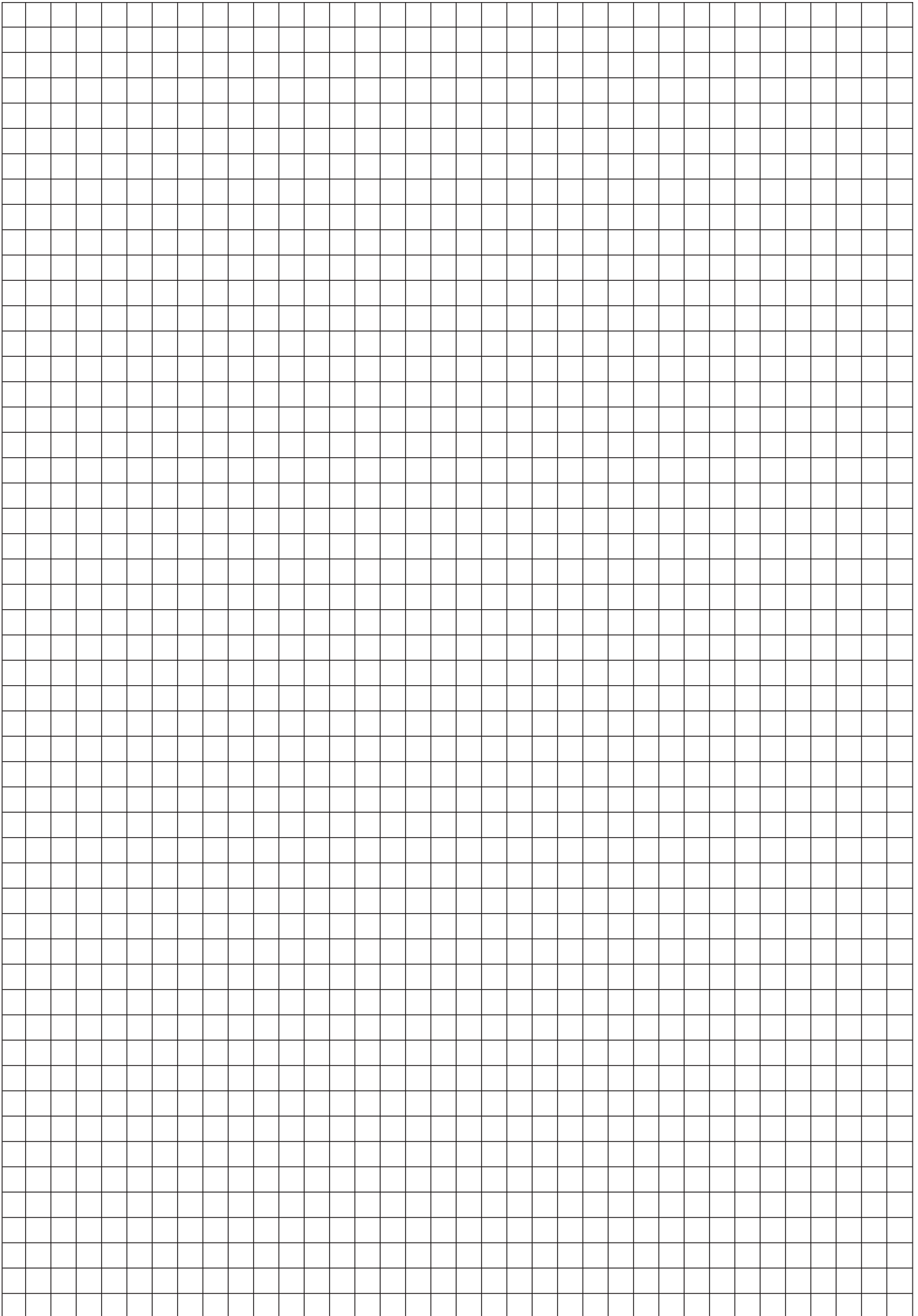
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1 inch = 2.54 centimeters	1 kilometer = 0.62 mile	1 cup = 8 fluid ounces
1 meter = 39.37 inches	1 pound = 16 ounces	1 pint = 2 cups
1 mile = 5280 feet	1 pound = 0.454 kilogram	1 quart = 2 pints
1 mile = 1760 yards	1 kilogram = 2.2 pounds	1 gallon = 4 quarts
1 mile = 1.609 kilometers	1 ton = 2000 pounds	1 gallon = 3.785 liters
		1 liter = 0.264 gallon
		1 liter = 1000 cubic centimeters

Triangle	$A = \frac{1}{2}bh$
Parallelogram	$A = bh$
Circle	$A = \pi r^2$
Circle	$C = \pi d$ or $C = 2\pi r$
General Prisms	$V = Bh$
Cylinder	$V = \pi r^2 h$
Sphere	$V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$
Cone	$V = \frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h$
Pyramid	$V = \frac{1}{3}Bh$

Pythagorean Theorem	$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$
Quadratic Formula	$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$
Arithmetic Sequence	$a_n = a_1 + (n - 1)d$
Geometric Sequence	$a_n = a_1 r^{n - 1}$
Geometric Series	$S_n = \frac{a_1 - a_1 r^n}{1 - r}$ where $r \neq 1$
Radians	1 radian = $\frac{180}{\pi}$ degrees
Degrees	1 degree = $\frac{\pi}{180}$ radians
Exponential Growth/Decay	$A = A_0 e^{k(t - t_0)} + B_0$

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