

**Cindy D. Wright Mathematics Tournament 2013**  
**Eighth Grade Ciphery**

- 1.1 Find the value of  $c$  that makes the trinomial a perfect square  
 $x^2 + 9x + c$ .
- 1.2 Solve:  $14v - 3(6 - v) = 8(v - 9)$ .
- 1.3 If the probability of an event is  $\frac{x}{10}$  and the odds in favor of the event are  $\frac{3}{4}$ , find  $x$ .
- 1.4 Simplify:  $-8\left[\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + \left(-\frac{1}{8}\right)(-24)\right]$
- 1.5 Given  $f(x) = x - x^3$ , find  $f(-3)$ .
- 2.1 What is the units digit of  $14^{246}$ ?
- 2.2 Simplify:  $-5[(2 - 6) - (3 + 7)] - 2^2$
- 2.3 Matthew invested in bonds at 8% annual interest and \$3000 less in stocks that yielded 6% annual interest. His total interest for the year was \$1010. How much did he invest in bonds?
- 2.4 Simplify:  $\frac{x^0}{x^{-17}}$
- 2.5 Factor completely:  $3ar - 6yr + 9am - 18ym$
- 3.1 Simplify:  $\frac{1}{3}(6x - 9) + 4(3x + 2)$
- 3.2 Solve.  $-20 \leq 4c - (c - 1)$
- 3.3 Greta bought a pair of shoes for \$67.50. This price included an 8% sales tax. What did the shoes cost without tax?
- 3.4 What is the opposite of the reciprocal of the multiplicative inverse of the additive inverse of 5?
- 3.5 Simplify and write in scientific notation:  $\frac{(3 \times 10^3)(8 \times 10^4)}{2 \times 10^5}$ .
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4.1 Find the equation in slope-intercept form of the line parallel to the graph of  $2x - 3y = 7$  and which has the same y-intercept as the graph of  $5x + 2y = 1$ ?

4.2 Simplify:  $\left(\frac{2}{3}h^3\right)^4$

4.3 Solve:  $\sqrt{12x^2 - 75} = 3x$

4.4 A square gate is reinforced by a wooden brace across its diagonal. The perimeter of the gate is 12 ft. What is the length of the brace?

4.5 Simplify:  $6 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{3 + \frac{1}{3}}}$

EX1 Find the number three-fourths of the way from  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{8}{9}$ .

EX2 In how many different ways can a 10-question true-false test be answered if every question must be answered?

EX3 Solve:  $\frac{5x-2}{5} = \frac{-8x}{15}$ .

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