

1 Information about the contest

When is the contest to be held?

The contest will be held on Saturday, May 9th. The contest will start at 9:00 and lasts four and a half hours.

What may I bring with me into the competition hall?

You may take only writing and drawing instruments such as pens, pencils, erasers, pencil sharpeners, rulers, protractors and compasses into the contest room. In no case the use of hand held calculators, cell phones, electronic devices, briefcases, books, notes, tables, papers or any other written material will be permitted. *In contrast to the IMO, protractors and set squares are allowed.*

What will be provided?

On your table, you will find a folder labeled with your ID code containing:

- the contest problems in English and your native language,
- 25 lined sheets of paper,
- 10 blank sheets of paper,
- four subfolders, one for each problem.

Do not open your folder before the start signal.

Where and how do I write my solutions?

Write your solutions and rough work on the answer forms. You will get more paper if necessary. Do not write on the back of the paper. Fill in your ID code, problem number and page number on each answer form as you use it. You should work independently and submit your solutions in your own language. Your work will be scanned and copied in black and white, so please do use blue or black ink or a very dark black pencil.

What if I have a question about one or more of the problems?

Questions about the problems may be submitted only during the first 30 minutes. They should be written in your own language on one of the sheets provided. Once your question is ready, raise your hand and one of the invigilators will collect it. The written answer, accorded by the Jury, will be given to you later. The invigilators will show a sign announcing

the end of the questions and answers period 30 minutes after the start of the examination.

What if I need more water to drink or if I need to go to the rest room or if I feel sick?

If you need something, raise your hand, and someone of the invigilators will come to you.

How do I know how much time is left?

Wall clocks will be visible from your place. The invigilators will announce with a sign the beginning of the last 30 minute period and of the last 5 minute period.

What do I do when the exam is over?

Once the end of the examination is announced, you should stop writing immediately. Sort your work by problem number and put each problem inside its subfolder. Remain silent and seated until the invigilators have collected all the folders. Do not put any blank sheet inside the folders. Unused sheets should be left on the table outside the folders. Any written paper not included in the folders will be destroyed.

What may I take with me out of the competition hall?

Apart from the contest problems, you are not allowed to take out of the room any materials other than those that you brought with you to the contest. Specifically, do not take with you any blank or written answer sheet.

What prizes can be won?

There will be medals for at most half of the total number of Contestants. The number of gold, silver and bronze medals will be approximately in the ratio 1:2:3. The exact ratio's will be determined by the Organizing Committee after all results are known. Each Contestant, who has not received a medal will receive a Honorable Mention if he/she has received seven points for the solution of at least one problem. Furthermore, each Contestant will receive a Certificate of Participation.