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1. E $(x - 6)(x + 1) = 0 \rightarrow x = 6, -1$
2. C Let $x = \log_2 a$, then the equation becomes

$$\frac{x}{4} + \frac{x}{2} + x = \frac{8}{x} + \frac{9}{x} + \frac{11}{x} \rightarrow \frac{7x}{4} = \frac{28}{x} \rightarrow x^2 = 16 \rightarrow x = \pm 4$$
3. D There are two ways to get x^3 term, using either $(2x^2)^2 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^1$ or x^3 . There are 3 ways to get the first, giving $12x^3$ and 1 way to get the second, give x^3 . The coefficient is 13.
4. D The $p\%$ discount makes the price $100 - p$, adding $p\%$ back gives

$$(100 - p) \left(1 + \frac{p}{100}\right) = 100 + p - p - \frac{p^2}{100} = 100 - \frac{p^2}{100}$$
5. A Cubing the given equation gives $x^3 + 3x + \frac{3}{x} + \frac{1}{x^3} = 3\sqrt{3}$, thus $x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3} = 0$
6. B When $x = 0$, $f(0) + f(1) = 0$, so $f(1) = 1$, repeat the process for $x = 1, 2, \dots, 9$ to eventually get $f(10) = 5$
7. D $(1 + i)^2 = 2i$, so $(1 + i)^4 = -4$, so for the given equation to be true, n must be a multiple of 4, since $-4 \neq 4$, $n = 8, m = 2$
8. C $x \equiv 1 \pmod{2}, x \equiv 2 \pmod{3}, x \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$. The first two congruences yield $x \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$, combining with the last to get $x \equiv 23 \pmod{30}$
9. E $S_k = \left(\frac{k(k+1)}{2}\right)^2$, so it is always a perfect square.
10. A $r_1 + r_2 + r_3 = 10, r_1 + r_2 + r_4 = -2, r_1 r_2 r_3 = 30, r_1 r_2 r_4 = -42$. From these, we get $r_3 - r_4 = 12$, and $\frac{r_3}{r_4} = -\frac{5}{7}$. Solving gives $r_3 = 5, r_4 = -7$.
11. B Setting the fraction equal to x , we have $x = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{2+x}}$. Simplifying gives $x^2 + 2x - 2 = 0$, or $x = -1 \pm \sqrt{3}$. Since x is clearly positive, it just be $-1 + \sqrt{3}$.
12. C $\log m = 11 \log 3 + 14 \log 5$, plugging in the approximations, it is 15.033.
13. B Compare the logs of each value, $\log 3^{29} \approx 8.729, \log 5^{20} \approx 13.980, \log 7^{15} \approx 12.675, \log 10^{13} = 13$.
14. D We consider 3 cases: $x^2 - x - 1 = 1, x^2 - x - 1 = -1, x^2 - 2x - 8 = 0$. Note that $x^2 - 2x - 8$ must be even in the second case. Case 1 has two solutions: 2, -1. Case two has one solution, 1. Case 3 has 2 solutions, 4, -2, for 5 solutions total.
15. C $0.\overline{10}_2 = \frac{10_2}{11_2} = \frac{2}{3}, 0.\overline{20} = \frac{20_3}{22_3} = \frac{6}{8} = \frac{3}{4}, 0.\overline{30}_4 = \frac{30_4}{33_4} = \frac{12}{15} = \frac{4}{5}$
16. A If the fourth side is of length 6, then the quadrilateral is degenerate, as $4 + 7 + 6 = 17$.
17. A From the question, we get 3 equations:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{3}{\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}} &= 2 \\ \sqrt[3]{abc} &= 6 \\ \frac{a + b + c}{3} &= 10 \end{aligned}$$

Simplifying the third equation, we get $a + b + c = 30$. Squaring both sides, we get $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2ab + 2bc + 2ac = 900$. From this, we get

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 900 - 2(ab + bc + ac)$$

- Simplifying the first equation, we get $\frac{3}{\frac{bc+ac+ab}{abc}} = \frac{3abc}{bc+ac+ab} = 2$. Multiplying both sides by $bc + ac + ab$, we get $3abc = 2(bc + ac + ab)$. From the second equation, by cubing both sides, we get $abc = 216$. So, substituting this into the second equation, we get $3(216) = 648 = 2(ab + ac + ab)$. Substituting this back into our first equation, we get $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 900 - 684 = 252$
18. C Multiply the two given equations yields $\frac{a+b+c}{a} + \frac{a+b+c}{b} + \frac{a+b+c}{c} = 80$. The left side is the desired expression with an additional $1 \left(\frac{a}{a}, \frac{b}{b}, \frac{c}{c}\right)$ on each fraction. So the final answer is 77.
19. D Set the expression to x , we have $x = \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2 - x}}$ squaring both sides twice (and rearrange after each squaring), it simplifies to $x^4 - 4x^2 + x + 2 = 0$. This solves to $1, -2, \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$. As $x > 1$, it must be $\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$
20. A This is the equality case of AMGM, which requires $5 = x = y$, so $x + y = 10$.
21. D Sum of the squares of the roots is $19^2 - 2(0) = 361$.
22. E The smallest integer that satisfies this is 3000, and the largest is 3333. All multiples of 3 between also satisfies, for a total of 112 such integers.
23. A To create this figure, we cut out four 4×4 squares from the corners and fold up the flaps. The volume of the cube is 64, and the total area removed is also 64.
24. D Factor $g(x) = (x - 29)(x + 15)$, thus $x - 25 = 29, -15$ or $x = 54, 10$
25. C These 3 equation are

$$x(x + y + z) = 50$$

$$y(x + y + z) = 40$$

$$z(x + y + z) = 10$$

Since $x, y, z, x + y + z \neq 0$, we can safely divide our equations. Dividing the second equation by the first and the third equation by the first, we get

$$\frac{y}{x} = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$\frac{z}{x} = \frac{1}{5}$$

So, we get $y = \frac{4}{5}x$ and $z = \frac{1}{5}x$. Substituting this back into the first equation, we get $x\left(x + \frac{1}{5}x + \frac{4}{5}x\right) = x(2x) = 2x^2 = 50$. So, we get $x = \pm 5$. However, since the question states $x > 0$, we know that $x = 5$. So, we get $y = 4, z = 1$ and $x + y + z = 10$.

26. A It is fairly obvious that our two numbers must be of the form aba and bab . Without loss of generality, let $a > b$, so $100a + 10b + a = 100b + 10a + b + 728$ or $91a = 91(b + 8)$. Since a, b are single digit numbers, $a = 9, b = 1$. $919 + 191 = 1110$.
27. B Completing the square on the first inequality gives $\frac{(x+2)^2}{36} + \frac{(y-1)^2}{4} < 1$. This is the interior of an ellipse centered at $(-2, 1)$. Note the second inequality is a line that passes through the center, so the desired area is half of the ellipse: $\frac{1}{2}\pi(6)(2) = 6\pi$

28. B Looking at the equations, we notice they look eerily like sum of roots, sum of roots two at a time, and product of roots. Say $z = -c$, $x = a$, and $z = b$ where a, b, c are the roots of some polynomial. Now, the equations are

$$\begin{aligned} -a - b - c &= -3 \\ ab + bc + ac &= -24 \\ -abc &= 80 \end{aligned}$$

So, from this, we gather that the polynomial is $x^3 - 3x^2 - 24x + 80$. This factors into $(x - 4)^2(x + 5)$. So, the ordered triplets are $(4, 4, -5)$, $(4, 5, -4)$, and $(5, 4, -4)$ so the answer is 3.

29. A You could just solve for x and plug it in, however we want to avoid this because there is a lot of multiplying with imaginary numbers which may get confusing. So, we think to use some algebraic manipulation to avoid arithmetic.

We can rewrite what we are finding as

$$(x + 1)(x + 7)(x + 4)^2 = (x^2 + 8x + 7)(x^2 + 8x + 16)$$

From the first equation, we get $x^2 = -3x - 4$. Substituting this into what we are solving for, we get $(5x + 3)(5x + 12) = 25x^2 + 75x + 36$. Substituting once again, we get $25(-3x - 4) + 75x + 36 = -64$

30. D Say $a = x + 3$ and $b = y - 4$. Then, the first equation turns into

$$\sqrt{a - 1} + \sqrt{a} + \sqrt{a + 1} = \sqrt{b - 1} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{b + 1}$$

From this, we can see this is true when $a = b$ or in other words when $x + 3 = y - 4$.

This gives us $y = x + 7$. Plugging this into the second equation, we get

$$\begin{aligned} (x + 7)^2 - 2(x + 7) - x^2 + x &= 126 \\ x^2 + 14x + 49 - 2x - 14 - x^2 + x &= 126 \\ 13x + 35 &= 126 \end{aligned}$$

$$13x = 91$$

$$x = 7$$

$$y = x + 7 = 7 + 7 = 14$$

$$x + y = 7 + 14 = 21$$