

Bergen County Mathematics League

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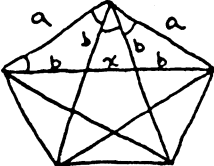


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Brief Contest Solutions #1

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1-1) $n, n+1, n+2, n+3$
 $n^2 + 5n + 6 = 10n + n + 1$ [or $10(n+1) + n$]
 $n^2 - 6n + 5 = 0$ $n^2 - 6n - 4 = 0$
 $n = 1$ or $n = 5$ *no integer solutions*
 $1, 2, 3, 4$ or $5, 6, 7, 8$ $S > 20$, so $S = 5 + 6 + 7 + 8 = \boxed{26}$

1-2) 
 $a = b + x \Rightarrow b = a - x$
 $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{b}{x}$
 $b^2 = ax = a^2 - 2ax + x^2$
 $a^2 - 3ax + x^2 = 0$
 $\left(\frac{x}{a}\right)^2 - 3\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) + 1 = 0$
 $\frac{x}{a} = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$
 $x < a \Rightarrow \frac{x}{a} = \frac{3 - \sqrt{5}}{2} \Rightarrow (c, d) = \boxed{(3, 5)}$

1-3) expression = $N = \sqrt{6 + N}$, so $N^2 = 6 + N$. Since $N > 0$, $N = \boxed{3}$.

1-4) $(x-y) + \sqrt{x-y} - 6 = (\sqrt{x-y} + 3)(\sqrt{x-y} - 2) = 0$
 $\therefore \left. \begin{matrix} x-y = 4 \\ \text{but } x+y = 14 \end{matrix} \right\} \Rightarrow (x, y) = \boxed{(9, 5)}$

1-5)

	Present Age	Age in x yrs
Peter	y	$y + x$
Janet	$2y$	$2y + x$
Mrs. Ross	$4y$	$4y + x$

$4y + x = 2(y + x)$
 $\Rightarrow 4y = \boxed{2x}$

