

**MATHEMATICS ENRICHMENT CLUB.<sup>1</sup>**

**Problem Sheet 4, May 21, 2012**

1. If  $f(n) = (n - 1)f(n - 1)$  and  $f(1) = 1$  find  $f(4)$ .
2. The product of the ages in years of two adults is 770. What is the sum of their ages?
3. (a) How many positive integers are there  $\leq 100$  which have no factors, except 1, in common with 100?  
(b) What is their sum?
4. If  $x_1 = 3$ , the recurrence  $x_{n+1} = x_n^2 - 10x_n$ , gives the sequence 3, -21, 651, 417291... and the numbers increase without bound. Find all the values for  $x_1$  so that the sequence does NOT increase without bound.
5. Solve the simultaneous equations:

$$x + yz = 2$$

$$y + xz = 2$$

$$z + xy = 2.$$

6. Two circles  $C_1, C_2$  with centres  $O_1, O_2$  are externally tangent at the point  $P$ . A straight line through  $P$  meets  $C_1, C_2$  respectively at  $A$  and  $B$ . Show that the tangents to the circles at  $A$  and  $B$  are parallel.
7. Let  $ABCD$  be a trapezium with  $AB \parallel CD$ . Let  $P$  be the intersection of the diagonals  $AC$  and  $BD$ .
  - (a) Show that the triangles  $APD$  and  $BPC$  have the same area.
  - (b) Given that  $APB$  has area  $1 \text{ cm}^2$  and that  $APD$  has area  $4 \text{ cm}^2$ , find the area of  $ABCD$ .

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**Senior Questions.**

1. Find  $\int \frac{1}{x + \sqrt{x}} dx$ .

2. Find  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n!}{n^n}$ .

3. Prove that

$$1 \times 3 \times 5 \times \dots \times (2n - 1) = \frac{(2n)!}{2^n n!}.$$