Problem Solving 8

Lecture 19   May 23, 2021
Q1. Suppose $a_1$ is a natural number. For $n > 1$ define $a_{n+1}$ to be the largest prime number dividing $a_n + 1$. We say $a_1$ is good if the sequence $a_1, a_2, a_3, ...$ is eventually periodic. Which of the following statements is correct:

- There are only finitely many good numbers.
- There are infinitely many bad numbers
- All numbers are good
- All numbers are bad
- There are bad numbers, but only finitely many
Q2. In the picture below, ABC is an equilateral triangle, |MB| = 2, |PB| = 3, and |NC| = 4. Find |CQ|.
• Q3. 100 students have participated in 7 exams. In every exam, no two students have received the same score. Every student who has ranked first in one the exams, or has ranked in top 6 in 4 of the exams will be awarded a fellowship. At most how many students will be awarded a fellowship?
Q4. In the picture below, suppose the arcs AB and BD are 60 degrees and C is in the middle of the arc AB. The smaller circle is tangent to the larger circle, AB, and CD at the points T, M, and N. Find the angle $\angle MTN$. 

Q5. Five points with integer coordinates in the plane are given. Which of the following statements about the middle points of the line connecting these points is correct?

- They all have integer coordinates
- None of them necessarily has integer coordinates
- At least one of these points has integer coordinates (but not necessarily more)
- At least two of these points has integer coordinates (but not necessarily more)
- At least three of these points has integer coordinates (but not necessarily more)
Q6. For how many $n \leq 2021$, $n^3 + 2n^2$ is a perfect square?
• Q7. In how many ways we can color each square of a 3x3 square table with two colors (two coloring schemes are the same if they can be related by a rotation).