## Math 5b, homework 17.



1. Prove that the value of the following expressions is a rational number.

$$(\sqrt{3} - 1)(\sqrt{3} + 1) = \sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{3} \cdot 1 - 1 \cdot \sqrt{3} - 1 = \sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{3} - 1 = (\sqrt{3})^2 - 1 = 3 - 1 = 2$$

a. 
$$(\sqrt{7}-1)^2+(\sqrt{7}+1)^2$$

b. 
$$(\sqrt{7}-2)^2+4\sqrt{7}$$

2. Without using calculator compare:

11 ... 
$$\sqrt{110}$$

$$22 \dots \sqrt{484}$$

5 ... 
$$\sqrt{20}$$

17 ... 
$$\sqrt{299}$$

35 ... 
$$\sqrt{1215}$$

- 3. 6 painters can painters can paint the house in 5 days. How many painters are needed to do the job in 3 days?
- 4. John wrote the letters "J", "o", "h", and "n" on 4 index cards. After that, he turned them blank side up, mixed them, aligned them, and turned h 0 n them back to the "letter" side. How likely is it that he will get his name written on the cards?

(Hint: Probability is the ratio of the number of ways the desired outcome can happen to all possible outcomes.)

5. Solve the following equations:

a. 
$$2(x-1) = \frac{2}{3}(x+5);$$
 b.  $2x - (5x-7) = -1$  c.  $\frac{x-2}{x-1} = 3$ 

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$$c. \quad \frac{x-2}{x-1} = 3$$

- 6. Do the following arithmetic operations with binary numbers. Do them without converting the numbers to decimal form.
  - $a. 110101_2 + 111011_2;$
- b.  $10101_2 \times 1011_2$ ;
- c.  $(10101_2 + 1101_2) \times 10110_2$
- 7. Simplify:

$$a. \left(\frac{5a^2b^5}{4a^3b^3}\right)^3;$$

b. 
$$(2z^2 \cdot 3z^3 \cdot z)^2$$
; c.  $\frac{(-ab)^8}{(ab)^2}$ ;

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$$d. \quad \left(\frac{3ab^3}{15b}\right)^2 \cdot \frac{75c}{a^2b^6}$$

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