"The Nine Chapters on the Mathematical Art" Contest (NCC) 2016 ©

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## Section $F$

## F1

If $-5 \leq x \leq 3$ and $-2 \leq y \leq 7$, find the maximum possible value of $x^{2}-y^{2}$.

Answer to F1: $\qquad$
F2
Find the greatest real value of $x$ that satisfies the nonic equation

$$
1+x+x^{2}+x^{3}+\cdots+x^{9}=1023
$$

Answer to F2: $\qquad$

F3
Two people each arrive at a restaurant at a random instant between 5 PM and 6 PM . Each person stays for half an hour. What is the probability that there will be some point in time when both of them are at the restaurant?

Answer to F3: $\qquad$
F4
Find all values of $x$ such that $\log _{2}\left(\log _{4}(x)\right)=\log _{4}\left(\log _{2}(x)\right)$.

Answer to F4: $\qquad$

## F5

There are 25 poles on a bike rack, each of which is currently holding 2 bikes. The 50 bikers who have attached their bikes to the rack leave in a random order. After 46 people leave, what is the probability that there's still a pole with 2 bikes attached?

Answer to F5: $\qquad$

## F6

Find the smallest positive integer $n$ that satisfies

$$
\operatorname{gcd}\left(n^{2}+4 n-5,2 n^{2}+9 n-5\right)=2016
$$

where $\operatorname{gcd}(\mathrm{a}, \mathrm{b})$ denotes the greatest common divisor of a and b .

Answer to F6: $\qquad$

## F7

Point $P$ is inside square $A B C D$ with $P A=3, P B=7$, and $P D=5$. What is the area of the square $A B C D$ ?


Answer to F7: $\qquad$

F8
Determine the number of 4-tuples ( $a, b, c, d$ ) of (not necessarily distinct) positive integers whose product, abcd, is 2016. You may use the fact that $2016=2^{5} \cdot 3^{2} \cdot 7$.
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