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**UIL Test Comments — 2013-14**

*** NOTE: See Off on a Tangent for information on workshops and the Student Activity Conferences ***

SAC - - - > No errors, corrections, or comments reported.

A - - - > No errors, corrections, or comments reported.

B - - - > #29 … good problem … bad data … problem can't be worked with this data.
    #71 … typo on the key … the fractional form should be 29/32, not 9/32.

District 1 - - - > No errors, corrections, or comments reported.

District 2 - - - > Special note: #69 … wording is wrong … correct wording has been sent to all district contest directors … replace "The harmonic root" with "The harmonic mean of the roots".

Regional - - - > #65 … ambiguous problem … multiple interpretations … problem needs to be omitted.

State - - - > #71 … typo on the key … should be 60, not 30.

**TMSCA Test Comments — 2013-14 (tests I write for TMSCA)**

# 6 - - - > No errors, corrections, or comments reported.

# 12 - - - > #16 … should be 126 not 378.
    > #54 … the key should not have a comma

State - - - > No errors, corrections, or comments reported.

**Off on a Tangent**

**Workshops and/or Presentations I will be doing the summer and fall of 2014:**
1. UIL Capitol Conference, Austin on July 11 & 12.
   For more information contact Jack Barton at jack.barton@ttu.edu or 806-742-2350.
3. Student Activity Conferences:
   A. WTAMU, Canyon on Sept. 13
   B. TAMU Corpus Christi on Sept. 27
   C. University of Texas, Austin on Nov. 1
   D. UT Arlington on Nov. 15

**2013 Student Activity Conference (SAC) information**

*(note: 2014 SAC information will be posted later in the summer)*

Number Sense Session:
There will be a short summary of the contest followed by a Q&A period for any questions students or coaches might have about the contest. (A handout with information, resources, and helpful hints will
be available for those beginning coaches who need this information.) After the Q&A, the students will take the NEW 10 minute 2013 SAC test then grade it. The remainder of the time will be spent going over the test and discussing any problems from the test.

Mathematics Session:
There will be a short summary of the contest followed by a Q&A period for any questions students or coaches might have about the contest. (A handout with information, resources, and helpful hints will be available for those beginning coaches who need this information.) After the Q&A, the students will take the NEW 20 minute 2013 SAC test then grade it. The remainder of the time will be spent going over the test and discussing any problems from the test.

Special Session:
There will be a short discussion on the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules followed by a discussion and demonstration of a special problem from last year's tests and a discussion about this year’s mathematics contest special emphasis topics: number theory problems and the 7 trapezoidal "means".

Student Activity Conference Notes

It is strongly recommended that you make every effort to attend one of the Student Activity Conferences each Fall. Much of the information, responses to questions, etc. cannot be displayed in a power point or explained on this site.

Information shared at the Student Activity Conferences will be posted at the UIL SAC website after all of the SACs have been completed for this year.

See http://www.uiltexas.org/academics/student-activities/ut-austin

For those of you who were unable to attend one of the conferences this Fall, you can contact me by email and request a copy of the power points used and/or a copy of the SAC test/key following the last SAC on Nov. 9.

Test Discussions

Note: I am writing practice number sense tests for HEXCO in case you are looking for extra tests, 6 in the Fall and 6 in the Spring.

STATE MEET PROOFERS AND GRADERS

Coaches of the regional team champions and the coaches of the regional wild card teams will be needed to proof the state test (while the contestants are testing) and grade the tests.

Note:
You must be a full time employee of the school district.
You must be listed as the team's coach.
You must be willing to stay in the proofing/grading room until all grading is complete.

If you are one of the 20 regional team championship coaches or one of the 5 regional wild card team coaches, you need to email me no later than May 12 with the following information:

Number Sense Contest Regional Team Champion _____ Wild Card Team _____

Name _______________________ School & District ______________________

Classification _____ Region # _______ District # _________

I will _____ will not _____ be able to help proof and grade the test.

I will send you a reply confirming that I received your email. If you do not receive an email back from me then I did not
receive your email. Hence, I will begin a search for a replacement for you beginning May 13. Email me at texasmath@centex.net.

Good Luck! Work Hard! Play Fair! I am off on another tangent...