

## ELEMENTARY ALGEBRA

Monday, June 16, 1913—9.15 a. m. to 12.15 p. m., only

Write at top of first page of answer paper (a) name of school where you have studied, (b) number of weeks and recitations a week in elementary algebra. The minimum time requirement is five recitations a week for a school year.

Answer the first six questions and two of the others. Credit will not be granted unless all operations (except mental ones) necessary to find results are given; simply indicating the operations is not sufficient. Each answer should be reduced to its simplest form.

1 Solve and check or prove  $\frac{x}{3} - \frac{x-3}{3} = 12 - \frac{x+4}{2} - x$

2 Extract the square root of  $4c^4 - 4c^3 + 5c^2 - 2c + 1$

3 Solve  $\begin{cases} x + 2y = a \\ 2x - y = b \end{cases}$

4 Simplify  $\sqrt{\frac{3}{4}} + \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}$ ;  $(\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{2})(2\sqrt{5} + 3\sqrt{2})$

5 In five years A will be twice as old as B; five years ago A was three times as old as B. Find the age of each at the present time.

6 Find the quotient to three terms and the remainder when  $11a^3 - 5a + 12 - 82a^2 + 30a^4$  is divided by  $2a - 4 + 3a^2$

[No partial credit will be granted on the answer to this question.]

7 a What is the dividend which, divided by  $x$ , gives a quotient of  $y$  and a remainder of  $z$ ?

b If  $a$  apples are sold for a dime, how many can be bought for  $c$  cents?

8 Two men, A and B, can dig a trench in 20 days; it would take A 9 days longer to dig it alone than it would B. How long would it take B alone?

9 Find three successive even numbers whose sum is  $\frac{3}{8}$  of the product of the first two.

10 Simplify  $\frac{x^2 - \frac{1}{x}}{x + \frac{1}{x} + 1}$

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