

# North Carolina Science Olympiad — Code Busters

2016-2017

Names of participants: (Please print neatly)

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**Note:** There are useful notes after this page.

## Scoring:

Time to solve first problem in seconds: \_\_\_\_\_

Question	Value	Incorrect letters	Score
Timed	100		
1	100		
2	140		
3	250		
4	300		
5	100		
6	60		
7	160		
8	180		
9	250		
10	100		
11	180		
12	100		
13	125		
14	50		
15	100		
16	400		
17	250		
18	400		
Bonus			
Final Score			

The following tables might be useful during the event.

	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Q</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>U</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Z</b>
<b>A</b>	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
<b>B</b>	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A
<b>C</b>	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B
<b>D</b>	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C
<b>E</b>	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D
<b>F</b>	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E
<b>G</b>	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F
<b>H</b>	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
<b>I</b>	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
<b>J</b>	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
<b>K</b>	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
<b>L</b>	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
<b>M</b>	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
<b>N</b>	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
<b>O</b>	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
<b>P</b>	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
<b>Q</b>	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
<b>R</b>	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q
<b>S</b>	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
<b>T</b>	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S
<b>U</b>	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T
<b>V</b>	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U
<b>W</b>	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V
<b>X</b>	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W
<b>Y</b>	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X
<b>Z</b>	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Q</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>U</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Z</b>
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25

Frequency Table of English letters:

E	12.51%	S	6.54%	C	3.06%	G	1.96%	K	0.67%
T	9.25%	R	6.12%	U	2.71%	W	1.92%	X	0.19%
A	8.04%	H	5.49%	M	2.53%	Y	1.73%	J	0.16%
O	7.60%	L	4.14%	F	2.30%	B	1.54%	Q	0.11%
I	7.26%	D	3.99%	P	2.00%	V	0.99%	Z	0.09%
N	7.09%								

Frequency Table of Spanish letters:

E	14.08%	I	5.98%	M	3.08%	Y	1.09%	Z	0.47%
A	12.16%	L	5.24%	P	2.89%	V	1.05%	Ñ	0.17%
O	9.20%	D	4.67%	B	1.49%	G	1.00%	X	0.14%
S	7.20%	T	4.60%	H	1.18%	F	0.69%	K	0.11%
N	6.83%	U	4.69%	Q	1.11%	J	0.52%	W	0.04%
R	6.41%	C	3.87%						

For the purposes of cryptograms it is customary to treat n and ñ as distinct letters, but a and á are the same letter. Likewise for e and é, and i and í. In other words, all the accent marks get amputated when working with cryptograms. Also, while some older Spanish dictionaries consider ch, ll, and rr, to be their own letters—this has fallen out of modern usage. Accordingly, “burro” is considered as five letters: “b-u-r-r-o” and not as four letters “b-u-rr-o.”







5) [100 Points] Encode the string **WEATHERPERMITTING** using the Affine Cipher with  $a=19$  and  $b=1$ .

W	E	A	T	H	E	R	P	E	R	M	I	T	T	I	N	G

6) [60 Points] You know that a message has been encrypted using the Affine Cipher with an alphabet of 26 characters. You have discovered that the message **XHGUVR** decodes to say **FRIEND**. What are the values of  $a$  and  $b$  in the function  $ax + b$  that were used to encode the message?

$a=$  \_\_\_\_\_  $b=$  \_\_\_\_\_



9) [250 Points] Solve this Spanish Cryptogram about family.

HW ZWILHLW KR SAIA HW IBRLSW, WHVBJWR JAEWR WHEWR, AEOWR  
 MWPWR, ÑKOA RLKIÑOK KR BJW CKOIARW SWJSLAJ.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	Ñ	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
Freq	7	3	1		3			5	5	5	6	5	1		2	4	1		10	4			1	16			1

10) [100 Points] You encountered this message from as you leave the building. What does it say?



Answer: \_\_\_\_\_





13) [125 Points] Using a key of **THEWORDSZ** encode the string **SYNCHRONISING** using the Hill Cipher with a 26 character alphabet. e.g.

$$\begin{pmatrix} T & H & E \\ W & O & R \\ D & S & Z \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 19 & 7 & 4 \\ 22 & 14 & 17 \\ 3 & 18 & 25 \end{pmatrix}$$

S	Y	N	C	H	R	O	N	I	S	I	N	G		

14) [50 Points] Using a code word of **TIME**, encode the following sentence using the Vigenère cipher.

L	I	F	E	I	S	S	H	O	R	T	A	N	D

S	O	I	S	M	O	N	E	Y



