

North Carolina Science Olympiad — Code Busters State Test

2018

Names of participants: (Please print neatly)

School Name: _____

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Note: There are useful notes after this page.

Scoring:

Time to solve first problem: _____ (use to calculate Bonus below)

Question	Value	Incorrect letters	Deduction	Score
Timed	100			
1	120			
2	100			
3	75			
4	300			
5	120			
6	140			
7	350			
8	120			
9	125			
10	50			
11	100			
12	125			
13	300			
14	50			
15	250			
16	150			
17	350			
18	60			
19	120			
Bonus				
Final Score				

The following tables might be useful during the event.

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

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
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

AAAAA	A
AAAAB	B
AAABA	C
AAABB	D
AABAA	E
AABAB	F
AABBA	G
AABBB	H
ABAAA	I/J
ABAAB	K
ABABA	L
ABABB	M

ABBAA	N
ABBAB	O
ABBBA	P
ABBBB	Q
BAAAA	R
BAAAB	S
BAABA	T
BAABB	U/V
BABAA	W
BABAB	X
BABBA	Y
BABBB	Z

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.”

Famous Phrases

Gettysburg address:

FOUR SCORE AND SEVEN YEARS AGO OUR FATHERS BROUGHT FORTH ON THIS CONTINENT, A NEW NATION, CONCEIVED IN LIBERTY, AND DEDICATED TO THE PROPOSITION THAT ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL.

Declaration of Independence:

WHEN IN THE COURSE OF HUMAN EVENTS IT BECOMES NECESSARY FOR ONE PEOPLE TO DISSOLVE THE POLITICAL BANDS WHICH HAVE CONNECTED THEM WITH ANOTHER AND TO ASSUME AMONG THE POWERS OF THE EARTH, THE SEPARATE AND EQUAL STATION TO WHICH THE LAWS OF NATURE AND OF NATURE'S GOD ENTITLE THEM, A DECENT RESPECT TO THE OPINIONS OF MANKIND REQUIRES THAT THEY SHOULD DECLARE THE CAUSES WHICH IMPEL THEM TO THE SEPARATION.

Constitution of United States of America:

WE THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, IN ORDER TO FORM A MORE PERFECT UNION, ESTABLISH JUSTICE, INSURE DOMESTIC TRANQUILITY, PROVIDE FOR THE COMMON DEFENSE, PROMOTE THE GENERAL WELFARE, AND SECURE THE BLESSINGS OF LIBERTY TO OURSELVES AND OUR POSTERITY, DO ORDAIN AND ESTABLISH THIS CONSTITUTION FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

MAGNA CARTA (In Latin):

JOHANNES DEI GRACIA REX ANGLIE, DOMINUS HIBERNIE, DUX NORMANNIE, AQUITANNIE ET COMES ANDEGAVIE, ARCHIEPISCOPI, EPISCOPI, ABBATIBUS, COMITIBUS, BARONIBUS, JUSTICIARIIS, FORESTARIIS, VICECOMITIBUS, PREPOSITIS, MINISTRIS ET OMNIBUS BALLIVIS ET FIDELIBUS SUIS SALUTEM.

1) [120 Points] Solve this Aristocrat which is a quote from John W. Gardner and starts with **WE ARE**.

HP EKP FGXBYXCEWR DEFN HYBV E JPKYPJ GD LKPEB

GSSGKBCXYBYPJ ZKYWWYEXBWR NYJLCYJPN EJ YXJGWCZWP

SKGZWPTJ

	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
Frequency		6	4	2	7	2	6	2		8	6	2		3		10		2	3	1		1	8	5	10	3
Replacement																										

2) [100 Points] William Arthur Ward once said this about what to look for. It has been encoded using the Vigenère cipher using a very common five letter word. You have been told that the 13th through the 20th letters in the code (**AMKHSIJ**) actually is the word **DISCOVER**. What does the message decode to?

B	P	B	R	O

J	A	B	I	C

Y	W	A	M	K

H	W	S	I	J

Y	P	B	F	W

X	B	F	R	G

Y	P	B	V	K

B	M	P	S	E

J	P	L	A	T

W	Q	K	K	G

Z	B	Q	L	W

G	M	P	X	A

S	W	R	V	K

J	T	S	I	K

7) [350 Points] Solve this K1 Key encoded Patristocrat which is a quote by Isaac Asimov and starts with the word **FACTS**.

RLJAZ LMILS ILXWR QMNJU ZLOHA NVQIM NANZW OKFLZ

BJJIZ ZRBKA SIWMF ASLAJ LOJWO CIMAA SISIL XNOAW

LZALA IKFVL OZNWO

K1	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
Frequency	11	2	1			3		1	9	6	3	12	5	6	7		2	3	5		1	2	6	2		8
Replacement																										

8) [120 Points] The following quote from Ahmed Zewail has been encoded using a running key cipher against a famous document. What does it say?

R	B	C	E	F	G	M	F	J	M	V	Y	T	I	G	V	C	V	I	A	U	P	G	E	Q	S	Q	O	Z	L

P	O	J	P	W	T	M	K	L	-	L	V	L	P	B	A	F	V	E	E	N	E	K	L	I	I

C	V	O	E	F	G	Q	R	K	B	P	H	T	I	X	U	G	X	V	K	.

18) [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 **UDMMSV** decodes to say **PUZZLE**. What are the values of a and b in the function $ax + b$ that were used to encode the message?

$a =$ $b =$

19) [120 Points] The following strange headlines appeared in the newspaper but in reality, they are a Baconian encoded message from Henry Petroski where some letters encode as one character and the others as another in a pattern. You know that the message starts out as **ASENGINE**. What does the message decode to?

Answer: _____

As his loyal guest he was sorry if you spent today, my day, lying round.

Enemy ocean worth zilch.

Do not guess badly.

He did claim he put amply known trend by the ocean beach.

He was by its newly clear round glass.

Known: if you speak mercy, lucky trend on two super giant teeth.

Happy! My day, know a baker in who empty bread with a brown shape he put.

Below lucky album label whose quiet voice links panel

In old lives bring quilt.