

MATHEMATICS ENRICHMENT CLUB.<sup>1</sup>  
Problem Sheet 15, September 3, 2012

1. In how many ways can we change \$10 into 50 cent and 20 cent coins, with at least one of each coin being used.

2. If  $x = \frac{q}{1+p} - \frac{p}{1+p} - \frac{p}{2}$  find the exact value of  $x^4 - 2x^2$ .

3. A quadrilateral in which a circle can be drawn which touches each of the four faces is called a *circumscribable quadrilateral*. If  $r$  is the radius of the circle and  $s$  is half the perimeter of the quadrilateral, prove that the area of the quadrilateral is  $rs$ .

4. Use the fact that  $2xy = (x+y)^2 - x^2 - y^2$  to show that

$$2(b-c)(c-a) + 2(c-a)(a-b) + 2(a-b)(b-c) = 0$$

for all real numbers  $a; b; c$ .

5. (a) Find all positive integers  $a; b; c$  such that  $\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}$  is as large as possible but less than  $\frac{1}{2}$ :

(b)

2. Prove by induction that the sum to  $k$  terms of

$$1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + 7^2 + \dots$$

equals  $8n^2$  when  $k = 2n$  and  $8n^2 + 8n + 1$  when  $k = 2n + 1$ .

3. In  $\triangle ABC$  prove that  $b^2(\cot A + \cot B) = c^2(\cot A + \cot C)$ . (Hint: You might begin by considering the area of the triangle in two different ways.)