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PUTNAM
Mathematical Competition

Important Deadlines & Information

Sept. 1, 2022	Online registration opens.
Sept. 26, 2022	Online registration for participants begins, but participants can register only after their supervisor from their institution has registered.
Nov. 15, 2022	Online registration for supervisors ends. Participants may continue to register right up until competition time.
Dec. 3, 2022	The 83 rd William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition
Dec. 7, 2022	Final day to upload solutions to the Putnam online platform.

The Putnam Competition consists of an A session and a B session that both take place on Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022. Competition times are based on time zone and listed in the chart below.

Time Zone	A Session	B Session
Atlantic	10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Eastern	10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Central	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Mountain	8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Pacific	8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Alaska/Hawaii	8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

- Supervisors register at our new Putnam online platform at maa.org/putnam. Only after a supervisor registers on behalf of an institution is the competition available to students at that institution. Supervisor registration opens Sept. 1 and closes Nov. 15. It is recommended that supervisors register as soon as possible after Sept. 1. Supervisors will receive a confirmation email notifying that their registration has been approved and that their students can register themselves.
- Participants register on maa.org/putnam, but only after the supervisor from their institution registers and is approved. There is no deadline for participant registration, but students will have to register online before the exam begins on Dec. 3 in order to receive their Putnam Identification Number (PIN).
- On Dec. 2, supervisors will be able to download the official competition problems. Supervisors will print the one-page sheet of problems—there is one for each session—for each participant. It is critical that this printing and duplicating be done in a secure environment. The problem sheets must be placed immediately into envelopes, with session A problems in a separate envelope from session B problems, and kept in a secure location.
- New this year: Supervisors will also download and print many copies of Putnam solution paper, on which students write all their solutions. This will be available at maa.org/putnam by Nov. 15.
- Supervisors proctor the exam according to the schedule above. Sessions last exactly three hours. Supervisors arrange for a room that is free from noise and disturbances, and they (or their responsible designee) must be present for the entire duration of each session. Supervisors provide an adequate supply of Putnam solutions paper on which the students write their solutions and blank paper on which the students can do scratch work. Books, calculators, computers, rulers, and compasses are not permitted. Cellphones must be turned off.
- Participants work independently on the problems. They supply their own pencils or pens (with blue or black ink). The only other thing that they will need to bring is their PIN.

- Participants complete the header portion of each page they want to submit for grading. This consists of their PIN, the problem number (letter A or B followed by a number from 1 to 6), and the page number in the format from 1 to n, where n is the number of pages for the solution to that problem. For example:

PIN 123456

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- When time is called, participants hand in their solution papers to their supervisors.
- Supervisors scan the submitted solutions to generate pdf documents that include all the solutions from all the students at their institution. This can be done with the assistance of office staff of Dec. 5 or 6. Instructions for uploading the scanned images are forthcoming. The deadline for the upload is Dec. 7. Supervisors keep the original solutions on paper in a secure location for at least two months.
- Supervisors are expected to confirm the eligibility of each participant whose solutions they submit. By uploading a solution, the supervisor is confirming that the student is eligible to participate. The Putnam Competition is open only to registered undergraduate students who have not yet received a college degree. No student may participate in the competition more than four times (not counting the unofficial competition in February 2021).