

## Solutions

1.  $\boxed{47}$ .
2. Multiply all terms by  $4ab$  to yield the equation  $ab - 4a - b = 0$ . Then, use Simon's favorite factoring trick to yield the equation  $16 = (a - 4)(b - 4)$ . Since 16 has 3 pairs of factors (1&16, 2&8, 4&4), there are  $\boxed{5}$  such ordered pairs.
3. This is equivalent to the condition  $a \equiv -1 \pmod{60}$ . Since  $60 \times 33 = 1980$ , and  $2019 - 1980 = 39 < 59$ , there are  $\boxed{33}$  such numbers.
4. Since the sum of coefficients equal to 2019,  $P(1) = 2019$ ,  $P(-1) = -2019$ ,  $P(0) = 0$ . Set  $P(x) = Q(x)(x^3 - x) + ax^2 + bx + c$ . Then  $P(1) = a + b + c = 2019$ ,  $P(-1) = a - b + c = -2019$ ,  $P(0) = c = 0$ . Hence  $a = 0$ ,  $b = 2019$ , and so the remainder is  $2019x$ . Thus, the answer is  $\boxed{2019}$ .
5. The relation  $(X + 1)P(X) = (X - 10)P(X + 1)$  shows that  $P(x)$  is divisible by  $(x-10)$ . Shifting the variable, we get  $xP(x - 1) = (x - 11)P(x)$ , which shows that  $P(x)$  is also divisible by  $x$ . Hence  $P(x) = x(x - 10)P_1(x)$  for some polynomial  $P_1(x)$ . Substituting in the original equation and canceling common factors, we find that  $P_1(x)$  satisfies

$$xP_1(x) = (x - 9)P_1(x + 1)$$

. Arguing as before, we find that  $P_1(x) = (x - 1)(x - 9)P_2(x)$ . Repeating the argument, we eventually see that  $P(x) = x(x - 1)(x - 1) \dots (x - 10)Q(x)$ , where  $Q(x)$  satisfies  $Q(x) = Q(x + 1)$ , which means that  $Q(x)$  is constant. Thus,  $P(x) = ax(x - 1)(x - 1) \dots (x - 10)$ , but since the leading coefficient=1,  $P(x) = x(x - 1)(x - 1) \dots (x - 10)$ .  $P(5) = \boxed{0}$ .

6. Using a complex number approach: note that  $1 + i = \sqrt{2}(\cos(\pi/4) + i \sin(\pi/4))$ . From de Moivre's formula, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (1 + i)^{1000} &= (\sqrt{2})^{1000}(\cos(1000 * \pi/4) + i \sin(1000 * \pi/4)) \\ &= 2^{500}(\cos(250\pi) + i \sin(250\pi)) = 2^{500} \end{aligned}$$

Using binomial expansion,  $(1 + i)^{1000} = \binom{1000}{0} + \binom{1000}{1}i + \binom{1000}{2}i^2 + \dots + \binom{1000}{1000}i^{1000}$  So by looking at the real and imaginary parts.  $\binom{1000}{0} - \binom{1000}{2} + \binom{1000}{4} - \dots + \binom{1000}{1000} = 2^{500}$ . Thus  $A = \boxed{500}$ .

7. Using Viète's relations we obtain the system

$$\begin{aligned} a + b &= \frac{b}{a} \\ ab &= \frac{c}{a} \\ b^2 - 4ac &= c \end{aligned}$$

write this as

$$\begin{aligned} a^2 + ab &= b \\ a^2b &= c \\ b^2 - 4ac &= c \end{aligned}$$

Eliminating  $c$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} a^2 + ab &= b \\ b^2 - 4a^3b &= a^2b \end{aligned}$$

The first equation shows that  $b \neq 0$ , so the second can be divided by  $b$ , yielding  $b - 4a^3 = a^2$  or  $b = 4a^3 + a^2$ . Canceling  $a^2$  we  $4a = 3$ , so  $a = \frac{3}{4}$ . Then  $b = \frac{9}{4}$  and  $c = \frac{81}{64}$ . Thus  $\frac{4c}{ab} = \boxed{3}$ .

8. Using the identity  $a^3 + b^3 = (a+b)(a^2 - ab + b^2)$  and pairing  $x^3$  with  $(x+3)^3$  and  $(x+1)^3$  with  $(x+2)^2$ , we get

$$(2x+3)(x^2 - x(x+3) + (x+3)^2) + (2x+3)((x+1)^2 - (x+1)(x+2) + (x+2)^2)$$

which reduces to

$$2(2x+3)(x^2 + 3x + 6) = 0$$

The quadratic  $x^2 + 3x + 6 = (x + 3/2)^2 + \frac{15}{4}$ , so it is strictly positive. The only way the equation is satisfied is when  $2x + 3 = 0$ , or  $x = -\frac{3}{2}$ . Thus,  $\boxed{5}$ .

9. Transform  $P(x) = (1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots + x^{17})^2 - x^{17}$  using geometric series formula, yielding

$$\begin{aligned} P(x) &= \left(\frac{x^{18} - 1}{x - 1}\right)^2 - x^{17} = \frac{x^{36} - 2x^{18} + 1}{x^2 - 2x + 1} - x^{17} \\ &= \frac{x^{36} - x^{19} - x^{17} + 1}{(x - 1)^2} = \frac{(x^{19} - 1)(x^{17} - 1)}{(x - 1)^2} \end{aligned}$$

This equation has as roots all of 17th and 19th roots of unity, excluding 1. Hence we want to find the smallest fraction of the form  $\frac{m}{19}$  or  $\frac{n}{17}$  for  $m, n > 0$ . We find:  $\frac{1}{19}, \frac{2}{19}, \frac{3}{19}, \frac{1}{17}, \frac{2}{17}$ , yielding  $\frac{1}{19} + \frac{2}{19} + \frac{3}{19} + \frac{1}{17} + \frac{2}{17} = \frac{6}{19} + \frac{3}{17} = \frac{159}{323}$ . Thus,  $\alpha + \beta = 159 + 323 = \boxed{482}$ .

10. Recall Heron's formula for area of a triangle with sides a,b,c:

$$A = \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{(a+b+c)(a+b-c)(b+c-a)(c+a-b)}$$

From Vieta's, we know that  $a + b + c = 4$ , so  $a + b - c = 4 - 2c$  and analogue for  $a$  and  $b$ . Therefore, the area is

$$A = \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{4(4-2a)(4-2b)(4-2c)}$$

Furthermore,

$$(4-2a)(4-2b)(4-2c) = 8(-4(a+b+c) + 2(ab+bc+ac) - abc + 8)$$

By Vieta's,

$$ab + bc + ac = 5, abc = 19/10$$

Thus the area is

$$A = \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{4 * 8(-16 + 10 - \frac{19}{10} + 8)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$$

In simplest radical form, we have the fraction  $\sqrt{5}/5$ , thus the answer is 10.