

# HISTORY OF MATHEMATICS ON THE WEB SCAVENGER HUNT QUIZ

\*\*(Answers are underlined)

1. What was the cause of the death of Evariste Galois?

- A. killed in a war   B. killed in a fire   C. killed in a duel   D. killed in an auto accident

2. Adrian Rice has written in *Historia Mathematica* about:

- A. The London Mathematical Society  
B. The Brazilian Mathematical Society  
C. The Mathematics of Ancient Egypt  
D. The Mathematics of Macedonia

3. On the stamp that was issued by Switzerland on the 300th anniversary of the birth of Leonard Euler, Apr. 15, 2007, the formula is " $e - k + f = ?$ "

- A. 1          B. 0          C. -1          D. 2

4. The earliest known use the of equals symbol (=) is by Robert Recorde in what year?

- A. 1409          B. 1452          C. 1508          D. 1557

5. Descartes wrote a monograph entitled:

- A. *Essai d'une théorie générale des formes algébriques*  
B. *La géométrie*  
C. *Mémoire sur les équations résolubles algébriquement*  
D. *Principes de géométrie analytique*

6. Who said, "Mathematics consists of proving the most obvious thing in the least obvious way."?

- A. George Polya  
B. James Cabellero  
C. Paul Halmos  
D. Charles Darwin