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QUIZ 2  
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**Problem 1.** Suppose an arbitrary triangle has interior angles  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$ . Show that

$$\sin \frac{\alpha}{2} \sin \frac{\beta}{2} \sin \frac{\gamma}{2} \leq \frac{1}{4}.$$

**Problem 2.** The area  $A$  and an angle  $\theta$  of a triangle are given. Determine the lengths of the sides  $a$  and  $b$  so that the side opposite  $\theta$  is as short as possible.

**Problem 3.** A convex octagon inscribed in a circle has 4 consecutive sides of length 3 units and 4 consecutive sides of length 2 units. Find its area. Express your answer in the form  $r + s\sqrt{t}$  where  $r, s, t$  are natural numbers.