

Probability Assignment

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Abstract—This document contains the solution to Question 21 of Exercise 1 in Chapter 15 of the class 10 NCERT textbook.

- 1) A lot consists of 144 ball pens of which 20 are defective and the others are good. Nuri will buy a pen if it is good, but will not buy if it is defective. The shopkeeper draws one pen at random and gives it to her. What is the probability that
- She will buy it?
 - She will not buy it?

Solution: We can model this situation using the random variable $X \sim \text{Ber}(p)$, where p is the probability of success, *i.e.* the pen is purchased. From the given data,

$$1 - p = \frac{20}{144} \implies p = \frac{67}{72} \quad (1)$$

- a) Probability that the pen is purchased is

$$\Pr(X = 1) = p = \frac{67}{72} \quad (2)$$

- b) Probability that the pen is not purchased is

$$\Pr(X = 0) = 1 - p = \frac{5}{72} \quad (3)$$