

Question:1

A coin is tossed 1000 times with the following frequencies:

Head: 445, Tail: 555

When a coin is tossed at random, what is the probability of getting *i* a head? *ii* a tail?

Solution:

Total number of times a coin is tossed = 1000

Number of times a head comes up = 445

Number of times a tail comes up = 555

$$i \text{ Probability of getting a head} = \frac{\text{Number of heads}}{\text{Total no. of trials}} = \frac{445}{1000} = 0.445$$

$$ii \text{ Probability of getting a tail} = \frac{\text{Number of tails}}{\text{Total no. of trials}} = \frac{555}{1000} = 0.555$$

Question:2

A die is thrown 100 times and outcomes are noted as given below:

Outcome:	1	2	3	4	5	6
Frequency:	21	9	14	23	18	15

If a die is thrown at random, find the probability of getting *a/an*.

i 3

ii 5

iii 4

iv Even number

v Odd number

vi Number less than 3.

Solution:

Total number of trials = 100

Number of times "1" comes up = 21

Number of times "2" comes up = 9

Number of times "3" comes up = 14

Number of times "4" comes up = 23

Number of times "5" comes up = 18

Number of times "6" comes up = 15

i Probability of getting 3

$$= \frac{\text{frequency of 3}}{\text{Total no. of trails}} = \frac{14}{100} = 0.14$$

ii Probability of getting 5

$$= \frac{\text{frequency of 5}}{\text{Total no. of trails}} = \frac{18}{100} = 0.18$$

iii Probability of getting 4

$$= \frac{\text{frequency of 4}}{\text{Total no. of trails}} = \frac{23}{100} = 0.23$$

iv Frequency of getting an even no. = Frequency of 2 + Frequency of 4 + Frequency of 6 = 9 + 23 + 15 = 47

$$\text{Probability of getting an even no.} = \frac{\text{frequency of even no.}}{\text{Total no. of trails}} = \frac{47}{100} = 0.47$$

v Frequency of getting an odd no. = Frequency of 1 + Frequency of 3 + Frequency of 5 = 21 + 14 + 18 = 53

$$\text{Probability of getting an odd no.} = \frac{\text{frequency of odd no.}}{\text{Total no. of trails}} = \frac{53}{100} = 0.53$$

vi Frequency of getting a no. less than 3 = Frequency of 1 + Frequency of 2 = 21 + 9 = 30

Probability of getting a no. less than 3

$$= \frac{\text{frequency of no. less than 3}}{\text{Total no. of trails}} = \frac{30}{100} = 0.30$$

Question:3

A box contains two pair of socks of two colours *black and white*. I have picked out a white sock. I pick out one more with my eyes closed. What is the probability that I will make a pair?

Solution:

No. of socks in the box = 4

Let B and W denote black and white socks respectively.

Then we have:

$$S = \{B, B, W, W\}$$

If a white sock is picked out, then the total no. of socks left in the box = 3

No. of white socks left = 2 - 1 = 1

Probability of getting a white sock

$$= \frac{\text{Number of white socks left in the box}}{\text{Total no. of socks left in the box}} = \frac{1}{3}$$

Question:4

Two coins are tossed simultaneously 500 times and the outcomes are noted as given below:

Outcome:	Two heads HH	One head $HT \text{ or } TH$	No head TT
Frequency:	105	275	120

If same pair of coins is tossed at random, find the probability of getting *i* Two heads *ii* One head *iii* No head.

Solution:

Number of trials = 500

Number of outcomes of two heads $HH = 105$

Number of outcomes of one head $HT \text{ or } TH = 275$

Number of outcomes of no head $TT = 120$

$$i \text{ Probability of getting two heads} = \frac{\text{frequency of getting 2 heads}}{\text{Total number of trials}} = \frac{105}{500} = \frac{21}{100}$$

$$ii \text{ Probability of getting one head} = \frac{\text{frequency of getting 1 head}}{\text{Total number of trials}} = \frac{275}{500} = \frac{11}{20}$$

$$iii \text{ Probability of getting no head} = \frac{\text{frequency of getting no head}}{\text{Total number of trials}} = \frac{120}{500} = \frac{6}{25}$$

Question:5

An unbiased coin is tossed once, the probability of getting head is

$$a \frac{1}{2} \qquad b \ 1 \qquad c \ \frac{1}{3} \qquad d \ \frac{1}{4}$$

Solution:

Tossing a coin, either we get a head H or a tail T . So, the probability of getting a head is $\frac{1}{2}$.

Hence, the correct option is a .

Question:6

There are 10 cards numbered from 1 to 10. A card is drawn randomly. The probability of getting an even numbered card is

$$a \ \frac{1}{10} \qquad b \ \frac{1}{5} \qquad c \ \frac{1}{2} \qquad d \ \frac{2}{5}$$

Solution:

The number on the cards are 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.

The even numbers on the cards are 2, 4, 6, 8, 10.

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \text{Probability of getting an even numbered card} &= \frac{\text{Number of even numbered card}}{\text{Number of cards with numbers from 1 to 10}} \\ &= \frac{5}{10} = \frac{1}{2}\end{aligned}$$

Hence, the correct option is *c*.

Question:7

A dice is rolled. The probability of getting an even prime is

$$a \frac{1}{6} \qquad b \frac{1}{3} \qquad c \frac{1}{2} \qquad d \frac{5}{6}$$

Solution:

The possible numbers on a dice are 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

There is only one even prime number which is 2.

$$\therefore \text{Probability of getting an even prime} = \frac{\text{Number of even prime numbers}}{\text{Number of all possible outcomes on the dice}} = \frac{1}{6}$$

Hence, the correct option is *a*.

Question:8

There are 100 cards numbered from 1 to 100 in a box. If a card is drawn from the box and the probability of an event is $\frac{1}{2}$, then the number of favourable cases to the event is

$$a \ 20 \qquad b \ 25 \qquad c \ 40 \qquad d \ 50$$

Solution:

$$\text{Here, } \frac{50}{100} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

So, if the the probability of an event is $\frac{1}{2}$, then the number of favourable cases has to be 50.

Hence, the correct option is *d*.

Question:9

When a dice is thrown, the total number of possible outcomes is

$$a \ 6 \qquad b \ 1 \qquad c \ 3 \qquad d \ 4$$

Solution:

The number on the faces of a dice are 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6.

\therefore Number of possible outcomes = 6

Hence, the correct option is *a*.

Question:10

There are 10 marbles in a box which are marked with the distinct numbers from 1 to 10. A marble is drawn randomly. The probability of getting prime numbered marble is

a $\frac{1}{2}$ *b* $\frac{2}{5}$ *c* $\frac{9}{3}$ *d* $\frac{3}{10}$

Solution:

The numbers marked on the marbles are 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10.

Here, the prime numbers *favourable outcomes* are 2, 3, 5, and 7.

∴ Number of favourable outcomes = 4

Therefore

Probability of getting prime numbered marble = $\frac{4}{10} = \frac{2}{5}$

Hence, the correct option is *b*.

Question:11

The probability of getting a red card from a well shuffled pack of cards is

a $\frac{1}{4}$ *b* $\frac{1}{2}$ *c* $\frac{3}{4}$ *d* $\frac{1}{3}$

Solution:

There are 52 cards in a standard deck. There are four different suits Diamonds *red*, Clubs *black*, Hearts *red*, and Spades *black* each containing 13 cards.

∴ Number of red cards *favourable outcomes* = 13 + 13 = 26

Therefore

Probability of getting a red card = $\frac{26}{52} = \frac{1}{2}$

Hence, the correct option is *b*.

Question:12

A coin is tossed 100 times and head is obtained 59 times. The probability of getting a tail is

a $\frac{59}{100}$ *b* $\frac{41}{100}$ *c* $\frac{29}{100}$ *d* $\frac{43}{100}$

Solution:

Number of all possible outcomes = 100

Number of head obtained = 59

Number of tail obtained *favourable outcomes* = 100 – 59 = 41

Therefore

Probability of getting a tail = $\frac{41}{100}$

Hence, the correct option is *b*.

Question:13

A dice is tossed 80 times and number 5 is obtained 14 times. The probability of not getting the number 5 is

- a* $\frac{7}{40}$ *b* $\frac{7}{80}$ *c* $\frac{33}{40}$ *d* None of these

Solution:

Probability of getting 5 = $\frac{14}{80} = \frac{7}{40}$

Therefore

Probability of not getting 5 = $1 - \frac{7}{40} = \frac{33}{40}$

Hence, the correct option is *c*.

Question:14

A bag contains 4 green balls, 4 red balls and 2 blue balls. If a ball is drawn from the bag, the probability of getting neither green nor red ball is

- a* $\frac{2}{5}$ *b* $\frac{1}{2}$ *c* $\frac{4}{5}$ *d* $\frac{1}{5}$

Solution:

The probability of getting neither green nor red ball is equal to the probability of getting blue balls.

Number of blue balls = 2

Total number of balls = $4 + 4 + 2 = 10$

Therefore

Probability of getting neither green nor red ball = $\frac{2}{10} = \frac{1}{5}$

Hence, the correct option is *d*.