## COVENTRY UNIVERSITY School of Computing, Electronics and Mathematics

**5005CEM** 

## Probability Problem Sheet 1a

Week 5

- 1 Of the students at a certain university, 60% think their courses are challenging (C), 35%think their courses are fun (F), while 15% think their courses are neither challenging nor fun. What is the probability a randomly selected student will think their courses are:
  - (a) challenging or fun, or both,
  - (b) challenging and fun,
  - (c) fun but not challenging,
  - (d) challenging or fun but not both?

Draw a Venn diagram to summarise your findings.

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- 2 The records at a rural medical centre show that 40% of all children treated there are irondeficient (A), 15% have chronic ear-nose-throat infections (B), while 55% have neither of these two conditions. What is the probability that an untreated child will:
  - (a) have one or other of the conditions or both;
  - (b) have both conditions;
  - (c) be iron-deficient (anaemic) but not suffer an ear-nose-throat infection;
  - (d) have one condition or the other but not both.

Draw a Venn diagram to summarise your findings.

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3 Given

$$P(A) = 0.35$$
  $P(B) = 0.45$   $P(A \cap B) = 0.25$ 

find

(a)  $P(A \cup B)$  (b)  $P(\overline{A})$  (c)  $P(\overline{A \cup B})$  (d)  $P(\overline{A \cap B})$ 

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- 4 A standard pack of 52 cards is shuffled (so that each card has an equal probability of being drawn) and a card is selected. Find the probability that the card is:
- (a) a black queen (b) a 7, 8, or 9 (c) a red card

- (d) a black ace or a red queen

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- **5** In which of the following are events A and B mutually exclusive? In the cases where the events are not mutually exclusive, list the outcomes in  $A \cap B$ .
  - (a) Toss a coin twice. A is the event of a head on the first toss, and B is the event of a head on the second toss.
  - (b) Roll two dice. A is the event of a sum of 7, B is the event of a double (same value on both dice).
  - (c) Roll two dice. A is the event of a 2 on at least one of the dice. B is the event of a 3 on one of the dice.
  - (d) Draw five cards from a deck of cards. A is the event of drawing at least one spade. B is the event of drawing no aces.

## Challenge Problem

**6** For two events A and B, suppose P(A) = P(B) = 0.6. State whether A and B are mutually exclusive or not, and justify your answer.

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