## Subject: Engineering Mathematics Chapter: Probability

## Topic : Addition theorem, Independent events, Conditional Probability

- 1. A box contains 5 black balls and 3 red balls. A total of three balls are picked from the box one after another, without replacing them back. The probability of getting two black balls and one red ball is
  - (a) 3/8
- (b) 2/15
- (c) 15/28
- (d) 1/2
- **2.** Seven car accidents occurred in a week, what is the probability that they all occurred on the same day?
  - (a)  $1/7^7$
- (b)  $1/7^6$
- (c)  $1/2^7$
- (d) None
- **3.** From a pack of regular playing cards, two cards are drawn at random. What is the probability that both cards will be kings, if first card is NOT replaced?
  - (a) 1/26
- (b) 1/52
- (c) 1/169
- (d) 1/221
- 4. A box contains 10 screws, 3 of which are defective. Two screws are drawn at random with replacement. The probability that none of the two screws will be defective
  - (a) 100%
- (b) 50%
- (c) 49%
- (d) None of these
- 5. A box contains 5 black and 5 red balls. Two balls are randomly picked one after another from the box, without replacement. The probability for both balls being red is
  - (a) 1/90
- (b) 1/2
- (c) 19/90
- (d) 2/9

- **6.** A fair unbiased coin was tossed in succession 4 times and resulted in following outcomes
  - (i) Head
  - (ii) Head
  - (iii) Head
  - (iv) Head.

The probability of obtaining a tail when the coins is tossed again is

- (a) 0
- (b) 1/2
- (c) 4/5
- (d) 1/3
- 7. Consider two events  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  such that  $P(E_1) = 1/2$ ,  $P(E_2) = 1/3$  and  $P(E_1 \cap E_2) = 1/5$ . Which of the following statements is true?
  - (a)  $P(E_1 \cup E_2) = 2/3$
  - (b)  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are independent
  - (c)  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are not independent
  - (d)  $P(E_1/E_2) = 4/5$
- **8.**  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are events in a probability space satisfying the following constraints  $P(E_1) = P(E_2)$ ;  $P(E_1 \cup E_2) = 1$ ;  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are independent then  $P(E_1) = 1$ 
  - (a) 0
- (b) 1/4
- (c) 1/2
- (d) 1
- **9.** If P and Q are two random events, then the following is TRUE
  - (a) Independence of P and Q implies that probability  $(P \cap Q) = 0$
  - (b) Probability  $(P \cup Q) > Probability (P) + Probability (Q)$
  - (c) If P and Q are mutually exclusive, then they must be independent
  - (d) Probability  $(P \cap Q) < Probability (P)$
- **10.** A box contains 20 defective items and 80 non-defective items. If two items are selected at random without replacement, what will be the probability that both items are defective?
  - (a) 1/5
- (b) 1/25
- (c) 20/99
- (d) 19/495

## **Answer Key**

1. (c)

**2. (b)** 

3. (d)

4. (c)

**5.** (d)

**6. (b)** 

7. (c)

8. (d)

9. (d)

**10.** (d)





