

Problem Statement 1:

A test is conducted which is consisting of 20 MCQs (multiple choices questions) with every MCQ having its four options out of which only one is correct. Determine the probability that a person undertaking that test has answered exactly 5 questions wrong.

ANSWER:

$$C(n, k) = n! / (k!(n-k)!)$$

$$\text{Here, } n = 20, n - k = 5, k = 20 - 5 = 15$$

Here the probability of success = probability of giving a right answer = $s = 1/4$

Hence, the probability of failure = probability of giving a wrong answer = $1 - s$
 $= 1 - 1/4 = 3/4$

When we substitute these values in the formula for Binomial distribution we get,

$$\text{So, } P(\text{exactly 5 out of 20 answers incorrect}) = C(20, 5) * (1/4)^{15} * (3/4)^5$$

$$P(5 \text{ out of } 20) = (20*19*18*17*16) / (5*4*3*2*1) * (1/4)^{15} * (3/4)^5$$

$$= 0.0000034 \text{ (approximately)}$$

Probability is **0.0000034** approximately.

Problem Statement 2:

A die marked A to E is rolled 50 times. Find the probability of getting a “D” exactly 5 times.

ANSWER:

$$\text{Here, } n = 50, k = 5, n - k = 45.$$

The probability of success = probability of getting a “D” = $s = 1/5$

Hence, the probability of failure = probability of not getting a “D” = $1 - s = 4/5$.

Problem Statement 3:

Two balls are drawn at random in succession without replacement from an urn containing 4 red balls and 6 black balls.

ANSWER:

Total Outcomes= $6+4 = 10$

probability of getting **red** ball= $4/10=2/5$

probability of getting **black** ball = $6/10 = 3/5$