

### 1.3.6 PYQs:-

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GATE-2017: P and Q are considering to apply for job. The probability that P applies for job is  $\frac{1}{4}$ . The probability that Q applies for job given that P applies for job is  $\frac{1}{3}$ . The probability that P does not apply for job given Q does not apply for job.

(A)  $4/9$  (B)  $5/6$  (C)  $4/3$  (D)  $11/12$

$$\Rightarrow P(P) = \frac{1}{4}$$
$$P(Q|P) = \frac{1}{3}$$

To find  $P(\bar{P}|\bar{Q})$ ?

$$P(P|Q) = \frac{P(P \cap Q)}{P(Q)}$$

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$$\therefore P(Q) = \frac{1/12}{1/2} = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$P(\overline{P \cup Q}) = P(\overline{P} \cap \overline{Q})$$

$$P(P \cup Q) = P(P) + P(Q) - P(P \cap Q)$$

$$= 2/4 + 2/6 - 2/12$$

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$$= 4/12 = 1/3$$

$$P(\overline{P \cup Q}) = 1 - 1/3 = \underline{2/3}$$

$$\therefore P(\overline{Q}) = 1 - P(Q) = 1 - 2/6 = \underline{5/6}$$

$$P(\overline{P} | \overline{Q}) = \frac{P(\overline{P} \cap \overline{Q})}{P(\overline{Q})}$$

$$= \frac{2/3}{5/6} = \underline{4/5}$$

GATE-1999 = Consider two events  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  such that probability of  $E_1$ ,  $P(E_1) = 2/3$ , probability of  $E_2$ ,  $P(E_2) = 1/3$ , and probability of  $E_1$  and  $E_2$ ,  $P(E_1 \cap E_2) = 2/5$ . Which of the following statements are true or false?

(A)  $P(E_1 \cap E_2)$  is  $2/3$

(B) Events  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are independent

(C) Events  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are not independent

(D)  $P(E_1 | E_2) = 4/5$

$$\Rightarrow P(E_1 \cup E_2) = P(E_1) + P(E_2) - P(E_1 \cap E_2)$$

$$= 2/3 + 1/3 - 2/5$$

$$= 3/3 - 2/5 = 25/30 - 12/30 = \underline{13/30}$$

$$P(E_1 \cap E_2) \neq P(E_1) \cdot P(E_2)$$

$$\frac{1}{5} \neq \frac{1}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\frac{1}{5} \neq \frac{1}{6}$$

$$P(E_1|E_2) = \frac{P(E_1 \cap E_2)}{P(E_2)}$$

$$= \frac{1/5}{1/3} = \frac{3}{5}$$

QATE-2021: A box contains 25 blue balls and 45 black balls. If 2 balls are selected randomly, without replacement, the probability of an outcome in which the first selected is blue ball and the second selected is a black ball is \_\_\_\_\_  
(A.)  $3/26$  (B.)  $45/236$  (C.)  $1/4$   
(D.)  $3/4$

→ Total balls = 60

$$\rightarrow P(B) \cdot P(\text{Black}) = \frac{25}{60} \times \frac{45}{59} = \frac{45}{236}$$