

1. Ans: D

Let  $D$  be the event that tested person has the disease and  $E$  the event that the test result is positive. The desired probability is

$$\begin{aligned} P(D|E) &= \frac{P(D \cap E)}{P(E)} \\ &= \frac{P(E|D)P(D)}{P(E|D)P(D) + P(E|D^c)P(D^c)} \\ &= \frac{(0.95)(0.005)}{(0.95)(0.005) + (0.01)(0.995)} \\ &= 0.323 \end{aligned}$$

2. Ans: A

Let  $A$  and  $B$  denote, respectively, the events that the student answer the question correctly and the event that he or she knows the answer. The probability that a student knew the answer to a question, given that he or she answered it correctly is

$$\begin{aligned} P(B|A) &= \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)} \\ &= \frac{P(A|B)P(B)}{P(A|B)P(B) + P(A|B^c)P(B^c)} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{5}(1 - \frac{1}{2})} \\ &= \frac{5}{6} \end{aligned}$$

3. Ans: D

Let  $B$  be the event that coin B was the one flipped. The probability that coin B was the one flipped given that both flips land heads is

$$P(B|HH) = \frac{P(B|H)P(B|H)}{P(B|H)P(B|H) + P(B^c|H)P(B^c|H)} = \frac{(\frac{3}{4})(\frac{3}{4})}{(\frac{3}{4})(\frac{3}{4}) + (\frac{1}{4})(\frac{1}{4})} = \frac{9}{10}$$

4. Ans: B

Let  $X$  denote the largest number selected. Then  $X$  is a random variable taking on one of the values  $3, 4, \dots, 20$ . The number selections that result in the event  $X = x$  is the number selections that result in ball numbered  $x$  and two other balls numbered 1 through  $x - 1$  being chosen. The probability

$$P(X = x) = \frac{\binom{x-1}{2}}{\binom{20}{3}}, \quad x = 3, 4, \dots, 20$$

From this equation,

$$\begin{aligned} P(X = 18) &= \frac{\binom{17}{2}}{\binom{20}{3}} = 0.119 \\ P(X = 19) &= \frac{\binom{18}{2}}{\binom{20}{3}} = 0.134 \\ P(X = 20) &= \frac{\binom{19}{2}}{\binom{20}{3}} = 0.150 \end{aligned}$$

The probability that at least one of the drawn balls has a number as large as or larger than 18 is

$$P(X \geq 18) = 0.119 + 0.134 + 0.150 = 0.403$$

5. Ans: A

Let  $X$  denote the winnings from the experiment, then  $X$  is a random variable taking on the possible values  $0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3$  with respective probabilities

$$P(X = 0) = \frac{\binom{5}{3} + \binom{3}{1} \binom{3}{1} \binom{3}{1}}{\binom{11}{3}} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$P(X = 1) = P(X = -1) = \frac{\binom{3}{1} \binom{5}{2} + \binom{3}{2} \binom{3}{1}}{\binom{11}{3}} = \frac{13}{55}$$

$$P(X = 2) = P(X = -2) = \frac{\binom{3}{2} \binom{5}{1}}{\binom{11}{3}} = \frac{1}{11}$$

$$P(X = 3) = P(X = -3) = \frac{\binom{3}{3}}{\binom{11}{3}} = \frac{1}{165}$$

The probability that we win money is

$$\sum_{i=1}^3 P(X = i) = P(X = 1) + P(X = 2) + P(X = 3) = \frac{55}{165} = \frac{1}{3}$$

6. a) Ans: C

Let  $E$  denote the event of a success on the first  $n$  trials, then the probability of no successes is

$$P(E_1^c)P(E_2^c) \cdots P(E_n^c) = (1 - p)^n$$

The probability of at least 1 success occur in the first  $n$  trials is  $1 - (1 - p)^n$

b) Ans: C

Consider the first  $n$  trials containing 5 successes and 5 failures, the probability is  $p^5(1 - p)^5$ . As there are  $\binom{10}{5}$  such sequences, the desired probability is

$$P(\text{exactly 5 successes in 10 trials}) = \binom{10}{5} (0.4)^5 (0.6)^5 = 0.2$$

7. i) Ans: D

Since  $\sum_{x=0}^{\infty} p(x) = 1$ , we have

$$\sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{c\alpha^x}{x!} = 1$$

$$c \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha^x}{x!} = 1$$

$$ce^{\alpha} = 1$$

$$c = e^{-\alpha}$$

ii) Ans: C

$$\begin{aligned}P(X > 1) &= 1 - P(X \leq 1) \\&= 1 - P(X = 0) - P(X = 1) \\&= 1 - \frac{e^{-\alpha}\alpha^0}{0!} - \frac{e^{-\alpha}\alpha^1}{1!} \\&= 1 - (1 + \alpha)e^{-\alpha}\end{aligned}$$

8. Ans: B

$$P(X = 0) = 0.7 - 0.2 = 0.5$$