Subject: Engineering Mathematics Chapter: Probability & Statistics

Topic: Classification of Events

- **1.** If the probability that *A* and *B* will die within a year are *p* and *q* respectively. Then the probability that only of one of them will be alive at the end of the year is:
 - (a) p+q
- (b) p + q 2pq
- (c) p + q pq
- (d) p + q + pq
- **2.** If A and B each toss three coins. The probability that both get the same number of heads is:
 - (a) 1/9
- (b) 3/16
- (c) 5/16
- (d) 3/8
- 3. If A and B are two independent events such that $P(\overline{A} \cap B) = 2/15$ and $P(A \cap \overline{B}) = 1/6$, then P(B) is:
 - (a) 1/5
- (b) 1/6
- (c) 4/5
- (d) 5/6
- **4.** If A and B are two events, the probability that exactly one of them occurs is given by:
 - (a) $P(A)+P(B)-2P(A\cap B)$
 - (b) $P(A \cap \overline{B}) + P(\overline{A} \cap B)$
 - (c) $P(A \cup B) P(A \cap B)$
 - (d) $P(\overline{A}) + P(\overline{B}) 2P(\overline{A} \cap \overline{B})$
- **5.** If \overline{E} and \overline{F} are the complementary events of events E and F respectively and if 0 < P(F) < 1, then:
 - (a) $P(E/F) + P(\overline{E}/F) = 1$
 - (b) $P(E/F) + P(E/\overline{F}) = 1$
 - (c) $P(\overline{E}/F) + P(E/\overline{F}) = 1$
 - (d) $P(E/\overline{F}) + P(\overline{E}/\overline{F}) = 1$

- **6.** If *A* and *B* are two events. The probability that at most one of A, B occurs is:
 - (a) $1-P(A\cap B)$
 - (b) $P(\overline{A}) + P(\overline{B}) P(\overline{A} \cap \overline{B})$
 - (c) $P(\overline{A}) + P(\overline{B}) + P(A \cup B) 1$
 - (d) $P(A \cap \overline{B}) + P(\overline{A} \cap B) + P(\overline{A} \cap \overline{B})$
- **7.** The probability of the simultaneous occurrence of two events *A* and *B* is *p*. If the probability that exactly one of *A*, *B* occurs is *q* then:
 - (a) $P(\overline{A}) + P(\overline{B}) = 2 + 2q p$
 - (b) $P(\bar{A}) + P(\bar{B}) = 2 2p q$
 - (c) $P(A \cap B / A \cup B) = \frac{p}{p+q}$
 - (d) $P(\overline{A} \cap \overline{B}) = 1 p q$
- **8.** For two events A and B it is given that $P(A) = P(A/B) = \frac{1}{4}$ and $P(B/A) = \frac{1}{2}$. Then:
 - (a) A and B are mutually exclusive events
 - (b) A and B are independent events
 - (c) $P(\overline{A}/B) = \frac{3}{4}$
 - (d) $P(\overline{A}/B) = \frac{1}{2}$
- 9. If A and B are two independent events such that $P(A) = \frac{1}{4}$ and $P(B) = \frac{1}{2}$. Then:
 - (a) $P(A \cup B) = \frac{3}{5}$
 - (b) $P(A/B) = \frac{1}{2}$
 - (c) $P(A / A \cup B) = \frac{2}{5}$

- (d) $P(A \cap B / \overline{A} \cup \overline{B}) = 0$
- **10.** If the independent events *A* and *B* are such that 0 < P(A) < 1 and 0 < P(B) < 1. Then:
 - (a) A and B are mutually exclusive
 - (b) A and \overline{B} are independent
 - (c) \overline{A} and \overline{B} are independent
 - (d) $P(A/B) + P(\overline{A}/B) = 1$
- 11. If A and B are events at the same experiments with P(A) = 0.2, P(B) = 0.5, then maximum value of $P(A' \cap B)$ is
 - (a) 1/4
- (b) 1/2
- (c) 1/8
- (d) 1/16
- 12. The probabilities that a student passes in mathematics, physics and chemistry are m. p and c respectively. Of these subjects, a student has a 75% chance of passing in at least one, a 50% chance of passing in at least one, 50% chance of passing in at least two and a 40% chance of passing in exactly two subjects. Which of the following relations are true?
 - (a) $p + m + c = \frac{19}{20}$
 - (b) $p + m + c = \frac{27}{20}$
 - (c) $pmc = \frac{1}{10}$
 - (d) $pmc = \frac{1}{4}$
- **13.** A coin is tossed n times. The probability of getting at least one head is greater than that of getting at least two tails by 5/32. Then n is:
 - (a) 5
- (b) 10
- (c) 15
- (d) None of these
- **14.** A pair of fair dice is rolled together till a sum of either 5 or 7 is obtained, the probability that 5 comes before 7 is
 - (a) 0.2
- (b) 0.3
- (c) 0.4
- (d) 0.5
- **15.** 'A' can hit the target 3 times out of 5 times, 'B' can hit 2 times out of 5 and C can hit 3 times out of 4. They aim at each other simultaneously. What is the

- probability that 2 out of 'A', 'B' and 'C' will hit the target?
- **16.** A, B and C in order toss a coin. First one to get a head wins. What are their respective chances of winning?
- **17.** An urn contains 6 white and 4 black balls. A fair die is rolled and that number of balls are chosen from the urn. The probability that the balls selected are white is:
 - (a) 1/5
- (b) 1/6
- (c) 1/7
- (d) 1/8
- 18. There are four machines and it is known that exactly two of them are faulty. They are tested, one by one, in a random order till both the faulty machines are identified. Then the probability that only two tests are needed is:
 - (a) 1/3
- (b) 1/6
- (c) 1/2
- (d) 1/4
- 19. A biased coin with probability p, 0 of heads is tossed untill a head appears for the first time. If the probability that the number of tosses required is even is <math>2/5, then p equals:
 - (a) 1/3
- (b) 2/3
- (c) 2/5
- (d) 3/5
- **20.** Let 0 < P(A) < 1, 0 < P(B) < 1 and $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) P(A)P(B)$. Then:
 - (a) P(B/A) = P(B) P(A)
 - (b) $P(A^c \cup B^c) = P(A^c) + P(B^c)$
 - (c) $P(A \cup B)^{c} = P(A^{c}) + P(B^{c})$
 - (d) P(A/B) = P(A)

Answer Key

- 1. (b)
- 2. (c)
- 3. (b,c)
- 4. (a,b,c,d)
- **5.** (a)
- 6. (a,b,c,d)
- 7. (b,c,d)
- 8. (a,c,d)
- 9. (None)
- 10. (b,c,d)
- **11.** (b)
- 12. (b,c)

- 13. (a)
- **14.** (c)
- 15. (0.45)
- 16. (P(A)=4/7,P(B)=2/7,P(C)=1/7)
- 17. (a)
- 18. (a)
- 19. (a)
- 20. (c,d)





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