

## Q1 (20 July 2021 Shift 1)

Words with or without meaning are to be formed using all the letters of the word EXAMINATION. The probability that the letter M appears at the fourth position in any such word is:

- (1)  $\frac{1}{66}$
- (2)  $\frac{1}{11}$
- (3)  $\frac{1}{9}$
- (4)  $\frac{2}{11}$

## Q2 (20 July 2021 Shift 1)

The probability of selecting integers  $a \in [-5, 30]$  such that  $x^2 + 2(a + 4)x - 5a + 64 > 0$ , for all  $x \in \mathbf{R}$ , is:

- (1)  $\frac{7}{36}$
- (2)  $\frac{2}{9}$
- (3)  $\frac{1}{6}$
- (4)  $\frac{1}{4}$

## Q3 (20 July 2021 Shift 2)

Let A, B and C be three events such that the

probability that exactly one of A and B occurs is

$(1 - k)$ , the probability that exactly one of B and C

occurs is  $(1 - 2k)$ , the probability that exactly one

of C and A occurs is  $(1 - k)$  and the probability of

all A, B and C occur simultaneously is  $k^2$ , where

$0 < k < 1$ . Then the probability that at least one of

A, B and C occur is :

- (1) greater than  $\frac{1}{8}$  but less than  $\frac{1}{4}$
- (2) greater than  $\frac{1}{2}$
- (3) greater than  $\frac{1}{4}$  but less than  $\frac{1}{2}$

## Questions with Answer Keys

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(4) exactly equal to  $\frac{1}{2}$

## Q4 (22 July 2021 Shift 1)

Four dice are thrown simultaneously and the numbers shown on these dice are recorded in  $2 \times 2$  matrices. The probability that such formed matrices have all different entries and are non-singular, is :

(1)  $\frac{45}{162}$

(2)  $\frac{23}{81}$

(3)  $\frac{22}{81}$

(4)  $\frac{43}{162}$

## Q5 (25 July 2021 Shift 1)

Let 9 distinct balls be distributed among 4 boxes,  $B_1$ ,  $B_2$ ,  $B_3$  and  $B_4$ . If the probability that  $B_3$  contains exactly 3 balls is  $k\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^9$  then  $k$  lies in the set :

(1)  $\{x \in \mathbf{R} : |x - 3| < 1\}$

(2)  $\{x \in \mathbf{R} : |x - 2| \leq 1\}$

(3)  $\{x \in \mathbf{R} : |x - 1| < 1\}$

(4)  $\{x \in \mathbf{R} : |x - 5| \leq 1\}$

## Q6 (25 July 2021 Shift 2)

Let  $x$  be a random variable such that the probability function of a distribution is given by

$P(X = 0) = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $P(X = j) = \frac{1}{3^j}$  ( $j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \infty$ ) Then the mean of the distribution and  $P(X \text{ is positive and even})$  respectively are:

(1)  $\frac{3}{8}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$

(2)  $\frac{3}{4}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$

(3)  $\frac{3}{4}$  and  $\frac{1}{9}$

(4)  $\frac{3}{4}$  and  $\frac{1}{16}$

## Q7 (25 July 2021 Shift 2)

A fair coin is tossed  $n$ -times such that the probability of getting at least one head is at least 0.9. Then the minimum value of  $n$  is \_\_\_\_

## Q8 (27 July 2021 Shift 1)

The probability that a randomly selected 2 -digit number belongs to the set  $\{n \in N : (2^n - 2)\}$  is a multiple of 3} is equal to

- (1)  $\frac{1}{6}$
- (2)  $\frac{2}{3}$
- (3)  $\frac{1}{2}$
- (4)  $\frac{1}{3}$

## Q9 (27 July 2021 Shift 2)

A student appeared in an examination consisting of 8 true-false type questions. The student guesses the answers with equal probability. The smallest value of  $n$ , so that the probability of guessing at least 'n' correct answers is less than  $\frac{1}{2}$ , is

- (1) 5
- (2) 6
- (3) 3
- (4) 4

**Answer Key**

Q1 (2)

Q2 (2)

Q3 (2)

Q4 (4)

Q5 (1)

Q6 (2)

Q7 (4)

Q8 (3)

Q9 (1)

Q1

AAEIIIMNNOTX

-----M-----

$$\text{Total words with M at fourth Place} = \frac{10!}{2!2!2!}$$

$$\text{Total words} = \frac{11!}{2!2!2!}$$

$$\text{Required probability} = \frac{10!}{11!} = \frac{1}{11}$$

Q2

$$D < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4(a+4)^2 - 4(-5a+64) < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 + 16 + 8a + 5a - 64 < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 + 13a - 48 < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (a+16)(a-3) < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a \in (-16, 3)$$

$$\therefore \text{Possible } a : \{-5, -4, \dots, 3\}$$

$$\therefore \text{Required probability} = \frac{8}{36}$$

$$= \frac{2}{9}$$

Q3

$$P(\bar{A} \cap B) + P(A \cap \bar{B}) = 1 - k$$

$$P(\bar{A} \cap C) + P(A \cap \bar{C}) = 1 - 2k$$

$$P(\bar{B} \cap C) + P(B \cap \bar{C}) = 1 - k$$

$$P(A \cap B \cap C) = k^2$$

$$P(A) + P(B) - 2P(A \cap B) = 1 - k$$

$$P(B) + P(C) - 2P(B \cap C) = 1 - k$$

$$P(C) + P(A) - 2P(A \cap C) = 1 - 2k$$

$$(1) + (2) + (3)$$

$$P(A) + P(B) + P(C) - P(A \cap B) - P(B \cap C)$$

## Hints and Solutions

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$$-P(C \cap A) = \frac{-4k+3}{2}$$

So

$$P(A \cup B \cup C) = \frac{-4k+3}{2} + k^2$$

$$P(A \cup B \cup C) = \frac{2k^2 - 4k + 3}{2}$$

$$= \frac{2(k-1)^2 + 1}{2}$$

$$P(A \cup B \cup C) > \frac{1}{2}$$

Q4

$$A = \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} \quad |A| = ad - bc$$

$$\text{Total case} = 6^4$$

For non-singular matrix  $|A| \neq 0 \Rightarrow ad - bc \neq 0$

$$\Rightarrow ad \neq bc$$

And a, b, c, d are all different numbers in the set  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

Now for  $ad = bc$

$$(i) 6 \times 1 = 2 \times 3$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 6, b = 2, c = 3, d = 1$$

$$\text{or } a = 1, b = 2, c = 3, d = 6$$

$$\vdots$$

} 8 such cases

$$(ii) 6 \times 2 = 3 \times 4$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 6, b = 3, c = 4, d = 2$$

$$\text{or } a = 2, b = 3, c = 4, d = 6$$

$$\vdots$$

favourable cases

$$= {}^6C_4 \mid 4 - 16$$

required probability

$$= \frac{{}^6C_4 \mid 4 - 16}{6^4} = \frac{43}{162}$$

Q5

## Hints and Solutions

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$$\text{required probability} = \frac{{}^9C_3 \cdot 6}{4^9}$$

$$= \frac{{}^9C_3}{27} \cdot \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^9$$

$$= \frac{28}{9} \cdot \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^9 \Rightarrow k = \frac{28}{9}$$

Which satisfies  $|x - 3| < 1$

**Q6**

$$\text{mean} = \sum x_i p_i = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} r \cdot \frac{1}{3^r} = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$p(x \text{ is even}) = \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{3^4} + \dots \infty$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{9}}{1 - \frac{1}{9}} = \frac{1/9}{8/9} = \frac{1}{8}$$

**Q7**

$$P(\text{Head}) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$1 - P(\text{All tail}) \geq 0.9$$

$$1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n \geq 0.9$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n \leq \frac{1}{10}$$

$$\Rightarrow n_{\min} = 4$$

**Q8**

$$\text{Total number of cases} = {}^{90}C_1 = 90 \text{ Now, } 2^n - 2 = (3 - 1)^n - 2$$

$${}^nC_0 3^n - {}^nC_1 \cdot 3^{n-1} + \dots + (-1)^{n-1} \cdot {}^nC_{n-1} 3 + (-1)^n \cdot {}^nC_n - 2$$

$$3(3^{n-1} - n3^{n-2} + \dots + (-1)^{n-1} \cdot n) + (-1)^n - 2$$

$$(2^n - 2) \text{ is multiply of 3 only when } n \text{ is odd Req. Probability} = \frac{45}{90} = \frac{1}{2}$$

**Q9**

$$P(E) < \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=n}^8 {}^8C_r \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{8-r} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^r < \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=n}^8 {}^8C_r \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^8 < \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow {}^8C_n + {}^8C_{n+1} + \dots + {}^8C_8 < 128$$

## Hints and Solutions

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$$\Rightarrow 256 - ({}^8C_0 + {}^8C_1 + \dots + {}^8C_{n-1}) < 128$$

$$\Rightarrow {}^8C_0 + {}^8C_1 + \dots + {}^8C_{n-1} > 128$$

$$\Rightarrow n - 1 \geq 4$$

$$\Rightarrow n \geq 5$$