

(a) **Answer B:** $\Omega = \{ \text{Tom's phone calls} \}$. Events W , G , S , B , and L all describe attributes of individual phone calls, so Ω must be a set of phone calls. (2)

(b) The first statement is $\mathbb{P}(W) = 0.2$ (given). The other four are:

(i) $\mathbb{P}(G) = 0.5$.

(ii) $\mathbb{P}(S) = 1 - 0.5 - 0.2 = 0.3$.

(iii) $\mathbb{P}(B) = 0.3$.

(iv) $\mathbb{P}(L) = 0.1$. (4)

(c) Say whether or not the following sets form a partition of Ω :

(i) W , G , and S : **yes**. They don't overlap, and their probabilities sum to 1 overall.

(ii) B and L : **no**. Their probabilities don't sum to 1. (2)

(d) For each of the following statements, say whether they are **true** or **false**:

(i) $B = S$: **false**. Despite $\mathbb{P}(B) = \mathbb{P}(S)$, the **events** B and S are not the same.

(ii) $W \subseteq \Omega$: **true**. All events are subsets of the sample space.

(iii) $W \cup S = \overline{G}$: **true**. This is because events W , S , and G are a partition of Ω .

(iv) $W \cap G = \emptyset$: **true**.

(v) $W \cup G \cup S = \Omega$: **true**. Events W , S , and G are a partition of Ω .

(vi) $B \cup L = \Omega$: **false**. Their probabilities do not sum to 1. (6)

(e) Information given: $\mathbb{P}(B \cup W) = 0.4$. Information wanted: $\mathbb{P}(B \cap W)$.

$$\mathbb{P}(B \cup W) = 0.4 = \mathbb{P}(B) + \mathbb{P}(W) - \mathbb{P}(B \cap W)$$

$$0.4 = 0.3 + 0.2 - \mathbb{P}(B \cap W)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{P}(B \cap W) = 0.1.$$

(4)

(f) Want to find $\mathbb{P}(B \cap \overline{W})$. By the Partition Theorem:

$$\mathbb{P}(B) = \mathbb{P}(B \cap W) + \mathbb{P}(B \cap \overline{W})$$

$$0.3 = 0.1 + \mathbb{P}(B \cap \overline{W})$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{P}(B \cap \overline{W}) = 0.2.$$

The probability that a call has bad interference and is **not** a wrong number is 0.2. (3)

- (g) Tom's claim is that $B \cap S = S$, so that all calls involving sellers also have bad interference. (Another way of putting it is that $S \subseteq B$.) This would mean that $\mathbb{P}(B \cap S) = \mathbb{P}(S) = 0.3$. Consider

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}(B) &= \mathbb{P}(B \cap W) + \mathbb{P}(B \cap G) + \mathbb{P}(B \cap S) \\ 0.3 &= 0.1 + \mathbb{P}(B \cap G) + \mathbb{P}(B \cap S).\end{aligned}$$

Thus, it is **not** possible that $\mathbb{P}(B \cap S) = 0.3$, because this would mean that $\mathbb{P}(B \cap G)$ would have to be negative! Tom's claim can **not** be correct. (3)