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<b>10</b>	<b>8b</b>	Two identical biased coins are tossed together, and the outcome is recorded. After a large number of trials it is observed that the probability that both coins land showing heads is 0.36. What is the probability that both coins land showing tails?	<b>2</b>
$P(\text{both heads}) = 0.36$ $\therefore P(\text{head}) = \sqrt{0.36}$ $= 0.6$ $\therefore P(\text{tail}) = 1 - P(\text{head})$ $= 1 - 0.6$ $= 0.4$ $\therefore P(\text{both tails}) = 0.4 \times 0.4$ $= 0.16$			State Mean: <b>0.56/2</b>

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#### Board of Studies: Notes from the Marking Centre

This part was not very well answered by most candidates. The most common incorrect answer was  $(TT) = 1 - 0.36 = 0.64$ . A number of candidates merely wrote down the answer 0.36, reasoning that the required outcome had the same probability as achieving two heads. A significant number of candidates incorrectly determined that  $(TT) = 0.64 \times 0.64 = 0.4096$ .

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