

In-Video Quiz Questions for  
Unit 2: Part 4 – (1) Binomial Distribution

**(09:26) – slide 6, after “So that's  $n$  is 9,  $k$  is 2 actually yields the same 36 scenarios.”**

1. Which of the following is false?

*Hint:* Try calculating these with real numbers, by plugging in some number of your choice for  $n$ .

(a) There are  $n$  ways of getting 1 success in  $n$  trials,  $\binom{n}{1} = n$ .

(b) There is only 1 way of getting  $n$  success in  $n$  trials,  $\binom{n}{n} = 1$ .

(c) There is only 1 way of getting 0 success in  $n$  trials,  $\binom{n}{0} = 1$ .

(d) There are  $n-1$  ways of getting  $n-1$  success in  $n$  trials,  $\binom{n}{n-1} = n-1$ .

**(11:43) – slide 9, after “So we set our number of successes  $k$  equal to eight.”**

2. According to a 2013 Gallup poll, worldwide only 13% of employees are engaged at work (psychologically committed to their jobs and likely to be making positive contributions to their organizations). We are interested in finding the probability that among a random sample of 10 employees, what is the probability that 8 of them are engaged at work.

Without doing any calculations, would you expect this probability to be pretty low or pretty high?

(a) pretty low

(b) pretty high

**(13:51) – slide 9, after “That's why what we're looking for here is a highly unlikely outcome, and highly unlikely means a very low probability.”**

3. A 2012 Gallup survey suggests that 26.2% of Americans are obese. Among a random sample of 20 Americans, what is the probability that exactly 5 are obese?

- (a)  $0.262^5 \times 0.738^{15}$
- (b)  $\binom{5}{20} 0.262^5 \times 0.738^{15}$
- (c)  $\binom{20}{5} 0.262^5 \times 0.738^{15}$
- (d)  $\binom{20}{5} 0.262^{15} \times 0.738^5$

**(17:12) – slide 11, after “These values represent what we would expect to see on average.”**

4. A 2012 Gallup survey suggests that 26.2% of Americans are obese. Which of the following is false?

- (a) Among a random sample of 1,000 Americans, we would expect 262 to be obese.
- (b) Random samples of 1,000 Americans where there are at most 230 are obese people would be considered unusual.
- (c) The standard deviation of number of obese Americans in random samples of 1,000 is roughly 14.
- (d) Random samples of 1,000 Americans where there are at least 300 are obese people would not be considered unusual.

## Answers:

1. d

*Explanation:*  $\binom{n}{n-1} = n$

For example, there are 3 ways of choosing 2 successes out of 3: SSF, SFS, FSS.

2. a

*Explanation:* Among a sample of 10, we would only expect  $10 \times 0.13 = 1.3$  people to be engaged at work, so getting a random sample where 8 out of 10 are engaged would be pretty unlikely.

3. c

*Explanation:*  $p = 0.262, n = 20, k = 5$

$$\binom{20}{5} 0.262^5 \times 0.738^{15}$$

4. d

*Explanation:*  $\mu = 1000 \times 0.262 = 262$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{1000 \times 0.262 \times 0.738} \approx 14$$

Range of "usual" observations:  $262 \pm 2 \times 14 = (234, 290)$ , anything beyond these would be considered unusual.