

# Statistics Question Bank

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# Probability

## 1.1 Permutation

1. Three objects can be placed in 2 positions in  $2^3 = 8$  ways.

- ## 1.2 Combination

2. In how many ways can a team of 2 be formed from 4 people?

- ### 1.3 Permutation

3.  ${}^n p_r =$

- ## 1.4 Combination

4.  ${}^nC_r =$

- ## 1.5 Conceptual

5. What is the probability that at least one item in a sample space will occur?

6. The probability of two disjoint sets happening together is:

7. How many additive laws of probability are there?

- (a) 1                      (b) 2                      (c) 3                      (d) 4

8.  $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$  implies A & B are –

- (a) Disjoint                      (b) Independent                      (c) Joint                      (d) Independent

9.  $P(A \cap B) = P(A) \times P(B)$  implies A & B are –

- (a) Disjoint                      (b) Independent                      (c) Joint                      (d) Independent

10. Which is the formula of classical approach of probability?

- $$\text{(a) } P = \frac{\text{No. of favorable outcomes}}{\text{Total no. of possible outcomes}} \qquad \text{(b) } P = \frac{\text{No. of total outcomes}}{\text{No. of favorable outcomes}}$$

- $$(c) \ P = \lim_{n(S) \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n(A)}{n(S)} \qquad (d) \ P = \lim_{n(A) \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n(A)}{n(S)}$$

11. Which is the formula of empirical/relative frequency approach of probability?

- (a)  $P = \frac{\text{No. of favorable outcomes}}{\text{Total no. of possible outcomes}}$  (b)  $P = \frac{\text{No. of total outcomes}}{\text{No. of favorable outcomes}}$
- (c)  $P = \lim_{n(S) \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n(A)}{n(S)}$  (d)  $P = \lim_{n(A) \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n(A)}{n(S)}$

12. What is the correct formula for conditional probability?

- (a)  $P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B|A)}$  (b)  $P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)}$  (c)  $P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$  (d)  $P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)}{P(B|A)}$

13. The third axiom of probability is –

- (a)  $0 \leq P(A) \leq 1$  (b)  $P(S) = 1$
- (c)  $P(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i)$  (d)  $P(A) = 1 - P(A)$

1.5.2 Multiple Completion

14. Possible value of probability

- i. -1 ii. 0.5 iii. 0

Which one is correct?

- (a) i and ii (b) i and iii (c) ii and iii (d) i, ii and iii

1.5.3 Single

15. An act repeated under some specific conditions is called –

- (a) Event (b) Experiment (c) Sample (d) Sample space

16.  $P(0)$  implies –

- (a) A certain event (b) An uncertain event (c) An impossible event (d) A probable event

17. Events having some common elements are called –

- (a) Complementary events (b) Mutually exclusive events
- (c) Exhaustive events (d) Non-Mutually exclusive events events

18. The minimum value of probability is

- (a)  $-\alpha$  (b) 1 (c) 0 (d) -1

19. Each element of sample space is called–

- (a) Trial (b) Experiment (c) Variable (d) Sample Point

20. Two events not occurring together are called–

- (a) dependent Events (b) Independent Events
- (c) Mutually Exclusive Events (d) Marginal Events

21. If A and B are independent, which formula is correct?

- (a)  $P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$  (b)  $P(A \cap B) = P(\bar{A}) \cdot P(B)$
- (c)  $P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(\bar{B})$  (d)  $P(A \cap \bar{B}) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$

22. Which of the following are disjoint events?

- (a)  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}, B = \{4, 5\}$  (b)  $A = \{a, b\}, B = \{b, c\}$
- (c)  $A = \{0\}, B = \{0, 1\}$  (d)  $A = \{x, y\}, B = \{x, y\}$

23. Which of the following are disjoint events?

- (a)  $P = \{1, 2\}, Q = \{2, 3\}$  (b)  $P = \{x\}, Q = \{x, y\}$
- (c)  $P = \{1, 3\}, Q = \{3, 5\}$  (d)  $P = \{m, n\}, Q = \{p, q\}$

24. Let the sample space be  $S = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 10\}$ . Which of the following pairs of events are disjoint?

- i. A: Number is prime, B: Number is greater than 3
- ii. A: Number is even, B: Number is divisible by 3
- iii. A: Number is less than 5, B: Number is greater than 6

Which one is correct?

- (a) i and ii (b) i and iii (c) ii and iii (d) i, ii and iii

“The only thing that’s certain is uncertainty.” — John Allen Paulos  
— Abdullah Al Mahmud —

Answer Key

1. (c) 6
2. (b) 6
3. (a)  $\frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$
4. (a)  $\frac{n!}{(n-1)!(n+r)!}$
5. (c) 1
6. (b) 0
7. (b) 2
8. (a) Disjoint
9. (b) Independent
10. (a)  $P = \frac{\text{No. of favorable outcomes}}{\text{Total no. of possible outcomes}}$
11. (a)  $P = \frac{\text{No. of favorable outcomes}}{\text{Total no. of possible outcomes}}$
12. (a)  $P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B|A)}$
13. (c)  $P(A_1UA_2U \cdots UA_n) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i)$
14. (c) ii and iii
15. (b) Experiment
16. (c) An impossible event
17. (a) Complementary events
18. (c) 0
19. (d) Sample Point
20. (c) Mutually Exclusive Events
21. (a)  $P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$
22. (a)  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}, B = \{4, 5\}$
23. (d)  $P = \{m, n\}, Q = \{p, q\}$
24. (c) ii and iii