

## 2. (Multiple-choice test)

(a) Solution: Let  $K$  and  $\bar{K}$  be the events that Adam knows and doesn't know the answer respectively, and events  $C$  and  $\bar{C}$  be the events that Adam answer correctly and incorrectly respectively. Using Bayes's Rule:

$$Pr[K|C] = \frac{Pr[C|K]Pr[K]}{Pr[C|K]Pr[K] + Pr[C|\bar{K}]Pr[\bar{K}]} \quad (1)$$

$$= \frac{p \times 1}{p \times 1 + (1-p) \times 1/m} \quad (2)$$

$$= \frac{mp}{(m-1)p + 1} \quad (3)$$

(b) Solution:  $Pr[K|C] = \frac{mp}{(m-1)p+1} = \frac{5 \times 0.6}{(5-1) \times 0.6 + 1} \approx 0.88$ .

(c) Solution: In addition to notations from (a), let  $E$  and  $N$  be the event that Bella can eliminate but two answers, and the event that Bella doesn't know the answer, then using Bayes's rule,

$$Pr[K|C] = \frac{Pr[C|K]Pr[K]}{Pr[C|K]Pr[K] + Pr[C|E]Pr[E] + Pr[C|N]Pr[N]} \quad (4)$$

$$= \frac{1 \times p_1}{1 \times p_1 + 0.5 \times p_2 + \frac{1}{m} \times (1 - p_1 - p_2)} \quad (5)$$

$$= \frac{2mp_1}{2mp_1 + mp_2 + 2(1 - p_1 - p_2)} \quad (6)$$

(d) Suppose  $m = 5$  and  $p_2 = 0.1$ , then (6) simplifies to  $\frac{10p_1}{10p_1 + 2.3 - 2p_1}$ , we can solve for  $p_1 = 0.69$ .