Probability and venn Diagram As level Edexcel statistics Maths Past Papers Questions

01.

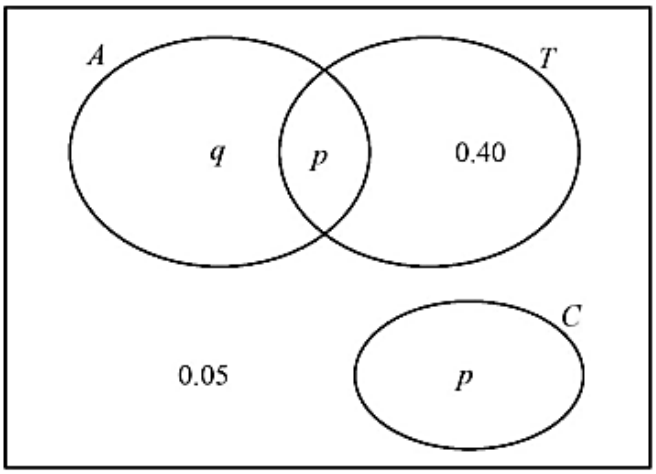
The Venn diagram shows the probabilities for students at a college taking part in various sports.

A represents the event that a student takes part in Athletics.

T represents the event that a student takes part in Tennis.

C represents the event that a student takes part in Cricket.

p and q are probabilities.



The probability that a student selected at random takes part in Athletics or Tennis is 0.75

(a) Find the value of p.

(1)

(b) State, giving a reason, whether or not the events A and T are statistically independent. Show your working clearly.

(3)

(c) Find the probability that a student selected at random does not take part in Athletics or Cricket.

(1)

02.

A biased spinner can only land on one of the numbers 1, 2, 3 or 4. The random variable X represents the number that the spinner lands on after a single spin and $P(X = r) = P(X = r + 2)$ for $r = 1, 2$

Given that $P(X = 2) = 0.35$

(a) find the complete probability distribution of X.

(2)

Ambroh spins the spinner 60 times.

(b) Find the probability that more than half of the spins land on the number 4
Give your answer to 3 significant figures.

(3)

The random variable $Y = \frac{12}{X}$

(c) Find $P(Y - X \leqslant 4)$

(3)

03.

A sixth form college has 84 students in Year 12 and 56 students in Year 13

The head teacher selects a stratified sample of 40 students, stratified by year group.

(a) Describe how this sample could be taken.

(3)

The head teacher is investigating the relationship between the amount of sleep, s hours, that each student had the night before they took an aptitude test and their performance in the test, p marks.
For the sample of 40 students, he finds the equation of the regression line of p on s to be

$$p = 26.1 + 5.60s$$

(b) With reference to this equation, describe the effect that an extra 0.5 hours of sleep may have, on average, on a student's performance in the aptitude test.

(1)

(c) Describe one limitation of this regression model.

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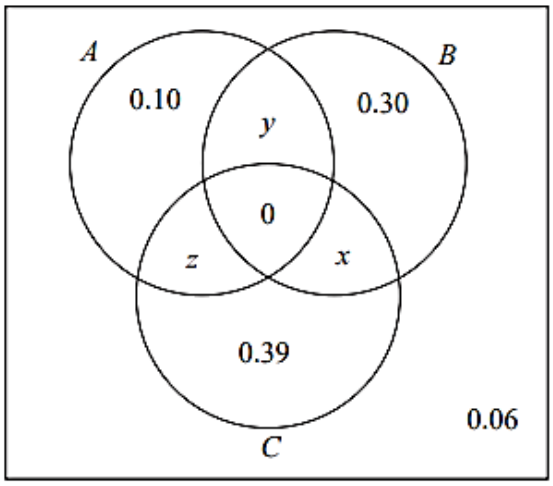
04.

The Venn diagram shows three events, A, B and C, and their associated probabilities.



Events B and C are mutually exclusive.
Events A and C are independent.

Showing your working, find the value of x, the value of y and the value of z.

(5)

05.

. In a game, a player can score 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4 points each time the game is played.

The random variable S, representing the player's score, has the following probability distribution where a, b and c are constants.

s	0	1	2	3	4
$P(S = s)$	a	b	c	0.1	0.15

The probability of scoring less than 2 points is twice the probability of scoring at least 2 points.

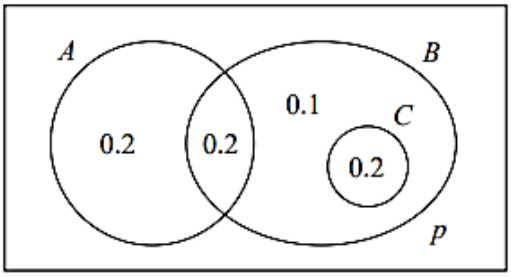
Each game played is independent of previous games played.

John plays the game twice and adds the two scores together to get a total.

Calculate the probability that the total is 6 points.

(6)

06.



The Venn diagram, where p is a probability, shows the 3 events A, B and C with their associated probabilities.

(a) Find the value of p.

(1)

(b) Write down a pair of mutually exclusive events from A, B and C.

(1)

07.

Helen is studying one of the qualitative variables from the large data set for Heathrow from 2015.

She started with the data from 3rd May and then took every 10th reading.

There were only 3 different outcomes with the following frequencies

Outcome	*A*	*B*	*C*
Frequency	16	2	1

(a) State the sampling technique Helen used.

(1)

(b) From your knowledge of the large data set

(i) suggest which variable was being studied,

(ii) state the name of outcome *A*.

(2)

George is also studying the same variable from the large data set for Heathrow from 2015. He started with the data from 5th May and then took every 10th reading and obtained the following

Outcome	*A*	*B*	*C*
Frequency	16	1	1

Helen and George decided they should examine all of the data for this variable for Heathrow from 2015 and obtained the following

Outcome	*A*	*B*	*C*
Frequency	155	26	3

(c) State what inference Helen and George could reliably make from their original samples about the outcomes of this variable at Heathrow, for the period covered by the large data set in 2015.

(1)

08.

Two bags, **A** and **B**, each contain balls which are either red or yellow or green.

Bag **A** contains 4 red, 3 yellow and n green balls.
Bag **B** contains 5 red, 3 yellow and 1 green ball.

A ball is selected at random from bag **A** and placed into bag **B**.
A ball is then selected at random from bag **B** and placed into bag **A**.

The probability that bag **A** now contains an equal number of red, yellow and green balls is p.

Given that $p > 0$, find the possible values of n and p.

(5)

09.

Manon has two biased spinners, one red and one green.

The random variable R represents the score when the red spinner is spun.
The random variable G represents the score when the green spinner is spun.

The probability distributions for R and G are given below.

r	2	3
$P(R = r)$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$

g	1	4
$P(G = g)$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$

Manon spins each spinner once and adds the two scores.

(a) Find the probability that

(i) the sum of the two scores is 7

(ii) the sum of the two scores is less than 4

(3)

The random variable $X = mR + nG$ where m and n are integers.

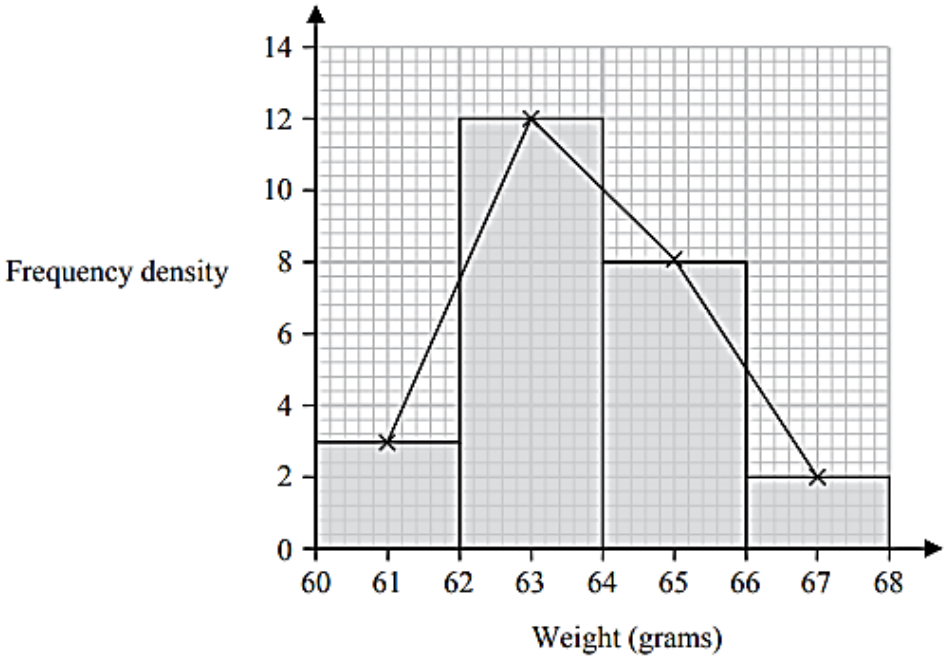
$$P(X = 20) = \frac{1}{6} \quad \text{and} \quad P(X = 50) = \frac{1}{4}$$

(b) Find the value of m and the value of n

(5)

10.

The histogram and its frequency polygon below give information about the weights, in grams, of 50 plums.



(a) Show that an estimate for the mean weight of the 50 plums is 63.72 grams.

(2)

(b) Calculate an estimate for the standard deviation of the 50 plums.

(2)

Later it was discovered that the scales used to weigh the plums were broken.

Each plum actually weighs 5 grams less than originally thought.

(c) State the effect this will have on the estimate of the standard deviation in part (b). Give a reason for your answer.

(1)