



REVISION PACK 3 SIMPLE PROBABILITY

1.	Jamie is equally likely to attend or not to attend a training session before a football match. If he attends, he is certain to be chosen for the team which plays in the match. If he does not attend, there is a probability of 0.6 that he is chosen for the team.			
	(i)	Find the probability that Jamie is chosen for the team.	[3]	
	(ii)	Find the conditional probability that Jamie attended the training session, given that he was chosen for the team.		
			[3]	

2. Two fair dice are thrown.

(i)	Event <i>A</i> is 'the scores differ by 3 or more'. Find the probability of event <i>A</i>	[3]
(ii)	Event B is 'the product of the scores is greater than 8'. Find the probability of event B .	[2]
(iii)	State with a reason whether events A and B are mutually exclusive.	[2]

3.	In cou drink peopl	untry A 30% of people who drink tea have sugar in it. In country B 65% of people who tea have sugar in it. There are 3 million people in country A who drink tea and 12 million e in country B who drink tea. A person is chosen at random from these 15 million people.	
	(i)	Find the probability that the person chosen is from country A	[1]
	(ii)	Find the probability that the person chosen does not have sugar in their tea.	[2]
	(iii)	Given that the person chosen does not have sugar in their tea, find the probability that the person is from country B	
		person is nom county D.	[2]

4. Boxes of sweets contain toffees and chocolates. Box *A* contains 6 toffees and 4 chocolates, box *B* contains 5 toffees and 3 chocolates, and box *C* contains 3 toffees and 7 chocolates. One of the boxes is chosen at random and two sweets are taken out, one after the other, and eaten.

(i)	Find the probability that they are both toffees.	[3]
(ii)	Given that they are both toffees, find the probability that they both came from box A .	[3]

- 5. At a zoo, rides are offered on elephants, camels and jungle tractors. Ravi has money for only one ride. To decide which ride to choose, he tosses a fair coin twice. If he gets 2 heads he will go on the elephant ride, if he gets 2 tails he will go on the camel ride and if he gets 1 of each he will go on the jungle tractor ride.
 - (i) Find the probabilities that he goes on each of the three rides.

The probabilities that Ravi is frightened on each of the rides are as follows:

elephant ride
$$\frac{6}{10}$$
, camel ride $\frac{7}{10}$, jungle tractor ride $\frac{8}{10}$

(ii) Draw a fully labelled tree diagram showing the rides that Ravi could take and whether or not he is frightened.

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Ravi goes on a ride.

- (iii) Find the probability that he is frightened.
- (iv) Given that Ravi is **not** frightened, find the probability that he went on the camel ride.

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- **6.** A vegetable basket contains 12 peppers, of which 3 are red, 4 are green and 5 are yellow. Three peppers are taken, at random and without replacement, from the basket.
 - (i) Find the probability that the three peppers are all different colours.
 - (ii) Show that the probability that exactly 2 of the peppers taken are green is $\frac{12}{55}$.
 - (iii) The number of **green** peppers taken is denoted by the discrete random variable *X*. Draw up a probability distribution table for *X*.

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7.	There that I respe	e are three sets of traffic lights on Karinne's journey to work. The independent probabilities Karinne has to stop at the first, second and third set of lights are 0.4, 0.8 and 0.3 actively	
	(i)	Draw a tree diagram to show this information.	[2]
	(ii)	Find the probability that Karinne has to stop at each of the first two sets of lights but does not have to stop at the third set.	[2]
	(iii)	Find the probability that Karinne has to stop at exactly two of the three sets of lights.	[3]
	(iv)	Find the probability that Karinne has to stop at the first set of lights, given that she has to stop at exactly two sets of lights.	[3]
			[0]

- 8. Every day Eduardo tries to phone his friend. Every time he phones there is a 50% chance that his friend will answer. If his friend answers, Eduardo does not phone again on that day. If his friend does not answer, Eduardo tries again in a few minutes' time. If his friend has not answered after 4 attempts, Eduardo does not try again on that day.
 - (i) Draw a tree diagram to illustrate this situation.

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(ii) Let *X* be the number of unanswered phone calls made by Eduardo on a day. Copy and complete the table showing the probability distribution of *X*.

X	0	1	2	3	4
$\mathbf{P}(X=x)$		$\frac{1}{4}$			

[4]

[2]

(iii) Calculate the expected number of unanswered phone calls on a day.

- **9.** A fair dice has four faces. One face is coloured pink, one is coloured orange, one is coloured green and one is coloured black. Five such dice are thrown and the number that fall on a green face are counted. The random variable *X* is the number of dice that fall on a green face.
 - (i) Show that the probability of 4 dice landing on a green face is 0.0146, correct to 4 decimal places.
 - (ii) Draw up a table for the probability distribution of *X*, giving your answers correct to 4 decimal places.

[2]

- **10.** A fair die has one face numbered 1, one face numbered 3, two faces numbered 5 and two faces numbered 6.
 - (i) Find the probability of obtaining at least 7 odd numbers in 8 throws of the die.

The die is thrown twice. Let X be the sum of the two scores. The following table shows the possible values of X.

6
7
9
11
11
12
12

(ii) Draw up a table showing the probability distribution of *X*.

[3]

[4]

[2]
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(iv) Find the probability that *X* is greater than E(X).

(iii) Calculate E(X).

[2]

11.	A die 1, 2, 3	is biased so that the probability of throwing a 5 is 0.75 and the probabilities of throwing a 3, 4 or 6 are all equal.	
	(i)	The die is thrown three times. Find the probability that the result is a 1 followed by a 5 followed by any even number.	
			[3]
	(ii)	Find the probability that, out of 10 throws of this die, at least 8 throws result in a 5.	[3]
	(iii)	The die is thrown 90 times. Using an appropriate approximation, find the probability that a 5 is thrown more than 60 times	
			[5]

12.	A box contains 300 discs of different colours. There are 100 pink discs, 100 blue discs and 100 orange discs. The discs of each colour are numbered from 0 to 99. Five discs are selected at random, one at a time, with replacement. Find			
	(i)	the probability that no orange discs are selected,	[1]	
	(ii)	the probability that exactly 2 discs with numbers ending in a 6 are selected,	[3]	
	(iii)	the probability that exactly 2 orange discs with numbers ending in a 6 are selected,	[2]	
	(iv)	the mean and variance of the number of pink discs selected.	[2]	

- 13. The probability that New Year's Day is on a Saturday in a randomly chosen year is $\frac{1}{7}$.
 - (i) 15 years are chosen randomly. Find the probability that at least 3 of these years have New Year's Day on a Saturday.
 - (ii) 56 years are chosen randomly. Use a suitable approximation to find the probability that more than 7 of these years have New Year's Day on a Saturday.

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- **14.** Tyre pressures on a certain type of car independently follow a normal distribution with mean 1.9 bars and standard deviation 0.15 bars.
 - (i) Find the probability that all four tyres on a car of this type have pressures between 1.82 bars and 1.92 bars.

(ii) Safety regulations state that the pressures must be between 1.9 - b bars and 1.9 + b bars. It is known that 80% of tyres are within these safety limits. Find the safety limits.

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SOLUTIONS



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1.	(i)	$P(\text{team}) = 0.5 + 0.5 \times 0.6$ One correct product	B1		
		Summing two 2-factor products		M1	
		= 0.8 Correct answer		A13	
	(ii)	$P(\text{training session} \mid \text{team}) = \frac{0.5}{0.5 + 0.5 \times 0.6}$		M1	
		their numerator			
		Dividing by their (i) (must be < 1)		M1	
		= 0.625 (5/8) Correct answer		A13	
					[6]
2.	(i)	list 14, 15, 16, 25, 26, 36, and reversed For an attempt at listing	M1		
		P (scores differ by 3 or more) = 12/36 Selecting at least 6 correct pairs		A1	
		(1/3)(0.333) Correct answer		A13	
	(ii)	20/36		M1	
		of 25, 26, 33, 34, 35			
		Correct answer		A12	
	(iii)	P $(A \cap B) \neq 0$ implies not mut excl, or equivalent Correct statement about mut excl events		B1	
		P ($A \cap B$) = 6/36 so not mut excl		B1 ft2	
		Correct answer using their data			[7]

3.	(i)	P(A) = 0.2 o.e. Must be single fraction or 20%	B1	1	
	(ii)	$P(\text{not } S) = 0.2 \times 0.7 + 0.8 \times 0.35$ Summing two 2-factor probabilities or subtracting P(S) from 1			M1
		= 0.42 o.e. Correct answer no decimals in fractions			A12
	(iii)	$P(B S') = \frac{0.8 \times 0.35}{0.42}$ $\frac{(1-\text{their}) \times 0.35}{\text{their}()} \text{ if marks lost in (i) or (ii)}$			M1
		= 0.667 Correct answer c.w.o			A12 [5]

4.	(i)	$P(T, T) = \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{6}{10} \times \frac{5}{9} \times \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{5}{8} \times \frac{4}{7} + \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{3}{10} \times \frac{2}{9} = 53/210 \ (0.252)$	B1	
		For one correct 3-factor term For summing three 3-factor or 2-factor probs		M1

(ii)	P(A TT) = 0.111/0.252 For choosing only their P(A T T) in num or denom	M1	
	For dividing by their (i) or what they think is P(T,T)	M1	
	= 70/159 (0.440) For correct answer using either 2 or 3-term probs	A13	
	Constant prob B0M1A0M1M1A0 max		[6]

5. (i) $P(E) = \frac{1}{4}, P(C) = \frac{1}{4}, P(JT) = \frac{1}{2}$ B1 $\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, \text{ and } \frac{1}{2}$ seen oe

3 evaluated probs correctly associated

B12

A13



M1

A1ft2

E, C, JT then	F on appro	priate shape
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All probs and labels showing and correct, ft their (i) if $\Sigma p = 1$. If nothing seen in part (i) then give M1 A1ft bod provided their $\Sigma p = 1$ No retrospective marking

(iii)	$P(F) = (1/4 \times 6/10) + (1/4 \times 7/10) + (1/2 \times 8/10)$ Summing 3 appropriate two-factor products provided $\Sigma p = 1$	M1
	= 29/40 (0.725) Correct answer	B12
(iv)	$P(C NF) = \frac{P(C \cap NF)}{P(NF)}$	B1ft
	$= \frac{3/40}{(1-29/40)}$	M1
	attempt at cond prob with their $C \cap F$ or $C \cap NF$ in numerator	
	= 3/11 (0.273)	

OR using ratios $3/(4+3+4)$	A13
correct answer	1115

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6. (i)

Attempt using combinations, with ${}_{12}C_3$ denom, or P(*RGY*) in any order, i.e. $12 \times 11 \times 10$ in denom

P (all different) = $\underline{{}_{3}C_{1} \times {}_{4}C_{1} \times {}_{5}C_{1}}$ =

Correct numerator, or multiplying by 6

(ii)
$$P(\text{exactly } 2 \ G) = \frac{{}_{4}C_{2} \times {}_{8}C_{1}}{{}_{12}C_{3}}$$

Attempt using combinations, or mult
any P (GG \overline{G}) × 3
Or P(GGY) × 3+P(GGR) × 3

= 12/55 AGCorrect answer AG

(iii)

x	0	1	2	3
$\mathbf{P}(X=x)$	14/55	28/55	12/55	1/55
decimal	0.255	0.509	0.218	0.018

For seeing P(0, 1, 2, 3) only and 1 or more probs

For reasonable attempt at P(X = 0 or 1 or 3)

For one correct probability seen other than P(X = 2)

For a second probability correct other than P(X = 2)



M1

A1

A15

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M1

M1

A12

M1

M1

A1





 $P(G, G, G, G, NG) = (0.25)^4 \times (0.75)^1 \times {}_5C_4$ 9. (i) For relevant binomial calculation, need 5Cr or 5 or all 5 options = 0.0146 AG For correct answer. AG

(ii)

10.

(i)

Х	0	1	2
$\mathbf{P}(X=x)$	0.2373	0.3955	0.2637

For all correct X values

For one correct prob excluding P(X = 4)

For 2 correct probs excluding P(X = 4)

X	3	4	5
$\mathbf{P}(X=x)$	0.0879	0.0146	0.0010

For 3 correct probs excluding P(X = 4)

All correct and in decimals

P(odd) = 2/3 or 0.667**B**1 Can be implied if normal approx used with $\mu = 5.333 (= 8 \times 2/3)$

 $P(7) = {}_{8}C_{7} (2/3)^{7} (1/3)$

= 0.156Binomial expression with C in and 2/3 and 1/3 in powers summing to 8 $P(8) = (2/3)^8 = 0.0390$ M1

P(7 or 8) = 0.195 (1280/6561)A14 Correct answer

Summing P(7) + P(8) binomial expressions

B15

B1

[7]

B1

B1

B1

A12

M1

M1

(ii)

x	2	4	6	7	8
P(X = x)	1/36	2/36	5/36	4/36	4/36

Values of x all correct in table of probabilities

x	9	10	11	12
P(X = x)	4/36	4/36	8/36	4/36

All probs correct and not duplicated, -1 ee

(iii)	$\mathbf{E}(X) = \sum p_i x_i$	
	$= 2 \times 1/36 + 4 \times 2/36 + \dots$	M1
	attempt to find $\sum p_i x_i$, all $p < 1$ and no further	
	division of any sort	
	= 312/36 (26/3) (8.67)	A12
	correct answer	

(iv) P(X > E(X)) = P(X = 9, 10, 11, 12)attempt to add their relevant probs = 20/36 (5/9) (0.556)correct answer M1 A12

[11]

- 11. (i)
 (0.05)(0.75)(0.15) M1

 Multiplying 3 probs only, no Cs
 = 0.00563 (9 / 1600)
 B1

 0.05 or 0.15 or 1/5 × $\frac{1}{4}$ seen
 A13
 - (ii) P(at least 8) = P(8, 9, 10) Binomial expression involving $(0.75)^r (0.25)^{10-r}$ and a C, $r \neq 0$ or 10 = ${}_{10}C_8(0.75)^8(0.25)^2 + {}_{10}C_9(0.75)^9(0.25) + (0.75)^{10}$ M1 Correct unsimplified expression can be implied = 0.526 A13 Correct answer

Correct answer

B23

(iii)	$\mu = 90 \times 0.75 = 67.5$ $\sigma^2 = 90 \times 0.75 \times 0.25 = 16.875$ $90 \times 0.75 (67.5) \text{ and}$ $90 \times 0.75 \times 0.25 (16.875 \text{ or } 16.9) \text{ seen}$	B1
	P(X > 60) For standardising, with or without cc, must have $$ on denom	M1
	$= 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{60.5 - 67.5}{\sqrt{(16.875)}}\right) = \Phi(1.704)$	M1
	For use of continuity correction 60.5 or 59.5	
	For finding an area > 0.5 from their <i>z</i>	M1
	= 0.956	A15
	For answer rounding to 0.956	[11]

12.	(i)	P(no orange) = $(2/3)^5$ or 0.132 or 32/243 For correct final answer either as a decimal or a fraction	B1	1	
	(ii)	P(2 end in 6) = $(1/10)^2 \times (9/10)^3 \times {}_5C_2$ For using $(1/10)^k k > 1$			B1
		For using a binomial expression with their 1/10 or seeing some $p^2 * (1-p)^3$			M1
		= 0.0729 A1 For correct answer			3
	(iii)	P(2 orange end in 6) = $(1/30)^2 \times (29/30)^3 \times {}_5C_2$ For their $(1/10)/3$ seen			M1
		= 0.0100 accept 0.01 For correct answer			A12
	(iv)	n = 5, p = 1/3, For recognising $n = 5, p = 1/3$			B1
		mean = $5/3$, variance = $10/9$ For correct mean and variance, ft their <i>n</i> and <i>p</i> , <i>p</i> < 1		E	81 ft2

[8]

13.	(i)	$P(\geq 3) = 1 - P(0, 1, 2)$ For attempt at $1 - P(0, 1, 2)$ or $1 - P(0, 1, 2, 3)$ or $P(315)$ or $P(415)$	M1	
		= $1 - (6/7)^{15} - {}_{15}C_1 (1/7) (6/7)^{14} - {}_{15}C_2 (1/7)^2 (6/7)^{13}$ For 1 or more terms with 1/7 and 6/7 to powers which sum to 15 and ${}_{15}C_{\text{something}}$		M1
		(= 1 - 0.0990 - 0.2476 - 0.2889) Completely correct unsimplified form		A1
		= 0.365 (accept 0.364) Correct final answer		A14
	(ii)	$\mu = 56 \times 1/7 \ (= 8)$ $\sigma^2 = 56 \times 1/7 \times 6/7 \ (= 6.857)$ 8 and 6.857 or 6.86 or 2.618 seen or implied		B1
		P(more than 7) = 1 - $\Phi\left(\frac{7.5-8}{\sqrt{6.857}}\right)$ Standardising attempt with or without		M1
		$=\Phi\left(\frac{8-7.5}{\sqrt{6.857}}\right) = \Phi(0.1909)$ Continuity correction either 7.5 or 6.5		M1
		Final answer > 0.5 (award this if the long way is used and the final answer is > 0.5)		M1
		= 0.576 Correct final answer		A15 [9]
14.	(i)	$z_1 = 0.02/0.15 = 0.1333$ For standardising one value, no cc	M1	
		$z_2 = -0.08/0.15 = -0.5333$ For standardising the other value, no cc. SR ft on no sq rt		M1
		area= $\Phi(0.1333) - \Phi(-0.533)$ = $\Phi(0.1333) - [1 - \Phi(0.5333)]$ = 0.5529 + 0.7029 - 1 For finding correct area (i.e. two Φ s - 1)		M1
		= 0.256 For correct answer		A1

	Prob all $4 = (0.256)^4$ (0.00428 to 0.00430) For correct answer, ft from their (i), if $p < 1$, allow 0.0043	A1ft5
(ii)	$z = \pm 1.282$ or 1.28 or 1.281 For correct z , + or – or both	B1
	$\pm 1.282 \frac{b}{0.15}$ For seeing an equation involving + or – of their <i>z</i> , <i>b</i> , 0.15 (their <i>z</i> can only be 0.842 or 0.84 or 0.841)	M1
	limits between 1.71 and 2.09 both limits needed, ft 1.77 to 2.03 on 0.842 only	A1ft3