



## MATHS

### BOOKS - SHRI BALAJI MATHS (ENGLISH)

#### PROBABILITY

##### Exercise 1 Single Choice Problems

1. The boy comes from a family of two children,  
What is the probability that the other child is his  
sister ? :

A.  $\frac{1}{2}$

B.  $\frac{1}{3}$

C.  $\frac{2}{3}$

D.  $\frac{1}{4}$

**Answer: C**



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2. If A be any event in sample space then the maximum value of  $3\sqrt{P(A)} + 4\sqrt{P(\bar{A})}$  is :

A. 4

B. 2

C. 5

D. Can not determined

**Answer: C**



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3. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two events, such that

$$P(\overline{A \cup B}) = \frac{1}{6}, P(A \cap B) = \frac{1}{4} \text{ and } P(\overline{A}) = \frac{1}{4}$$

, where  $\bar{A}$  stands for complement of event A.

Then events A and B are :

A. equally likely and mutually exclusive

B. equally likely but not independent

C. independent but not equally likely

D. mutually exclusive and independent

**Answer: C**



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4. Let  $n$  ordinary fair dice are rolled once. The probability that at least one of the dice shows an odd number is  $\left(\frac{31}{32}\right)$  then 'n' is equal to :

A. 3

B. 4

C. 5

D. 6

**Answer: C**



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5. Three a's, three b's and three c's are placed randomly in  $3 \times 3$  matrix. The probability that no row or column contain two identical letters can be expressed as  $\frac{p}{q}$ , where  $p$  and  $q$  are coprime then  $(p + q)$  equals to :

A. 151

B. 161

C. 141

D. 131

**Answer: C**



6. A set contains  $3n$  members. Let  $P_n$  be the probability that  $S$  is partitioned into 3 disjoint subsets with  $n$  members in each subset such that the three members of  $S$  are in different subsets. Then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_n =$

A.  $2/7$

B.  $1/7$

C.  $1/9$

D.  $2/9$

**Answer: D**



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7. Three different numbers are selected at random from the set  $A = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 10\}$ . The probability that the product of two of the numbers is equal to third, is

A. 39

B. 40

C. 41



D. 42

**Answer: C**



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8. Poor Dolly's T.V. has only 4 channels, all of them quite boring. Hence it is not surprising that she desires to switch (change) channel after every one minute. Then find the number of ways in which she can change the channels so that she is back to her original channel for the first time after 4 min.

A. 27

B. 12

C. 23

D. 33

**Answer: B**



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**9.** Letters of the word TITANIC are arranged to form all possible words. What is the probability

that a word formed starts either with a T or a vowel ?

A.  $\frac{2}{7}$

B.  $\frac{4}{7}$

C.  $\frac{3}{7}$

D.  $\frac{5}{7}$

**Answer: D**



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10. One mapping is selected at random from all mappings of the set  $S = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$  into itself. If the probability that the mapping is one-one is  $3/32$ , then the value of  $n$  is 2 b. 3 c. 4 d. none of these

A. 3

B. 4

C. 8

D. 16

**Answer: B**



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11. A 4 digit number is randomly picked from all the 4 digit numbers, then the probability that the product of its digit is divisible by 3 is :

A.  $\frac{107}{125}$

B.  $\frac{109}{125}$

C.  $\frac{111}{125}$

D. None of these

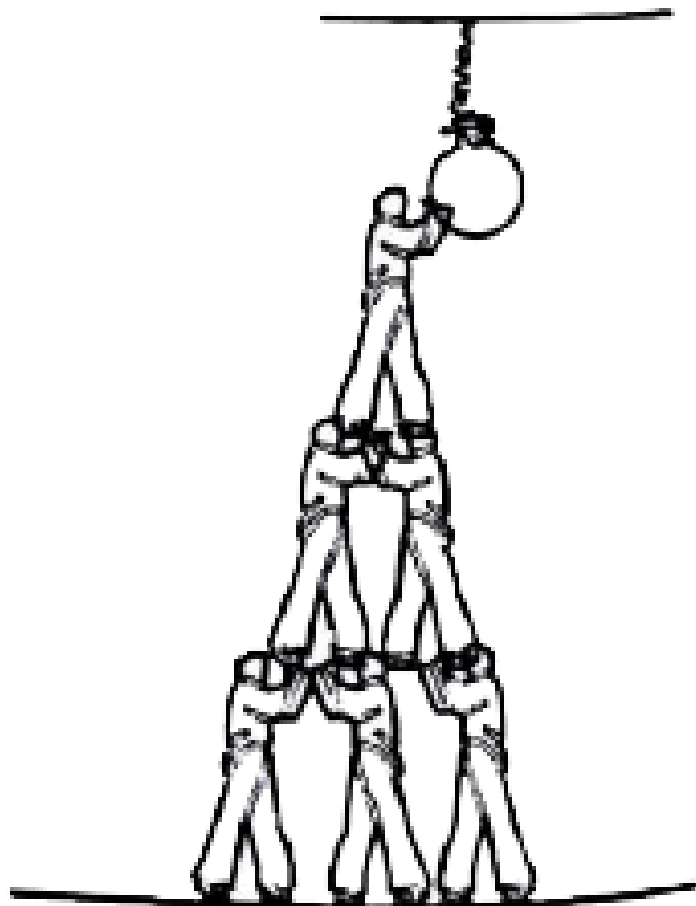
**Answer: A**





12. To obtain a gold coin, 6 men, all of different weight, are trying to build a human pyramid as shown in the figure. Human pyramid is called "stable" if some one not is the bottom row is "supported by" each of the two closest people beneath him and no body can be supported by anybody of lower weight. Formation of 'stable' pyramid is the only condition to get a gold coin. What is the probability that they will get gold

coin ?



A.  $\frac{1}{45}$

B.  $\frac{2}{45}$

C.  $\frac{4}{45}$

D.  $\frac{1}{5}$

**Answer: A**



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**13.** From a pack of 52 playing cards, half of the cards are randomly removed without looking at them. From the remaining cards, 3 cards are drawn randomly. The probability that all are king.



$$\text{A. } \frac{1}{(25)(17)(13)}$$

$$\text{B. } \frac{1}{(25)(15)(13)}$$

$$\text{C. } \frac{1}{(52)(17)(13)}$$

$$\text{D. } \frac{1}{(13)(51)(17)}$$

**Answer: A**



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**14.** A bag contains 10 white and 3 black balls. Balls are drawn one-by-one without replacement till all the black balls are drawn. The probability

that the procedure of drawing balls will come to an end at the seventh draw, is

A.  $\frac{15}{286}$

B.  $\frac{105}{286}$

C.  $\frac{35}{286}$

D.  $\frac{7}{286}$

**Answer: A**



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15. Let  $S$  be the set of all function from the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, 10\}$  to itself. One function is selected from  $S$ , the probability that the selected function is one-one onto is :

A.  $\frac{9!}{10^9}$

B.  $\frac{1}{10}$

C.  $\frac{100}{10!}$

D.  $\frac{9!}{10^{10}}$

**Answer: A**



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16. Two friends visit a restaurant randomly during 5 pm to 6 pm . Among the two, whoever comes first waits for 15 min and then leaves. The probability that they meet is :

A.  $\frac{1}{4}$

B.  $\frac{1}{16}$

C.  $\frac{7}{16}$

D.  $\frac{9}{16}$

**Answer: C**





17. Three numbers are randomly selected from the set  $\{10, 11, 12, \dots, 100\}$ . Probability that they form a Geometric progression with integral common ratio greater than 1 is :

A.  $\frac{15}{{}^{91}C_3}$

B.  $\frac{16}{{}^{91}C_3}$

C.  $\frac{17}{{}^{91}C_3}$

D.  $\frac{18}{{}^{91}C_3}$

**Answer: D**



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## Exercise 2 One Or More Than One Answer Is Are Correct

1. A consignment of 15 record players contain 4 defectives. The record players are selected at random, one by one and examined. The one examined is not put back. Then : Find the Probability that 9<sup>th</sup> one examined is the last defective is  $\frac{8}{195}$ .



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2. If  $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_{1006}$  be independent events such that

$$P(A_i) = \frac{1}{2^i} \quad (i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 1006) \quad \text{and}$$

probability that none of the events occur be

$$\frac{\alpha!}{2^\alpha (\beta!)^2}. \quad \text{then}$$

A.  $\beta$  is of form  $4k + 2, k \in I$

B.  $\alpha = 2\beta$

C.  $\beta$  is a composite number

D.  $\alpha$  is of form  $4k, k \in I$

**Answer: A::B::C::D**



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3. A bag contains four tickets marked with numbers 112, 121, 211, and 222. One ticket is drawn at random from the bag. Let  $E_i (i = 1, 2, 3)$  denote the event that  $i$ th digit on the ticket is 2. Then

A.  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are independent

B.  $E_2$  and  $E_3$  are independent



C.  $E_3$  and  $E_1$  are independent

D.  $E_1, E_2, E_3$  are independent

**Answer: A::B::C**



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4. For two events A and B let,  
 $P(A) = \frac{3}{5}, P(B) = \frac{2}{3}$ , then which of the  
following is/are correct ?

A.  $P(A \cap \bar{B}) \leq \frac{1}{3}$

B.  $P(A \cup B) \geq \frac{2}{3}$

$$\text{C. } \frac{4}{15} \leq P(A \cap B) \leq \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\text{D. } \frac{1}{10} \leq P(\bar{A} / B) \leq \frac{3}{5}$$

**Answer: A::B::C::D**



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## Exercise 3 Comprehension Type Problems

1. There are four boxes  $B_1, B_2, B_3$  and  $B_4$ . Box  $B_i$  has  $i$  cards and on each card a number is printed, the numbers are from 1 to  $i$ . A box is

selected randomly, the probability of selecting box  $B_i$  is  $\frac{i}{10}$  and then a card is drawn.

Let  $E_i$  represent the event that a card with number 'i' is drawn, Then :

Q.  $P(E_1)$  is Equal to :

A.  $\frac{1}{5}$

B.  $\frac{1}{10}$

C.  $\frac{2}{5}$

D.  $\frac{1}{4}$

**Answer: C**



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Let  $E_i$  represent the event that a card with number 'i' is drawn, Then :

Q.  $P(E_1)$  is Equal to :

A.  $\frac{1}{2}$

B.  $\frac{1}{4}$

C.  $\frac{1}{3}$

D.  $\frac{2}{3}$

**Answer: C**



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3. Mr. A randomly picks 3 distinct numbers from the set  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$  and arranges them in descending order to form a three digit number. Mr. B randomly picks 3 distinct numbers from the set  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$  and also arranges them in descending order to form a 3

digit number.

Q. The probability that A and B has the same 3 digit number is :

A.  $\frac{37}{56}$

B.  $\frac{1}{3}$

C.  $\frac{2}{3}$

D.  $\frac{1}{4}$

**Answer: A**



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Q. The probability that A and B has the same 3 digit number is :

A.  $\frac{7}{9}$

B.  $\frac{4}{9}$

C.  $\frac{1}{84}$

D.  $\frac{1}{72}$

**Answer: C**



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digit number.

Q. The probability that A and B has the same 3 digit number is :

A.  $\frac{37}{56}$

B.  $\frac{39}{56}$

C.  $\frac{31}{56}$

D. none of these

**Answer: A**



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6. In an experiment a coin is tossed 10 times.

Q. Probability that no two heads are consecutive

is :

A.  $\frac{143}{2^{10}}$

B.  $\frac{9}{2^6}$

C.  $\frac{2^7 - 1}{2^{10}}$

D.  $\frac{2^6 - 1}{2^6}$

**Answer: B**



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7. In an experiment a coin is tossed 10 times.

Q. The probability of the event that "exactly four heads occur and occur alternately" is :

A.  $1 - \frac{4}{2^{10}}$

B.  $1 - \frac{7}{2^{10}}$

C.  $\frac{4}{2^{10}}$

D.  $\frac{5}{2^{10}}$

**Answer: C**



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8. The rule of an "obstacle course" specifies that at the  $n^{\text{th}}$  obstacle a person has to toss a fair 6 sided die  $n$  times. If the sum of points in these  $n$  tosses is bigger than  $2^n$ , the person is said to have crossed the obstacle.

Q. The probability that a person crosses the first three obstacles :

A. 4

B. 5

C. 6

D. 7

**Answer: A**



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9. The rule of an "obstacle course" specifies that at the  $n^{\text{th}}$  obstacle a person has to toss a fair 6 sided die  $n$  times. If the sum of points in these  $n$  tosses is bigger than  $2^n$ , the person is said to have crossed the obstacle.

Q. The probability that a person crosses the first three obstacles :

A.  $\frac{143}{216}$

B.  $\frac{100}{243}$

C.  $\frac{216}{243}$

D.  $\frac{100}{216}$

**Answer: B**



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**10.** The rule of an "obstacle course" specifies that at the  $n^{\text{th}}$  obstacle a person has to toss a fair 6 sided die  $n$  times. If the sum of points in these  $n$  tosses is bigger than  $2^n$ , the person is said to

have crossed the obstacle.

Q. The probability that a person crosses the first two obstacles but fails to cross the third obstacle.

A.  $\frac{36}{243}$

B.  $\frac{116}{216}$

C.  $\frac{35}{243}$

D.  $\frac{143}{243}$

**Answer: C**



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**11.** In an objective paper, there are two sections of 10 questions each. For "section 1" , each question has 5 options and only one option is correct and "section 2" has 4 options with multiple answer and marks for a question in this section is awarded only if he ticks all correct answers. Marks for each question in "section 1" is 1 and in "section 2" is 3. (therefore is no negative marking.)

If a candidate attempts only two questions by guessing, one from "section 1" and one from



"section 2", the probability that he score in both questions is

A.  $\frac{74}{75}$

B.  $\frac{1}{25}$

C.  $\frac{1}{15}$

D.  $\frac{1}{75}$

**Answer: D**



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If a candidate attempts only two questions by guessing, one from "section 1" and one from

"section 2", the probability that he score in both questions is

A.  $\frac{1}{15} \left( \frac{1}{15} \right)^2$

B.  $\frac{4}{5} \left( \frac{1}{15} \right)^3$

C.  $\frac{1}{5} \left( \frac{14}{15} \right)^3$

D. none of these

**Answer: D**



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**Exercise 4 Matching Type Problems**

1. A is a set containing  $n$  elements, A subset  $P$  (may be void also) is selected at random from set  $A$  and the set  $A$  is then reconstructed by replacing the elements of  $P$ . A subset  $Q$  (may be void also) of  $A$  is again chosen at random. The probability that

Column-I		Column-II	
(A)	Number of elements in $P$ is equal to the number of elements in $Q$ is	(P)	$\frac{{}^{2n}C_n}{4^n}$
(B)	The number of elements in $P$ is more than that in $Q$ is	(Q)	$\frac{(2^{2n} - 2^n C_n)}{2^{2n+1}}$
(C)	$P \cap Q = \phi$ is	(R)	$\frac{{}^{2n}C_{n+1}}{4^n}$
(D)	$Q$ is a subset of $P$ is	(S)	$\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^n$
		(T)	$\frac{{}^{2n}C_n}{4^{n-1}}$



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## Exercise 5 Subjective Type Problems

1. Mr. A writes an article. The article originally is error free. Each day Mr. B introduces one new error into the article. At the end of the day, Mr. A checks the article and has  $\frac{2}{3}$  chance of catching each individual error still in the article. After 3 days, the probability that the article is error free can be expressed as  $\frac{p}{q}$  where  $p$  and  $q$  are relatively prime positive integers. Let  $\lambda = q - p$ , then find the sum of the digits of  $\lambda$ .



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2. India and Australia play a series of 7 one-day matches. Each team has equal probability of winning a match. No match ends in a draw. If the probability that India wins atleast three consecutive matches can be expressed as  $\frac{p}{q}$  where p and q are relatively prime positive integers. Find the unit digit of p.



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3. If  $a, b, c \in N$ , the probability that  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2$  is divisible by 7 is  $\frac{m}{n}$  where m, n

are relatively prime natural numbers, then  $m + n$  is equal to :



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4. A fair coin is tossed 10 times. If the probability that heads never occur on consecutive tosses be  $\frac{m}{n}$  (where  $m, n$  are coprime and  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ ), then the value of  $(n - 7m)$  equals to :



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5. A bag contains 2 red, 3 green and 4 black balls. 3 balls are drawn randomly and exactly 2 of them are found to be red. If  $p$  denotes the chance that one of the three balls drawn is green, find the value of  $7p$ .



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6. There are 3 different pairs (*i. e.* 6 units say  $a, a, b, b, c, c$ ) of shoes in a lot. Now three person come & pick the shoes randomly (each gets 2 units). Let  $p$  be the probability that no



one is able to wear shoes (i.e. no one gets a correct pain), then  $\frac{13p}{4-p}$  is

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7. A fair coin is tossed 12 times. If the probability that two heads do not occur consecutively is  $p$ ,

then the value of  $\frac{[\sqrt{4096p} - 1]}{2}$  is, where  $[ ]$

denotes greatest integer function :

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8. The probabilities of solving a problem correctly by  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\frac{1}{8}$  and  $\frac{1}{12}$  respectively. Given that they obtain the same answer after solving a problem and the probability of a common mistake by them is  $\frac{1}{1001}$ , then probability that their solution is correct is (Assuming that if they commit different mistake, then their answers will differ)



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9. Seven digit numbers are formed using digits 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 without repetition. The probability of selecting a number such that product of any 5 consecutive digits is divisible by either 5 or 7 is P. Then  $12P$  is equal to



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10. Assume that for every person the probability that he has exactly one child, exactly 2 children and exactly 3 children are  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{4}$  respectively. The probability that a person will

have 4 grand children can be expressed as  $\frac{p}{q}$  where  $p$  and  $q$  are relatively prime positive integers. Find the value of  $5p - q$ .



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11. Mr. B has two fair 6-sided dice, one whose faces are numbered 1 to 6 and the second whose faces are numbered 3 to 8. Twice, he randomly picks one of dice (each dice equally likely) and rolls it. Given the sum of the resulting two rolls is 9, The probability he rolled same dice twice is

$\frac{m}{n}$  where  $m$  and  $n$  are relatively prime positive

integers. Then the value of  $(m+n)$  is



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