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Probability equations

(9 – 1) Topic booklet

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These questions have been collated from previous years GCSE Mathematics papers.

You must have: Ruler graduated in centimetres and millimetres, protractor, pair of compasses, pen, HB pencil, eraser.

Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*
- Diagrams are NOT accurately drawn, unless otherwise indicated.
- You must **show all your working out.**
- If the question is a **1F** question you are not allowed to use a calculator.
- If the question is a **2F** or a **3F** question, you may use a calculator to help you answer.

Information

- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

Answer ALL questions

Write your answers in the space provided.

You must write down all the stages in your working.

22 There are only r red counters and g green counters in a bag.

A counter is taken at random from the bag.

The probability that the counter is green is $\frac{3}{7}$

The counter is put back in the bag.

2 more red counters and 3 more green counters are put in the bag.

A counter is taken at random from the bag.

The probability that the counter is green is $\frac{6}{13}$

Find the number of red counters and the number of green counters that were in the bag originally.

red counters.....

green counters.....

22 There are only green pens and blue pens in a box.

There are three more blue pens than green pens in the box.
There are more than 12 pens in the box.

Simon is going to take at random two pens from the box.

The probability that Simon will take two pens of the same colour is $\frac{27}{55}$

Work out the number of green pens in the box.

22 There are y black socks and 5 white socks in a drawer.

Joshua takes at random two socks from the drawer.

The probability that Joshua takes one white sock and one black sock is $\frac{6}{11}$

(a) Show that $3y^2 - 28y + 60 = 0$

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(b) Find the probability that Joshua takes two black socks.

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(3)

21 There are 10 pens in a box.

There are x red pens in the box.
All the other pens are blue.

Jack takes at random two pens from the box.

Find an expression, in terms of x , for the probability that Jack takes one pen of each colour.
Give your answer in its simplest form.

24 John has an empty box.

He puts some red counters and some blue counters into the box.

The ratio of the number of red counters to the number of blue counters is 1 : 4

Linda takes at random 2 counters from the box.

The probability that she takes 2 red counters is $\frac{6}{155}$

How many red counters did John put into the box?