

## Probability

## Mark Schemes

### Question 1

The lengths, in cm, of 120 adult platypuses are recorded in the following table:

Length, $l$ (cm)	Frequency (female)	Frequency (male)
$39 \leq l < 42$	(ii) 14	0
$42 \leq l < 45$	29	0
(iv) $45 \leq l < 48$	12	(i) 7
$48 \leq l < 51$	6	21
$51 \leq l < 54$	3	19
$54 \leq l < 57$	1	5
$57 \leq l < 60$	0	2
$60 \leq l < 63$	0	1

One platypus is chosen at random. Find the probability that the platypus is:

- (i) male
- (ii) less than 51 cm long
- (iii) a male less than 45 cm long
- (iv) a female between 45 and 54 cm long.

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(i) SUM OF MALES  $7+21+19+5+2+1=55$

$$P(\text{MALE}) = \frac{55}{120} = \frac{11}{24}$$

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(ii) SUM  $< 51$  (FIRST 4 ROWS)

$$14+29+12+6+7+21=89$$

$$P(< 51) = \frac{89}{120}$$

(iii) NO MALES ARE  $< 45$  cm

$$P(< 45) = 0$$

(iv) SUM  $45 \leq l < 54$  FOR FEMALES ONLY

$$12+6+3=21$$

$$P(45 \leq F < 54) = \frac{21}{120} = \frac{7}{40}$$

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### Question 2

Two fair spinners each have three sectors numbered 1 to 3. The two spinners are spun together and then the product of the numbers indicated on each spinner is recorded.

Find the probability of the product indicated by the spinners being

- (i) exactly 6
- (ii) less than 4
- (iii) an odd number.

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DRAW A SAMPLE SPACE DIAGRAM TO SHOW ALL POSSIBILITIES

x \ y	1	2	3
1	1	2	3
2	2	4	6
3	3	6	9

USE THE SAMPLE SPACE DIAGRAM TO FIND REQUIRED PROBABILITIES

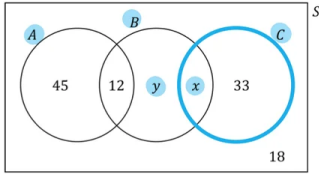
(i)  $P(6) = \frac{2}{9}$

(ii)  $P(< 4) = \frac{5}{9}$

(iii)  $P(\text{odd}) = \frac{4}{9}$

### Question 3

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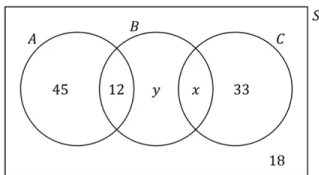
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$x = 15$        $y = 27$

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(a) (i)  $P(\text{Chloridia}) = \frac{8}{25} = \frac{48}{150}$  OR  $\frac{8}{25} \times 150 = 48$

$x = 48 - 33 = 15$        $x = 15$

(ii)  $y = 150 - (45 + 12 + 15 + 33 + 18)$

$y = 27$

(b) (i)  $P(\text{ATLEAST ONE}) = 1 - P(\text{NONE})$

$\frac{150 - 18}{150} = \frac{132}{150} = \frac{22}{25} = 0.88$

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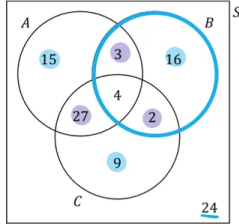
(ii)  $P(\text{EXACTLY ONE}) = \text{INSIDE VENN, NOT IN INTERSECTIONS}$

$\frac{45 + 27 + 33}{150} = \frac{105}{150} = \frac{7}{10} = 0.7$

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### Question 4

The following Venn diagram shows the number of adults in a poll who said they enjoy watching action films (A), Bollywood musicals (B), and crime thrillers (C). 100 adults were polled in total.



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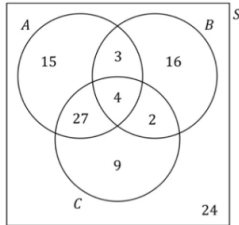
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(a) 'GIVEN THEY ENJOY AT LEAST ONE GENRE' IGNORE VALUES OUTSIDE CIRCLES (24)

$$15 + 3 + 16 + 27 + 4 + 2 + 9 = 76$$

(i)  $P(\text{BOLLYWOOD MUSICALS}) = \frac{16 + 3 + 4 + 2}{76}$  ← VALUES IN B

$$P(\text{BOLLYWOOD}) = \frac{25}{76}$$

(ii)  $P(\text{ONLY ONE GENRE}) = \frac{15 + 16 + 9}{76} = \frac{40}{76}$  ← VALUES NOT IN INTERSECTIONS

$$P(\text{ONLY ONE GENRE}) = \frac{10}{19}$$

(iii)  $P(\text{EXACTLY TWO GENRES}) = \frac{3 + 27 + 2}{76} = \frac{32}{76}$  ← VALUES IN DUAL INTERSECTIONS

$$P(\text{EXACTLY TWO GENRES}) = \frac{8}{19}$$

(b) (i)  $P(A \cap C) = \frac{27 + 4}{100} = \frac{31}{100} = 0.31$  ← INTERSECTION

$$P(A \cap C) = \frac{31}{100} \quad \text{OR } 0.31$$

(ii)  $P(A \cup C)$  ← COULD ADD ALL VALUES IN A OR C OR TAKE VALUES NOT IN EITHER

$$\frac{15 + 3 + 4 + 27 + 9 + 2}{100} = \frac{60}{100} = \frac{3}{5} = 0.6$$

OR

$$\frac{100 - (16 + 24)}{100} = \frac{60}{100} = \frac{3}{5} = 0.6$$

$$P(A \cup C) = \frac{3}{5} \quad \text{OR } 0.6$$

(iii)  $P(C|B)$  = CONDITIONAL C GIVEN B

$$n(B) = 3+4+2+16 = 25 \quad \text{TOTAL IN B}$$

$$n(C \cap B) = 4+2 = 6 \quad \text{TOTAL IN INTERSECTION}$$

$$P(C|B) = \frac{6}{25} = 0.24$$

$$P(C|B) = \frac{6}{25} \quad \text{OR } 0.24$$

(iv)  $P(B')$  =  $1 - P(B)$  NOT IN B

$$P(B) = \frac{3+4+2+16}{100} = \frac{25}{100}$$

$$P(B') = 1 - \frac{25}{100} = \frac{75}{100} = \frac{3}{4} = 0.75$$

$$P(B') = \frac{3}{4} \quad \text{OR } 0.75$$

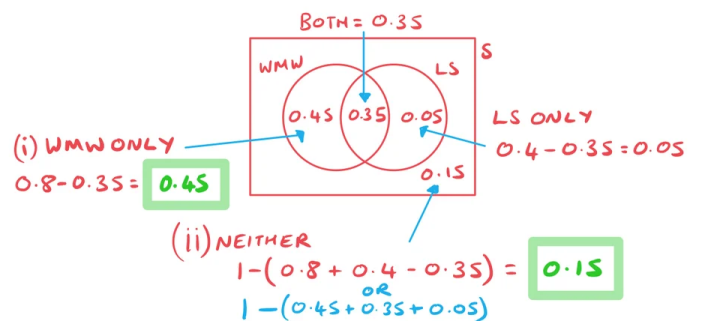
### Question 5

On any given day the probability that Radigast has a lichen smoothie with his lunch is 0.4, and the probability that he has a wild mushroom wrap is 0.8. Given that the probability of him having both those items is 0.35, find the probability that Radigast has:

- (i) a wild mushroom wrap but not a lichen smoothie
- (ii) neither a wild mushroom wrap nor a lichen smoothie.

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DRAW A VENN DIAGRAM TO ORGANISE OPTIONS



OR USE JUST CALCULATIONS

(i) WMW ONLY  $0.8 - 0.35 = 0.45$

$$P(\text{WMW ONLY}) = 0.45$$

(ii) NEITHER  $1 - (0.8 + 0.4 - 0.35) = 0.15$

$$P(\text{NEITHER}) = 0.15$$

### Question 6

(a)  $A$  and  $B$  are two events such that  $P(A) = 0.35$ ,  $P(B) = 0.25$  and  $P(A \cup B) = 0.6$ . State, with a reason, whether  $A$  and  $B$  are mutually exclusive.

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(b)  $C$  and  $D$  are two events such that  $P(C) = 0.2$ ,  $P(D) = 0.4$  and  $P(C \cap D) = 0.18$ . State, with a reason, whether  $C$  and  $D$  are independent.

[2]

(a) ' $\cup$ ' = 'OR' = ADD PROBABILITIES

MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE = NO COMMON OUTCOMES  
(NO OVERLAP IN VENN DIAGRAM)

$$P(A) + P(B) = 0.35 + 0.25 = 0.6 = P(A \cup B)$$

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(b) ' $\cap$ ' = 'AND' = MULTIPLY

INDEPENDENT = NO EFFECT ON EACH OTHER

$$P(C) \times P(D) = 0.2 \times 0.4 = 0.08 \neq 0.18 = P(C \cap D)$$

$$P(C) \times P(D) \neq P(C \cap D)$$

**C AND D ARE NOT INDEPENDENT**

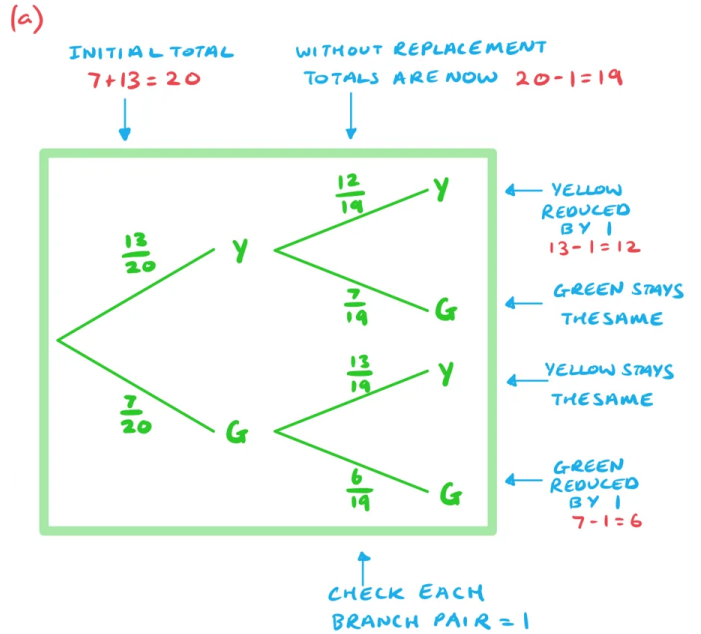
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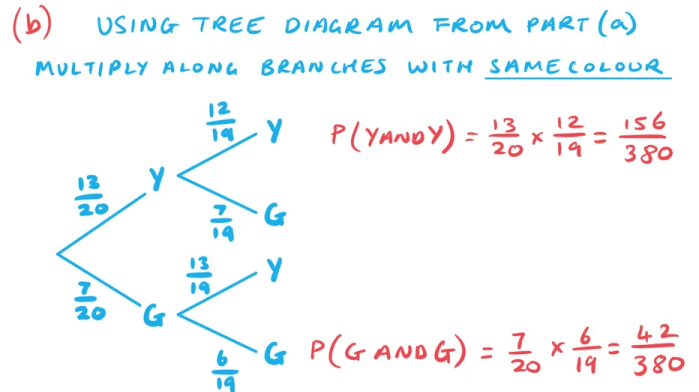
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NOT SIMPLIFYING MAKES PROBABILITIES EASIER TO ADD

$$P(Y \text{ AND } Y) + P(G \text{ AND } G) = P(\text{SAME COLOUR})$$

$$\left(\frac{13}{20} \times \frac{12}{14}\right) + \left(\frac{7}{20} \times \frac{6}{14}\right) = \frac{156}{380} + \frac{42}{380} = \frac{198}{380} = \frac{99}{190}$$

$P(\text{SAME COLOUR}) = \frac{99}{190}$

### Question 8

Ichabod is a keen chess player who plays one game of chess online every night before going to bed. In any one of those games, the probabilities of Ichabod winning, drawing, or losing are 0.4, 0.27 and 0.33 respectively. Following each game, the probabilities of Ichabod sleeping well after winning, drawing or losing are 0.7, 0.9 and 0.2 respectively.

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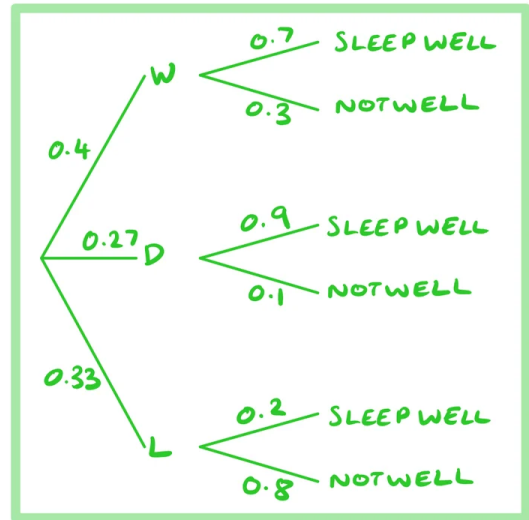
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(c) Given that Ichabod sleeps well, find the probability that his chess game did not end in a draw.

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(a)



↑  
CHECK EACH  
BRANCH PAIR = 1

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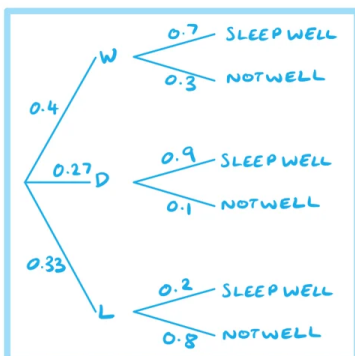
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(b)

(i)  $P(\text{LOSE AND SLEEP WELL}) = 0.33 \times 0.2 = 0.066$

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(ii)  $P(\text{SLEEPS WELL}) = \text{SLEEP WELL AFTER WIN, DRAW AND LOSE}$

$0.4 \times 0.7 + 0.27 \times 0.9 + 0.33 \times 0.2$

$0.28 + 0.243 + 0.066$

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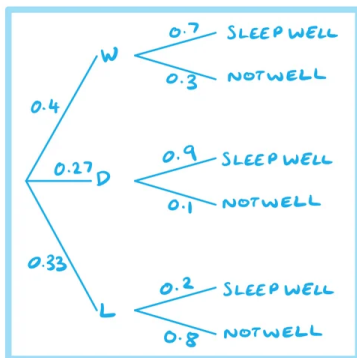
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$$(c) \quad P(\text{DRAW} | \text{SLEEP WELL}) = \frac{P(\text{WIN SLEEP WELL}) + P(\text{LOSE SLEEP WELL})}{P(\text{SLEEP WELL})}$$

← FROM (b)(ii)

$$\frac{(0.4 \times 0.7) + (0.33 \times 0.2)}{0.589} = \frac{0.346}{0.589}$$

$$P(\text{DRAW} | \text{SLEEP WELL}) = \frac{346}{589}$$