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Question Bank

Multiple choice Questions

- 1) If A and B are two events, the probability of occurrence of both A and B is given by.....
A) $P(A \cup B)$ B) $P(A \cap B)$ C) $P(A) + P(B)$ D) $P(A) - P(B)$
- 2) A ticket is drawn from 25 tickets numbered 1 to 25. Define an event as : the number drawn is odd number. The number of elements in this event is.....
A) 11 B) 12 C) 13 D) 25
- 3) If A and B are events such that $P(A) = 0.6$, $P(B) = 0.5$ and $P(A \cap B) = 0.3$ then $P(\bar{A} \cap B)$ is
A) 0.4 B) 0.8 C) 0.2 D) 0.3
- 4) If $P(A) = 0.7$, $P(B) = 0.8$, then most appropriate lower and upper possible values of $P(A \cap B)$ are
A) (0.1, 0.2) B) (0.5, 0.7) C) (0, 0.7) D) (0, 0.8)
- 5) Which of the following is the power set corresponding to sample space $\Omega = \{1, 2\}$?
A) $\{\{\}, \Omega\}$ B) $\{\{1\}, \{2\}\}$ C) $\{\{1\}, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}\}$ D) $\{\{\}, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}\}$
- 6) If A and B are any two events, then $P(A \cup B)$ is equal to.....
A) $P(A) + P(B)$ B) $P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$
C) $P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cup B)$ D) $P(A) + P(B) + P(A \cap B)$
- 7) If A and B are two events defined on the sample space Ω of a random experiment, then occurrence of A but not B is given by
A) $\bar{A} \cap B$ B) $A \cup \bar{B}$ C) $A \cup B$ D) $A \cap \bar{B}$
- 8) An event consisting of these elements which are not in A is called.....
A) Simple event B) Compound event
C) Complementary event D) Primary event
- 9) If a sample space Ω has n elements then its power set will have.....
A) $n/2$ elements B) 2^n elements C) n elements D) $2n$ elements
- 10) An event containing only one element is called.....
A) Sure Event B) Impossible Event
C) Compound Event D) Elementary Event
- 11) The probability of getting 5 Sundays in the month of May is.....
A) $\frac{2}{7}$ B) $\frac{3}{7}$ C) $\frac{1}{7}$ D) $\frac{6}{7}$

- 12) A and B are two events, then probability of at least one of them will occur is given by.....
- A) Multiplication law of probability B) addition law of probability
 C) Conditional probability D) none of these
- 13) Power set of a sample space having 3 sample points contains..... Subsets of the sample space.
- A) 3 B) 6 C) 8 D) 10
- 14) A ticket is drawn from 25 tickets numbered 1 to 25. Define event as : the number drawn is a prime number. Then number of elements in this event is
- A) 9 B) 10 C) 11 D) { 1,2,3... 23 }
- 15) In a group of 10 men, 6 are graduates. A group of 3 men are selected at random. The probability group consist of all graduates is.....
- A) 1/6 B) 0.1 C) 0.2 D) none of these
- 16) If the letters of the word SUN are arranged at random, the probability that the letter U gets the middle position is.....
- A) 2/3 B) 1/6 C) 1/3 D) 5/6
- 17) If a coin tossed 3 times the sample space has points.
- A) 2 B) 3 C) 8 D) 16
- 18) If A and B are any two events then the probability that at least one of them will occur is denoted by.....
- A) $P(A)$ or $P(B)$ B) $P(A) + P(B)$ C) $P(A \cup B)$ D) $P(\bar{A}) \cup P(\bar{B})$
- 19) If A and B are any two events then the following statement is true.
- A) $P(A \cap B) \leq P(A)$ B) $P(A \cap B) \leq P(B)$
 C) $P(A \cup B) \leq P(A) + P(B)$ D) All of these
- 20) The probability of getting the sum greater than 9 in a throw of a pair of fair dice is.....
- A) 1/36 B) 2/9 C) 1/6 D) 5/9
- 21) The probability of getting 5 Sundays in a month of February of a leap year is.....
- A) 2/7 B) 1/7 C) 5/29 D) 5/

- 22) The sample space corresponding to the experiment “Three seeds are planted and total number of seeds germinated are recorded after a week” is
- A) $\{0, 3\}$ B) $\{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ C) $\{1, 2, 3\}$ D) $[0, 3]$
- 23) Which of the following pairs is a pair of mutually exclusive events in drawing a single card from a pack of 52 cards?
- B) a heart and a queen B) an even number and a spade
C) a club and a red card D) an ace and an odd number
- 24) The probability of drawing one white ball randomly from a bag containing 6 red, 8 black, 10 yellow and 1 green ball is.....
- A) $1/25$ B) 0 C) 1 D) $14/25$
- 25) If A and B are two events such that $A \subset B$, then.....
- A) $P(A) = P(B)$ B) $P(A) \geq P(B)$ C) $P(A) \leq P(B)$ D) None of these
- 26) If A^c is the complementary event of A, then $P(A^c)$ is.....
- A) 1 B) 0 C) $P(A)$ D) $1 - P(A)$
- 27) A set is called doubleton, if its cardinality is
- A) 2 B) ≥ 2 C) ≤ 2 D) ∞
- 28) A box has 4 red and 4 blue balls. Five balls are selected at random, then probability of getting at least 1 blue ball is given by.....
- A) 1 B) $1/2$ C) 0 D) None of these
- 29) I: A and B are mutually exclusive
II: $P(A \cap B) = 0$
III : A and B are independent events. Then
- A) $I \Rightarrow II$ B) $I \Rightarrow III$ C) $III \Rightarrow I$ D) All of the above
- 30) Let A and B be two events such that $P(A) = 0.2$ and $P(B) = 0.8$. Which of the following statement is always true?
- A) $P(A \cup B) = 1$ B) $P(A \cap B) = 0.16$ C) $P(A \cap B) \leq 0.2$ D) None of the
- 31) If $P(A) = 1/3$, $P(B) = 3/4$, $P(A \cup B) = 11/12$ then $P(B|A) = \dots\dots\dots$
- A) $1/6$ B) $4/9$ C) $1/2$ D) none of these

- 32) Let A and B be two events defined on Ω and $P(B) > 0$
then $P(A|B) = P(A)/P(B)$
- A) $B < A$ B) $A \cap B = \phi$ C) $A < B$ D) none of these
- 33) If $B < A$ then $P(B|A)$ is
- A) 0 B) 1 C) $P(A)/P(B)$ D) $P(B)/P(A)$
- 34) For any event A, $P(\Omega/A)$ is.....
- A) One B) Zero C) $P(A)$ D) $P(1/A)$
- 35) If $P(A) = 1/3$, $P(B) = 1/4$, $P(A|B) = 1/6$ then $P(B|A)$
- A) $1/4$ B) $1/8$ C) $3/4$ D) none of these
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- 36) If an event B has occurred and it is known that $P(B) = 1$ then $P(A|B)$ is equal to. . .
- A) One B) Zero C) $P(B)$ D) $P(A)$
- 37) If A and B are mutually exclusive events then $P(A|B) = \dots\dots\dots$
- A) $P(A)$ B) $P(B)$ C) One D) Zero
- 38) If $P(A) = 0.3$, $P(B) = 0.4$ and A and B are mutually exclusive events then $P(A^c/B^c)$
=.....
- A) 0.3 B) 0.4 C) 0.12 D) 0.5
- 39) For an event A, $P(A/A)$ is.....
- A) One B) Zero C) $P(A)$ D) Not determined
- 40) If $A < B$ then $P(A|B)$ is
- A) 0 B) 1 C) $P(A)/P(B)$ D) $P(B)/P(A)$
- 41) Let A and B be two events such that $P(A) = 0.4$, $P(B) = k$ and $P(A \cup B) = 0.6$. If
A and B are exclusive events then the value of k is.....
- A) 0.3 B) 0.6 C) 0 D) 0.2
- 42) If A and B are exclusive events and $P(A) = 0.3$, $P(B) = 0.4$ then $P(A \cap B)$
=.....
- A) 0.3 B) 0.4 C) 0.7 D) 0
- 43) A card is drawn from a pack of cards. If it is a picture card, the probability that it
is a king is.....
- A) $1/3$ B) $1/4$ C) $1/12$ D) None of these

44) If A is an event defined on the sample space Ω and $P(A) > 0$ then following statement is false.

A) $P(B/A) \geq 0$

B) $P(\Omega / A) = 1$

C) $P(B \cup C/A) = P(B/A) + P(C/A)$

D) None of these

45) For an event A, $P(A/\bar{A})$ is.....

A) $P(A)$

B) $P(\bar{A})$

C) 0

D) 1

46) If $A < B$ then $P(B|A)$ is

A) 0

B) $P(A)$

C) $P(B)$

D) 1

47) If A and B are exclusive events and $P(A) = 0.3$, $P(B) = 0.4$ then $P(\bar{B}) =$

A) 0.7

B) 0.5

C) 0.6

D) 0

48) If A and B are exclusive events and $P(A) = 0.2$, $P(B) = 0.5$ then $P(\overline{AB}) =$

A) 0.2

B) 0.3

C) 0.4

D) 0.7

49) If $P(A) = 0.5$, $P(B) = 0.6$ and $P(B/A) = 0.9$ then $P(A \cap B) =$

A) 0.3

B) 0.4

C) 0.45

D) 0.54

50) The probability that A card drawn from a pack of cards is a red card given that it is a king is

A) $1/4$

B) $1/2$

C) $1/13$

D) $1/12$

Long Answers Questions

- 1) Define i) An event ii) Sample Space iii) Power set of a sample space
iv) mutually exclusive events v) compliment of an event
- 2) With usual notation show that
i) $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$
ii) $P(A^c \cap B) = P(B) - P(A \cap B)$
- 3) Define probability measure and prove that $P(\emptyset) = 0$ and $P(A^c) = 1 - P(A)$
- 4) For two events show that
$$P(A \cap B) \leq P(A) \leq P(A \cup B) \leq [P(A) + P(B)]$$
- 5) Given $P(A) = 3/4$ $P(B) = 5/8$ then show that
i) $P(A \cup B) \geq 3/4$ ii) $5/8 \geq P(A \cap B)$
iii) $3/8 \leq P(A \cap B) \leq 5/8$ iv) $1/8 \leq P(A \cap B^c) \leq 3/8$
- 6) Give an axiomatic definition of probability. Show that conditional probability satisfies the axioms of probability.
- 7) State and prove Baye's theorem.
- 8) State and prove multiplication law of probability.
- 9) State partition of sample space and Baye's theorem. A man is equally likely to choose one of the three routes C_1 , C_2 and C_3 from his house to railway station. The probability of missing the train by the routes C_1 , C_2 and C_3 are $2/5$, $3/10$, $1/10$. He sets out on a day and misses the train. What is probability that the route C_2 was selected?
- 10) A fair coin tossed twice and the events are defined as follows
A: Head on the first toss
B: Head on the Second toss
C: Same face on the both tosses
Discuss the pair wise and mutual independence of events A, B and C.

Short Answers Questions

- 1) Define i) a-priori definition of probability
ii) Axiomatic definition of probability.
- 2) Write a power set in an experiment of tossing a coin.
- 3) Explain through a concept of a partition of sample space by events.
- 4) If A and B are independent events with $P(A) = 1/2$ and $P(B) = 1/4$ then obtain $P(A \cup B)$ and $P(A/B)$.
- 5) If A and B are independent events then show that A^C and B^C are also independent events.
- 6) If A, B and C are mutually independent events then show that $A \cup B$ and C are also independent events.
- 7) If A and B are exclusive events then show that
i) $P(A/B) = 0$ ii) $P(A/B^C) = \frac{P(A)}{1-P(B)}$
- 8) Define i) mutually exclusive events ii) Independent events. Give an illustration of each.
- 9) If $B \subset A$, prove that $P(A \cap B^C) = P(A) - P(B)$. Hence deduce that $P(B) \leq P(A)$.
- 10) Define i) Union of two events ii) intersection of two events
iii) Impossible event iv) Certain event v) Complementary event
- 11) An urn contains 6 blue, 5 white, and 7 red balls. A person draws 4 balls from the box what is probability that among the balls drawn
i) two are red and two are blue ii) two are blue and two are white
- 12) If a fair coin and a die are tossed together
Find i) sample space ii) $P(\text{head on a coin and an even number})$ iii) $P(\text{number} > 4)$
- 13) If A and B are independent events then show that A and B^C are also independent events.
- 14) If $\Omega = (\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3, \omega_4)$, $A = (\omega_1, \omega_2)$, $B = (\omega_2, \omega_3)$, and $C = (\omega_1, \omega_3)$ then discuss about pair wise independence and mutual independence of three events A, B and C
- 15) If A and B are exclusive events then show that
i) $P(B/A) = 0$ ii) $P(A/A \cup B) = \frac{P(A)}{P(A)+P(B)}$
- 16) If A and B are any two events then prove that $P(A^C/B) = 1 - P(A/B)$
- 17) If $P(A) = 1/4$, $P(A/B) = 1/3$, $P(B/A) = 1/2$ then find $P(A/B^C)$
- 18) If A and B are independent and $P(A) = 1/4$ and $P(B) = 1/3$
Find i) $P(A \cup B)$ ii) $P(A^C \cap B^C)$
- 19) Let P be the probability function on sample space $\Omega = (\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3)$.
Find $P(\omega_1)$, $P(\omega_2)$ if $P(\omega_1) = 2P(\omega_2)$ and $P(\omega_3) = 1/3$.
- 20) If A and B are independent events then show that A^C and B are also independent events.