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This Examination contains 15 multiple choice questions 6 points worth each. You start with 10 points, and the highest possible score is 100. Fill in your answers on this cover sheet by placing an X through one letter for each problem. Calculators, books, and notes are not allowed.

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**GOOD LUCK**

1) You roll a fair die twice in a row. What is the probability that the sum of the upper face numbers is 8?

- a)  $\frac{1}{6}$       b)  $\frac{\binom{12}{8}}{36}$       c)  $\frac{1}{12}$       d)  $\frac{5}{36}$       e)  $\frac{1}{\binom{36}{8}}$

2) The set of six letters  $\{A, B, C, D, E, F\}$  is used to construct 4-letter words. Repetitions of letters are allowed and the order counts, i. e., the word  $ABDD$  is different from the word  $BDAD$ . Assume that the letters are chosen randomly, i. e. that any letter chosen from the set  $\{A, B, C, D, E, F\}$  is equally likely. What is the probability that a random word has all its 4 letters different?

- a)  $\frac{\binom{6}{4}}{6^4}$       b)  $\frac{P_4^6}{6^4}$       c)  $\frac{1}{6^4}$       d)  $\frac{4!}{6!}$       e)  $\frac{\binom{6}{4}}{6!}$

3) There is a well-shuffled standard card deck of 52 cards. What is the probability that a poker hand of five cards dealt randomly from the deck contains exactly 3 aces.

- a)  $\frac{\binom{4}{3} \cdot \binom{48}{2}}{\binom{52}{5}}$       b)  $\frac{5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 47^2}{52^5}$       c)  $\frac{\binom{4}{3} \cdot 48^3}{\binom{52}{5}}$       d)  $\frac{\binom{4}{3} + \binom{48}{2}}{\binom{52}{5}}$       e)  $\frac{4^3 \cdot 47^2}{52^5}$

4) Assume  $A$  and  $B$  are events, i. e. subsets of a sample space  $S$ . Let  $P$  be a probability defined on  $S$ . Assume that  $P(A) = 0.45$ ,  $P(B) = 0.15$ , and  $P(A \cap B) = 0.03$ . Calculate  $P(A|B)$ .

- a)  $\frac{1}{2}$       b) 0.45      c)  $\frac{1}{3}$       d) 0.03      e)  $\frac{1}{5}$

5) In a certain company 60% of the employees are female and the remaining 40% are, of course, male. 30% of the female employees and 40% of the male employees are younger than 35 years of age. What fraction of all the employees of that company are younger than 35 years of age?

- a) 0.32      b) 0.5      c) 0.36      d) 0.7      e) 0.34

6) There is a box of nails. Assume that  $\frac{2}{3}$  of these nails were produced by a machine (call it A) that is known to produce defective nails with probability 0.01, and the remaining  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the nails were produced by a machine (call it B) that is known to produce defective nails with probability 0.03. If a nail is chosen randomly from the box and it is found to be defective, what is the probability it was produced by machine A?

- a) 1                      b) 0.6                      c) 0.4                      d) 0.5                      e) 0.2

7) At a certain institute 55% of the members have cookies in the afternoon, 40% of the members have tea in the afternoon, and 20 % of the members have neither. What fraction of the members like both cookies and tea?

- a) 40%                      b) 15%                      c) 20%                      d) 95%                      e) 80%

8) A company produces light bulbs and ships boxes consisting of 40 bulbs. Before shipping, a random sample of 6 bulbs is taken from the box and inspected — if any are defective, the box is not shipped. Assuming the box contains 8 defective bulbs, what is the probability that the box won't be shipped, i. e., that the random sample of 6 bulbs contains at least one defective.

- a)  $\frac{32^6 - 8^6}{40^6}$                       b)  $\frac{\binom{8}{6}}{\binom{40}{6}}$                       c)  $\frac{\binom{32}{6}}{\binom{40}{6}}$                       d)  $1 - \frac{\binom{32}{6}}{\binom{40}{6}}$                       e)  $\frac{\binom{8}{1} \cdot \binom{32}{8}}{\binom{40}{8}}$

9) 39 % of a given population has type A blood. A specific blood typing test predicts type A blood for 37% of the population. If a person from the population has type A blood, then the test will predict with probability 0.91 that the person's blood is type A. What is the probability that a certain person actually has type A blood given that the test predicts type A blood for that person?

- a)  $0.91 \cdot 0.38$                       b)  $\frac{0.91 \cdot 0.39}{0.37}$                       c)  $\frac{0.91 \cdot 0.37}{0.39}$                       d) 1                      e)  $0.91 \cdot 0.37$

10) Assume that  $A$  and  $B$  are events of a sample space  $S$ . The probabilities  $P(B) = 0.4$ ,  $P(A|B) = 0.3$ , and  $P(A|\bar{B}) = 0.6$  are known. What is  $P(A)$ ?

- a) 0.48                      b) 0.12                      c) 0.24                      d) 0.7                      e) 0.9

11) Assume  $A$  and  $B$  are disjoint events, i. e.,  $A$  and  $B$  are subsets of a sample space  $S$  and the intersection  $AB = A \cap B = \emptyset$ . Let  $P$  be a probability defined for the sample space  $S$ . If further  $A$  and  $B$  are independent events, then it is always true that  $P(A) \cdot P(B) =$

- a)  $P(A) + P(B)$     b)  $\frac{1}{2}$     c) 1    d) 0    e)  $1 - P(A) - P(B)$

12) Let  $X$  be a discrete random variable which takes the values  $-1, 2,$  and  $4$ . Its probability function  $p$  is given as  $p(-1) = 0.4, p(2) = 0.3,$  and  $p(4) = 0.3$ . What is  $E(X)$ , i. e., what is the expected value of  $X$ ?

- a) 2    b) 1    c) 5    d)  $\sqrt{1.4}$     e) 1.4

13) How many ways can 3 different books be given to 7 persons, if each person is allowed to receive several books?

- a)  $7^3$     b)  $3^7$     c)  $\binom{7}{3}$     d)  $P_3^7$     e)  $3 \cdot 7$

14) Let  $X$  be a discrete random variable which takes the values  $-1, 2, 3,$  and  $4$ . The probability function of  $X$  is given as  $p(-1) = 0.1, p(2) = 0.2, p(3) = 0.1,$  and  $p(4) = 0.6$ . What is the standard deviation of  $X$ ?

- a) 2.4    b) 2    c)  $\sqrt{2.4}$     d) 1.2    e)  $\sqrt{3}$

15) Of the people entering a blood bank to donate blood, 30% have type  $O^+$  blood. For the next three people entering, let  $X$  denote the number with  $O^+$  blood. What is  $P(X = 2)$ ?

- a)  $3 \cdot (0.3)^2 \cdot 0.7$     b)  $3 \cdot (0.7)^2 \cdot 0.3$     c)  $(0.3)^2$     d)  $(0.7) \cdot 0.3$     e)  $(0.3)^2 \cdot 0.7$