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1 Event

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\begin{aligned}
& P(A)=p \\
& P(B)=q
\end{aligned}
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## 2 Events

$P(A A)=p^{2}$
$P($ AandB $)=2 p q$
$P(B B)=q^{2}$

## 3 Events

$$
\begin{aligned}
& P(A A A)=p^{3} \\
& P(2 \text { AandB })=3 p^{2} q \\
& P(\text { Aand } 2 B)=3 p q^{2} \\
& P(B B B)=q^{3}
\end{aligned}
$$

4 Events
$P(A A A A)=p^{4}$
$P(3$ AandB $)=4 p^{3} q$
$P(2$ Aand $2 B)=6 p^{2} q^{2}$
$P($ Aand $3 B)=4 p q^{3}$
$P(B B B B)=q^{4}$

If an event is repeated $n$ times and $P(X)=p$ and $P(\bar{X})=q$ then the probability that $X$ will occur exactly $k$ times is;

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P(X=k)={ }^{n} C_{k} q^{n-k} p^{k}
$$

Note: $X=k$, means $X$ will occur exactly $k$ times
e.g.(i) A bag contains 30 black balls and 20 white balls.

Seven drawings are made (with replacement), what is the probability of drawing; Let $X$ be the number of black balls drawn
a) All black balls?

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\text { b) } 4 \text { black balls? }
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\begin{aligned}
P(X=7) & ={ }^{7} C_{7}\left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^{0}\left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^{7} \\
& =\frac{{ }^{7} C_{7} 3^{7}}{5^{7}} \\
& =\frac{2187}{78125}
\end{aligned}
$$

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P(X=4)={ }^{7} C_{4}\left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^{3}\left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^{4}
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=\frac{{ }^{7} C_{4} 2^{3} 3^{4}}{5^{7}}
$$

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=\frac{4536}{15625}
$$

(ii) At an election $30 \%$ of voters favoured Party A.

If at random an interviewer selects 5 voters, what is the probability that;
a) 3 favoured Party A?

Let $X$ be the number favouring Party A

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\begin{array}{rlr}
P(3 A) & ={ }^{5} C_{3}\left(\frac{7}{10}\right)^{2}\left(\frac{3}{10}\right)^{3} & \\
& =\frac{{ }^{5} C_{3} 7^{2} 3^{3}}{10^{5}}=\frac{1323}{10000}
\end{array}
$$

b) majority favour A?

$$
\begin{aligned}
P(X \geq 3) & =C_{3}\left(\frac{7}{10}\right)^{2}\left(\frac{3}{10}\right)^{3}+{ }^{5} C_{4}\left(\frac{7}{10}\right)^{1}\left(\frac{3}{10}\right)^{4}+{ }^{5} C_{5}\left(\frac{7}{10}\right)^{0}\left(\frac{3}{10}\right)^{5} \\
& =\frac{{ }_{3} C_{3} 7^{2} 3^{3}+{ }^{5} C_{4} 7 \cdot 3^{4}+{ }^{5} C_{5} 3^{5}}{10^{5}} \\
& =\frac{4077}{25000}
\end{aligned}
$$

c) at most 2 favoured A ?

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\begin{aligned}
P(X \leq 2) & =1-P(X \geq 3) \\
& =1-\frac{4077}{25000} \\
& =\frac{20923}{25000}
\end{aligned}
$$

2005 Extension 1 HSC Q6a)
There are five matches on each weekend of a football season. Megan takes part in a competition in which she earns 1 point if she picks more than half of the winning teams for a weekend, and zero points otherwise.

The probability that Megan correctly picks the team that wins in any given match is $\frac{2}{3}$
(i) Show that the probability that Megan earns one point for a given weekend is $0 \cdot 7901$, correct to four decimal places.

Let $X$ be the number of matches picked correctly

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\begin{aligned}
P(X \geq 3) & ={ }^{5} C_{3}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{2}\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{3}+{ }^{5} C_{4}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{1}\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{4}+{ }^{5} C_{5}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{0}\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{5} \\
& =\frac{{ }^{5} C_{3} 2^{3}+{ }^{5} C_{4} 2^{4}+{ }^{5} C_{5} 2^{5}}{3^{5}} \\
& =0.7901
\end{aligned}
$$

(ii) Hence find the probability that Megan earns one point every week of the eighteen week season. Give your answer correct to two decimal places.

Let $Y$ be the number of weeks Megan earns a point

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\begin{aligned}
P(Y=18) & ={ }^{18} C_{18}(0 \cdot 2099)^{0}(0 \cdot 7901)^{18} \\
& =0.01 \text { (to } 2 \mathrm{dp} \text { ) }
\end{aligned}
$$

(iii) Find the probability that Megan earns at most 16 points during the eighteen week season. Give your answer correct to two decimal places.

$$
\begin{aligned}
P(Y \leq 16) & =1-P(Y \geq 17) \\
& =1^{18} C_{17}(0 \cdot 2099)^{1}(0 \cdot 7901)^{17}-{ }^{18} C_{18}(0 \cdot 2099)^{0}(0 \cdot 7901)^{18} \\
& =0.92 \text { (to } 2 \mathrm{dp})
\end{aligned}
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2007 Extension 1 HSC Q4a)
In a large city, $10 \%$ of the population has green eyes.
(i) What is the probability that two randomly chosen people have green eyes?

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\begin{aligned}
P(2 \text { green }) & =0.1 \times 0.1 \\
& =0.01
\end{aligned}
$$

(ii) What is the probability that exactly two of a group of 20 randomly chosen people have green eyes? Give your answer correct to three decimal eyes.

Let $X$ be the number of people with green eyes

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\begin{aligned}
P(X=2) & ={ }^{20} C_{2}(0.9)^{18}(0.1)^{2} \\
& =0.2851 \ldots \\
& =0.285 \quad(\text { to } 3 \mathrm{dp})
\end{aligned}
$$

(iii) What is the probability that more than two of a group of 20 randomly chosen people have green eyes? Give your answer correct to two decimal places.
$P(X>2)=1-P(X \leq 2)$

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\begin{aligned}
& =1-{ }^{20} C_{2}(0 \cdot 9)^{18}(0 \cdot 1)^{2}-{ }^{20} C_{1}(0 \cdot 9)^{19}(0 \cdot 1)^{1}-{ }^{20} C_{0}(0 \cdot 9)^{20}(0 \cdot 1)^{0} \\
& =0.3230 \ldots \\
& =0 \cdot 32 \text { (to 2 dp) }
\end{aligned}
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## Exercise 10J; <br> 1 to 24 even

