## PROBABILITY

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## is Multiple Choice Questions, with only one correct option.

Q01. If E is an event, then the value of $\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{E})+\mathrm{P}(\overline{\mathrm{E}})$ is:
(a) 0
(b) 1
(c) 2
(d) None of these

Q 02 . If $\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{E})$ is $38 \%$ for an event E , then the probability of failure of this event is:
(a) $12 \%$
(b) $62 \%$
(c) $100 \%$
(d) 0

Q03. In a survey, it is found that every fifth person possess a vehicle. The probability of a person 'not possessing the vehicle' is:
(a) $\frac{1}{5}$
(b) $\frac{4}{5}$
(c) $\frac{3}{5}$
(d) 1

Q04. Which of the following can't be the probability of an event?
(a) $\frac{2}{3}$
(b) $-\frac{1}{5}$
(c) $15 \%$
(d) 0.7

Q05. If ' p ' is the probability of an impossible event then, $\mathrm{p}=$ $\qquad$ ?
(a) $\frac{2}{3}$
(b) 0.1
(c) 1
(d) 0

Q06. The probability of a sure event is:
(a) 0
(b) 1
(c) 2
(d) None of these

Q07. What is the probability that an ordinary year has 53 Sundays?
(a) $\frac{6}{13}$
(b) $\frac{1}{7}$
(c) $\frac{2}{7}$
(d) $\frac{3}{8}$

Q08. A bag contains 9 red, 7 white and 4 black balls. A ball is drawn randomly. The probability that the 'ball drawn is not red' is:
(a) $\frac{9}{20}$
(b) $\frac{9}{11}$
(c) $\frac{2}{11}$
(d) $\frac{11}{20}$

Q09. If a die is thrown, and the probability of getting a number less than 5 is given by p then, which of the following is true for p ?
(a) 1
(b) 0
(c) $0<\mathrm{p}<1$
(d) $\mathrm{p}>1$

Q10. If red face cards are removed from the deck of 52 playing cards, then the probability of getting a black jack is:
(a) $\frac{2}{46}$
(b) $\frac{2}{52}$
(c) $\frac{4}{48}$
(d) $\frac{2}{23}$

Q11. If there are 5 prizes and 20 are blanks, then the probability of winning a prize is:
(a) $\frac{1}{5}$
(b) $\frac{1}{4}$
(c) $\frac{1}{3}$
(d) $\frac{4}{5}$

Q12. In a bag, there are 100 bulbs out of which 30 are bad ones. A bulb is taken out of the bag at random. The probability of the selected bulb to be good is:
(a) 0.50
(b) 0.70
(c) 0.30
(d) None of these

Q13. A coin is tossed 1000 times and 560 times a 'head' occurs. The empirical probability of occurrence of a Head in this case is:
(a) 0.50
(b) 0.56
(c) 0.44
(d) 0.056

Q14. Two coins are tossed 200 times and the following outcomes are recorded:

| HH | HT or TH | TT |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 56 | 110 | 34 |

The empirical probability of occurrence of at least one Head in the above case is:
(a) 0.33
(b) 0.34
(c) 0.66
(d) 0.83

Q15. On a particular day, the number of vehicles passing a crossing is given here:

| Vehicle | Two wheeler | Three wheeler | Four wheeler |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Frequency | 52 | 71 | 77 |

What is the probability of a two wheeler passing the crossing on that day?
(a) 0.26
(b) 0.71
(c) 0.385
(d) 0.615

Q16. In a bag there are 100 balls, which include normal and good quality balls. There are 40 good quality balls in the bag. A ball is taken out of the bag at random. The probability of the selected ball to be of good quality is:
(a) 0.50
(b) 0.70
(c) 0.60
(d) 0.40

Q17. A coin is tossed 1000 times and 560 times a 'tail' occurs. The empirical probability of occurrence of a Head in this case is:
(a) 0.50
(b) 0.56
(c) 0.44
(d) 0.056

Q18. A coin is tossed two times. What is the probability of getting exactly two heads?
(a) 0.50
(b) 0.75
(c) 0.60
(d) 0.25

Q19. In a simultaneous throw of two coins, the probability of getting at least one head is:
(a) $\frac{1}{4}$
(b) $\frac{2}{4}$
(c) $\frac{3}{4}$
(d) 1

Q20. What is the probability that a number selected from $1,2,3,4,5, \ldots, 16$ is a prime number?
(a) $\frac{1}{16}$
(b) $\frac{10}{16}$
(c) $\frac{6}{16}$
(d) $\frac{7}{16}$

Q21. A card is drawn at random from a pack of 52 cards. The probability that the card drawn is a face card is:
(a) $\frac{6}{13}$
(b) $\frac{1}{2}$
(c) $\frac{3}{13}$
(d) $\frac{39}{52}$

Q22. In a simultaneous throw of two dice, what is the probability of getting doublet?
(a) $\frac{1}{6}$
(b) $\frac{1}{4}$
(c) $\frac{3}{4}$
(d) $\frac{2}{3}$

Q23. A die is thrown once. Then the chance of getting a number which is less than 3 and greater than 2 is:
(a) 0
(b) 1
(c) $\frac{1}{6}$
(d) $\frac{5}{6}$

Q24. A card is drawn at random from a pack of 52 cards. What is the probability that the card drawn is a spade or a king?
(a) $\frac{9}{13}$
(b) $\frac{4}{13}$
(c) $\frac{2}{13}$
(d) $\frac{1}{13}$

Q25. A bag contains 6 black balls and 8 white balls. One ball is drawn at random. What is the probability that the ball drawn is white?
(a) $\frac{4}{7}$
(b) $\frac{3}{4}$
(c) $\frac{4}{3}$
(d) $\frac{1}{8}$

Q26. In a game, a number is chosen at random from the set $\{1,2,3, \ldots, 28,29,30\}$. What is the probability that the number chosen is a product of exactly two different prime numbers?
(a) $\frac{1}{6}$
(b) $\frac{7}{30}$
(c) $\frac{4}{15}$
(d) $\frac{1}{5}$

Q27. In a cricket match probability of winning of India against Pakistan is 0.79 . Then probability of loosing the match will be:
(a) 0.23
(b) 0.21
(c) 0.14
(d) 0.36

Q28. A number is chosen randomly among the first 100 natural numbers. Then the probability that the number chosen is multiple of 7 , will be:
(a) $\frac{7}{50}$
(b) $\frac{7}{15}$
(c) $\frac{7}{29}$
(d) $\frac{3}{13}$

Q29. A bag contains 10 red balls and some white balls. If the probability of drawing a white ball is double that of a red ball, then number of white balls in the bag will be:
(a) 10
(b) 15
(c) 20
(d) 25

Q30. The king, queen and jack of hearts are removed from a deck of 52 playing cards and then well shuffled. One card is selected from the remaining cards. Then the probability of getting a king is:
(a) $\frac{1}{49}$
(b) $\frac{2}{49}$
(c) $\frac{3}{49}$
(d) 1

Q31. Paper cards numbered $1,2,3, \ldots, 16,17$ are put in a box and mixed thoroughly. One person draws a card from the box. Then the probability that the odd number on the card is:
(a) $\frac{8}{17}$
(b) $\frac{9}{17}$
(c) $\frac{6}{17}$
(d) $\frac{5}{17}$

Q32. A die is thrown twice. Then the probability that 5 will come up at least once is:
(a) $\frac{11}{36}$
(b) $\frac{7}{36}$
(c) $\frac{5}{36}$
(d) $\frac{25}{36}$

Q33. In a single throw of two dice, the probability of getting a doublet of odd numbers is:
(a) $\frac{11}{12}$
(b) $\frac{1}{12}$
(c) $\frac{5}{12}$
(d) $\frac{1}{2}$

Q34. If three coins are tossed simultaneously, then the probability of getting at least two heads, is:
(a) $\frac{1}{4}$
(b) $\frac{3}{8}$
(c) $\frac{1}{2}$
(d) $\frac{3}{4}$

Q35. If $\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{E})=0.05$, then $\mathrm{P}($ not E$)=$
(a) 0.095
(b) 0.5
(c) 0.9
(d) 0.95

## ANSWERS KEY

| Q01. b | Q02. b | Q03. b | Q04. b | Q05. d | Q06. b | Q07. b |
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| Q08. d | Q09. c | Q10. a | Q11. a | Q12. b | Q13. b | Q14. d |
| Q15. a | Q16. d | Q17. c | Q18. d | Q19. c | Q20. c | Q21.c |
| Q22.a | Q23. a | Q24.b | Q25. a | Q26. b | Q27. b | Q28. a |
| Q29. c | Q30. c | Q31.b | Q32. a | Q33. b | Q34. c | Q35. d |

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