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## Level 2 Mathematics and Statistics, 2015

### 91267 Apply probability methods in solving problems

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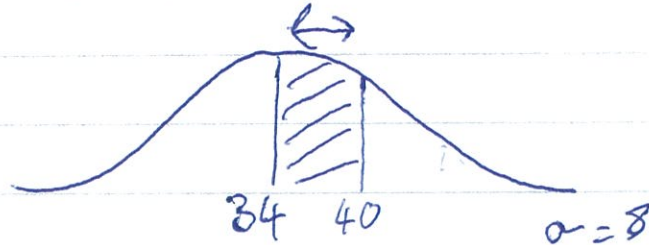
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## QUESTION ONE

- (a) The waiting time for a patient attending a medical centre before seeing a doctor is approximately normally distributed, with a mean of 34 minutes and a standard deviation of 8 minutes.

- (i) Find the probability that a patient will wait between 34 and 40 minutes.



$$P = 0.273372$$

Correct answer. GC used.

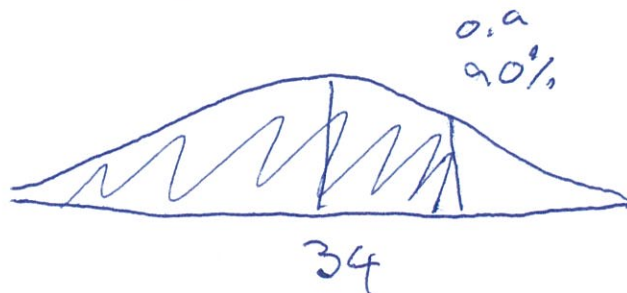
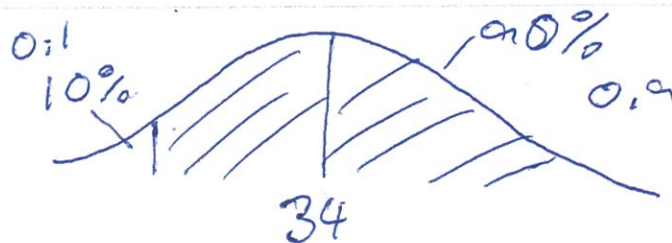
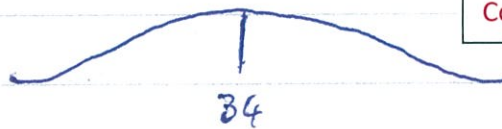
- (ii) After how many minutes will 90% of patients have begun being seen by a doctor?

$$x_{Inv} = \cancel{23.7475} \text{ minutes } 44.25 \text{ minutes}$$

$$\cancel{44.25} \text{ minutes}$$

$$\cancel{23.747}$$

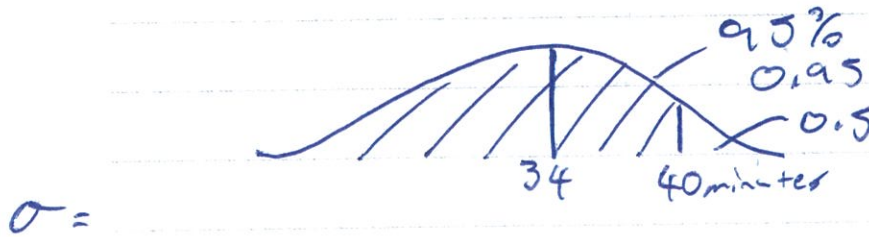
Correct answer. GC used.



- (iii) It is decided that waiting times must be changed so that at least 95% of patients will be seen by a doctor within 40 minutes.

Because of the administration required, the mean time cannot change, but it is known that for each doctor added to the duty teams, the standard deviation will reduce by 0.4 minutes.

How many doctors must be added to meet the new requirement?



$$Z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}$$

$$Z = 1.281$$

~~$Z = 1.645$~~

$$\frac{x - 34}{8}$$

$$x = (1.281 \times 8) + 34 = 44.248$$

$$x = 44.248$$

44 more doctors  
would have to be added  
to meet the new requirement.

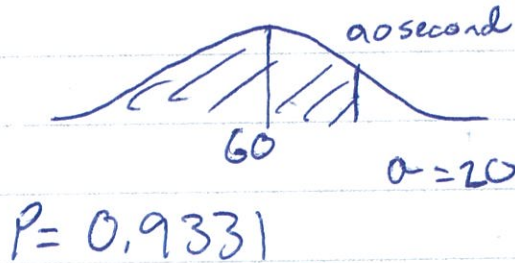
Incorrect z-value used.  
Incorrect answer.



- (b) At reception, patients are assessed on the urgency of their condition. This is done within two minutes of arrival.

It is thought that the waiting time before an assessment is done is approximately normally distributed with a mean of 60 seconds and standard deviation of 20 seconds.

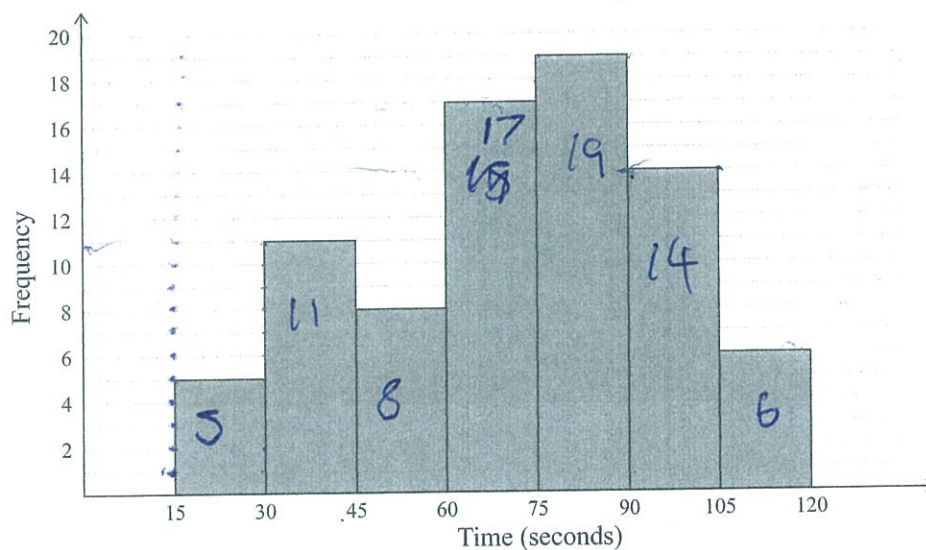
- (i) What proportion of patients would be assessed at reception within 90 seconds of arrival?



Correct answer. GC used.

- (ii) A survey is carried out on 80 patients who arrive at reception. Patients are selected at random on a particular day. The results are shown in the frequency histogram below.

Assessment time at reception



What proportion of patients in the survey were assessed at reception within 90 seconds of arrival?

Handwritten calculations for the proportion of patients assessed within 90 seconds:

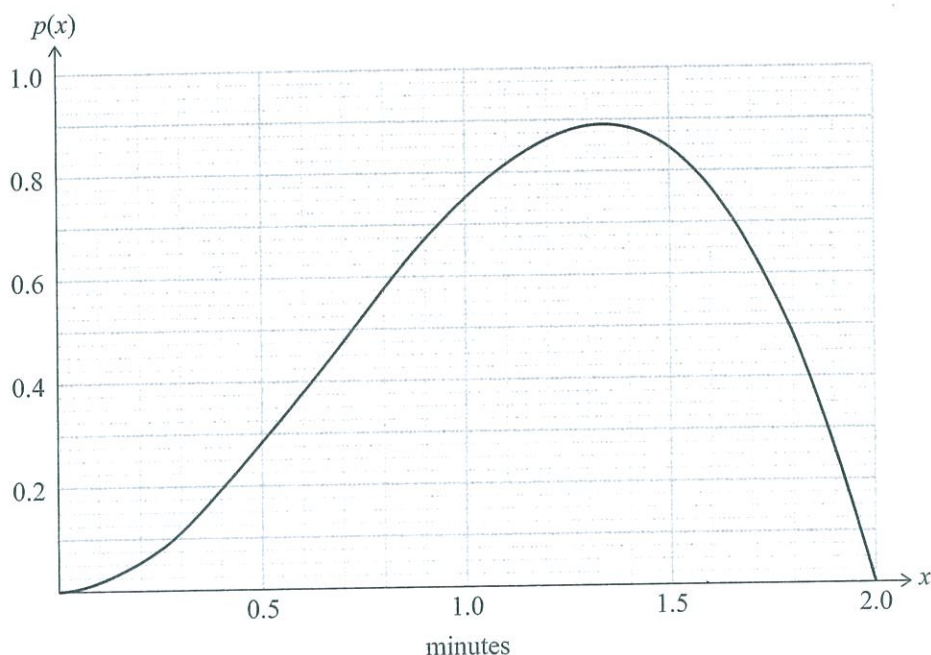
$$\frac{60}{80} = \frac{3}{4} \text{ or } 0.75$$

Other handwritten calculations shown include  $\frac{17}{80}$ ,  $\frac{19}{80}$ , and  $\frac{36}{80}$ .

Correct answer.



- (iii) A statistician states that the assessment times are not normally distributed, but are more likely to approximate the distribution  $p(x)$  below.



The associated probabilities (with minutes converted to seconds) are given in the following table:

Assessment Time (seconds)	0 –	15 –	30 –	45 –	60 –	75 –	90 –	105 – 120
Probability	0.01	0.05	0.10	0.16	0.21	0.22	0.17	0.08

Compare the frequency histogram for the survey of 80 patients with the distribution curve  $p(x)$ .

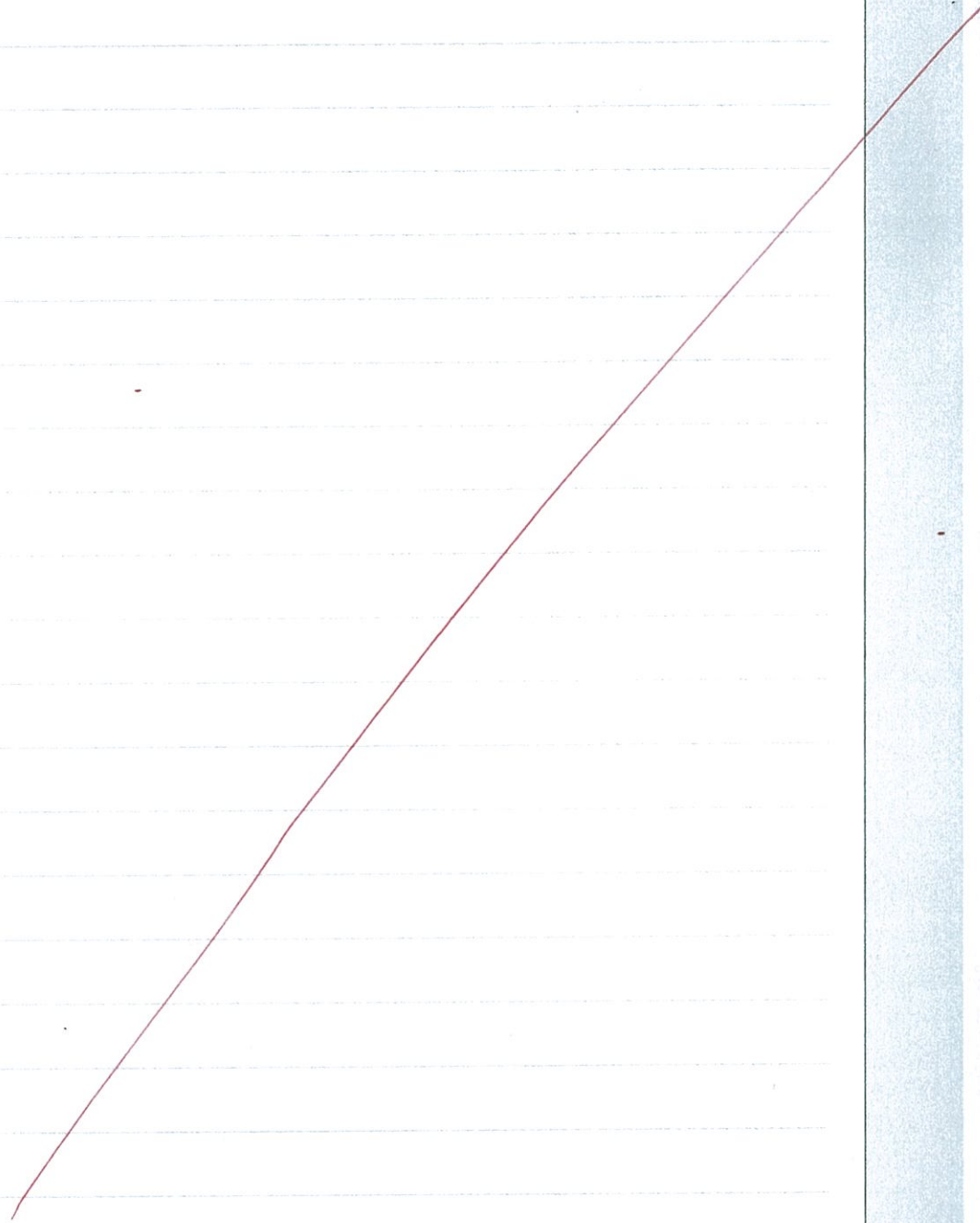
You should comment on the comparative shape, centre, and spread of the two distributions.

*It is important to give numerical values to support your statements where possible.*

There is a skewness to the right  
shifting the median to the right.

Comment on shape  
but little else.

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## QUESTION TWO

A study is conducted of 1500 randomly selected candidates for an international examination to investigate whether Year 12 candidates were as successful as those from Year 13.

The results are summarised in the table below:

	Year 12	Year 13	Total
Passed	347	853	1200
Failed	33	267	300
Total	380	1120	1500

- (a) (i) What proportion of candidates in the study passed the examination?

$$\frac{1200}{1500} \text{ or } \frac{4}{5} \text{ or } 0.8$$

Correct answer.

- (ii) What proportion of candidates who failed the examination were from Year 12?

$$\frac{33}{380}$$

$$\frac{33}{300} \text{ or } \frac{11}{100} \text{ or } 0.11$$

Correct answer.

- (iii) There were about 52 500 candidates from Year 12 and Year 13 who attempted the examination.

Using the results of this study, how many candidates would be expected to be from Year 13, and pass the examination?

$$\frac{1120}{1500} \div \frac{853}{1120}$$

Incorrect answer.

$$= 0.7466 \div 0.7616 = 0.980 \times 52,500$$

51450 students would pass the exam



- (iv) It is claimed that Year 13 candidates are four times more likely to fail the examination than Year 12 candidates.

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State whether or not you agree with this claim, showing full calculations to support your view.

Incorrect as the probability of them passing is 0.761 which is higher than ~~1/50~~ and 0.5. Compared to year 12s who are //

Insufficient response.

- (b) The same study also considered the number of subjects the candidates were taking in their normal academic courses. It found that of the same sample of 1500 candidates, 682 were taking six subjects, while the rest were taking five subjects. Of the candidates who were taking five subjects, 192 failed the examination.

The table from page 7 is repeated here to help you answer the questions that follow.

	Year 12	Year 13	Total
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Handwritten calculations:

$$\frac{682}{1500} \rightarrow 0.4547$$

$$\frac{300}{818} \rightarrow 0.3669$$

$$\frac{682}{1500} \rightarrow \text{six subjects, } \frac{818}{1500} \rightarrow \frac{192}{818} \rightarrow \frac{626}{818}$$

Total passed 1200

382 students

- (i) What proportion of candidates in the study took six subjects and passed?

Handwritten calculation:

$$\frac{347}{682}$$

Handwritten calculation:

$$\frac{374}{682} \text{ passed on six subjects}$$

Incorrect answer.

- (ii) On the evidence of this study, would you recommend that candidates take six subjects? Support your answer with numerical calculations that consider the absolute and relative risks. You may also wish to comment on the sensibility of drawing any conclusions on this evidence.

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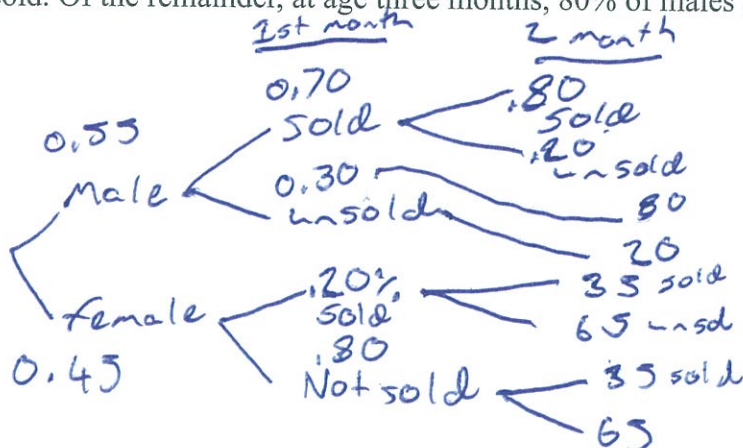


## QUESTION THREE

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- (a) When calves are born into a pedigree beef herd, decisions are made after they are one month old, and again when they are three months old, as to whether they will be kept in the herd or sold.

55% of calves born are male. At age one month, 70% of male and 20% of female calves are sold. Of the remainder, at age three months, 80% of males and 35% of females are also sold.



- (i) Find the probability that a randomly chosen calf born into the herd will be male and sold at age one month.

$$0.55 \times 0.70$$

~~0.385~~

$$0.385$$

Correct answer.

- (ii) Find the probability that a randomly chosen calf born into the herd will be female and sold at age three months.

$$0.45 \times 0.80 \times 0.35$$

$$0.126$$

Correct answer.

- (iii) What percentage of calves will eventually be kept in the pedigree herd?

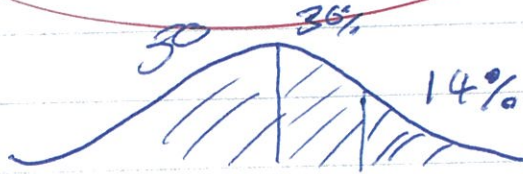
$$0.033 \div 0.234 = 14.1$$

0.033 found but  
incorrect answer.

- (iv) In a particular year 550 calves were born.

How many male calves can be expected to be kept in the pedigree herd?

14% of 550 calves.



Incorrect answer.

- (v) The ratio of male to female calves being kept in the herd after three months is about one male to every seven females. This is to be changed to one male to every ten females.

If the number of male calves remains the same, what proportion of females would have been sold?

$$\frac{1}{10} \times 550 = 55$$

74

495 female calves

$$\frac{1}{7} \times \frac{1}{10}$$

Incorrect answer.



- (b) New Zealand fantails are birds which are either pied or black.

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Pied fantail

Black fantail

Cherryl Mariner, [www.nzbirdsonline.org.nz/species/new-zealand-fantail](http://www.nzbirdsonline.org.nz/species/new-zealand-fantail)

They interbreed, and pairs with successful nests are found in the following proportions:

Pair	Two pied fantails	One pied and one black fantail	Two black fantails
Proportion	0.75	0.2	0.05

Successful nests have between one and four eggs. The proportions of eggs are given in the table below.

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One egg	0.15	0.2	0.3
Two eggs	0.3	0.35	0.5
Three eggs	0.4	0.35	0.15
Four eggs	0.15	0.1	0.05

- (i) What proportion of pairs with two pied fantails will have a successful nest with more than one egg?

$$\frac{0.85}{1.00}$$

Correct answer.



- (ii) A researcher claims that only one out of every 50 nests found with three eggs is likely to be from a pair of two black fantails.

Use calculations to show that the researcher's claim is justified.

$$\frac{1}{50}$$

$$0.15$$

Incorrect answer

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$$40 - 34 = 6 \quad \frac{6}{8} = 0.75 \quad 0.75 \Rightarrow 0.2734$$

Correct answer. GC used.

- (ii) After how many minutes will 90% of patients have begun being seen by a doctor?

$$90\% \div 2 = 45\% \quad 45\% = 0.45 \quad 0.45 = 1.645 \text{ SD}$$

$$1.645 \times 8 = 13.16$$

$$34 - 13.16 = 20.84$$

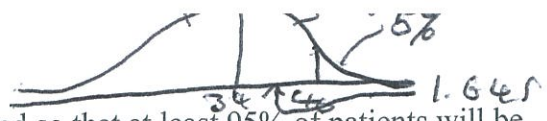
$$34 + 13.16 = 47.16$$

$$0.4 = 1.2815 \text{ SD} \quad 1.2815 \times 8 = 10.248$$

$$34 + 10.248 = 44.248 \text{ minutes}$$

Correct answer. GC used.





- (iii) It is decided that waiting times must be changed so that at least 95% of patients will be seen by a doctor within 40 minutes.

Because of the administration required, the mean time cannot change, but it is known that for each doctor added to the duty teams, the standard deviation will reduce by 0.4 minutes.

How many doctors must be added to meet the new requirement?

$$0.45 = 1.645 \sigma + D \quad 1.645 \times 8 = 13.16$$

$$34 + 13.16 = 47.16$$

$$47.16 \div 9.6 = 4.9125$$

$$47.16 \div 9.6 = 5.1261 (4dp)$$

STD must be 9.6

$$9.6 - 8 = 1.6$$

$$1.6 \div 0.4 = 4$$

4 Doctors must be added

Correct z-value identified.

Answer incorrect.

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$$90 - 60 = 30 \text{ seconds} \quad 30/20 = 1.5 \text{ STD}$$

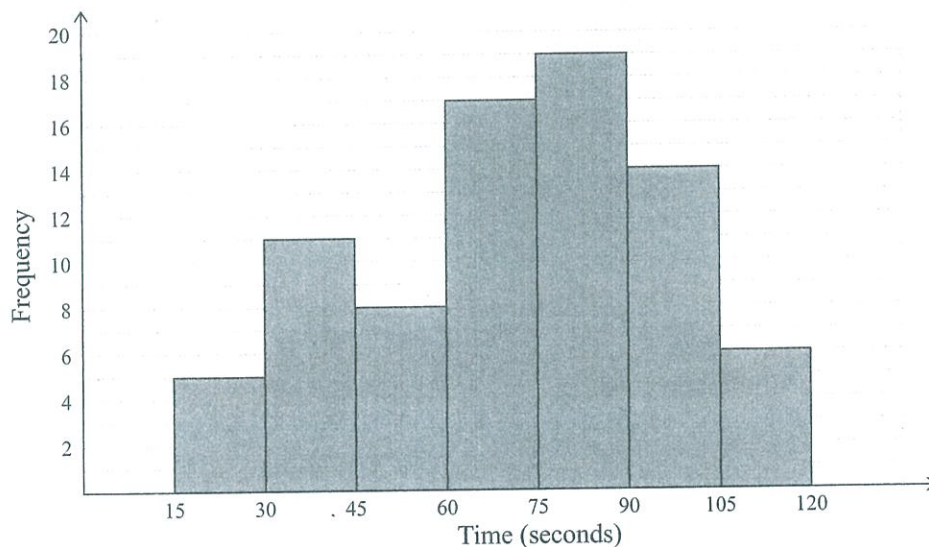
$$1.5 = 0.4332 \quad 0.4332 + 0.5 = 0.9332$$

$$0.9332 = 93.32\%$$

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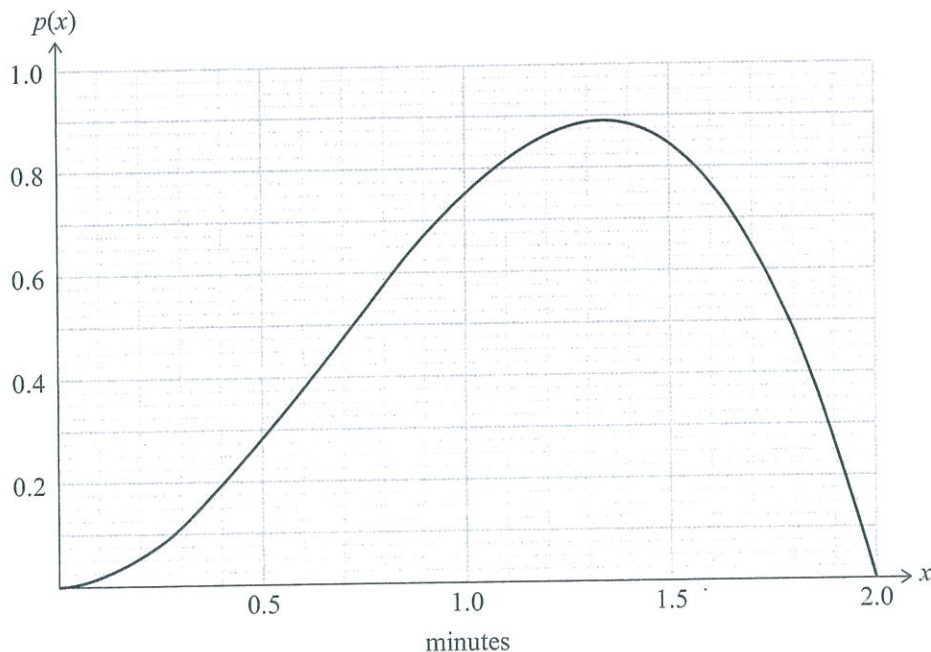
What proportion of patients in the survey were assessed at reception within 90 seconds of arrival?

$$19 + 17 + 8 + 11 + 5 = 60 \quad 60/80 = 3/4 \text{ or } 0.75$$

Correct answer.



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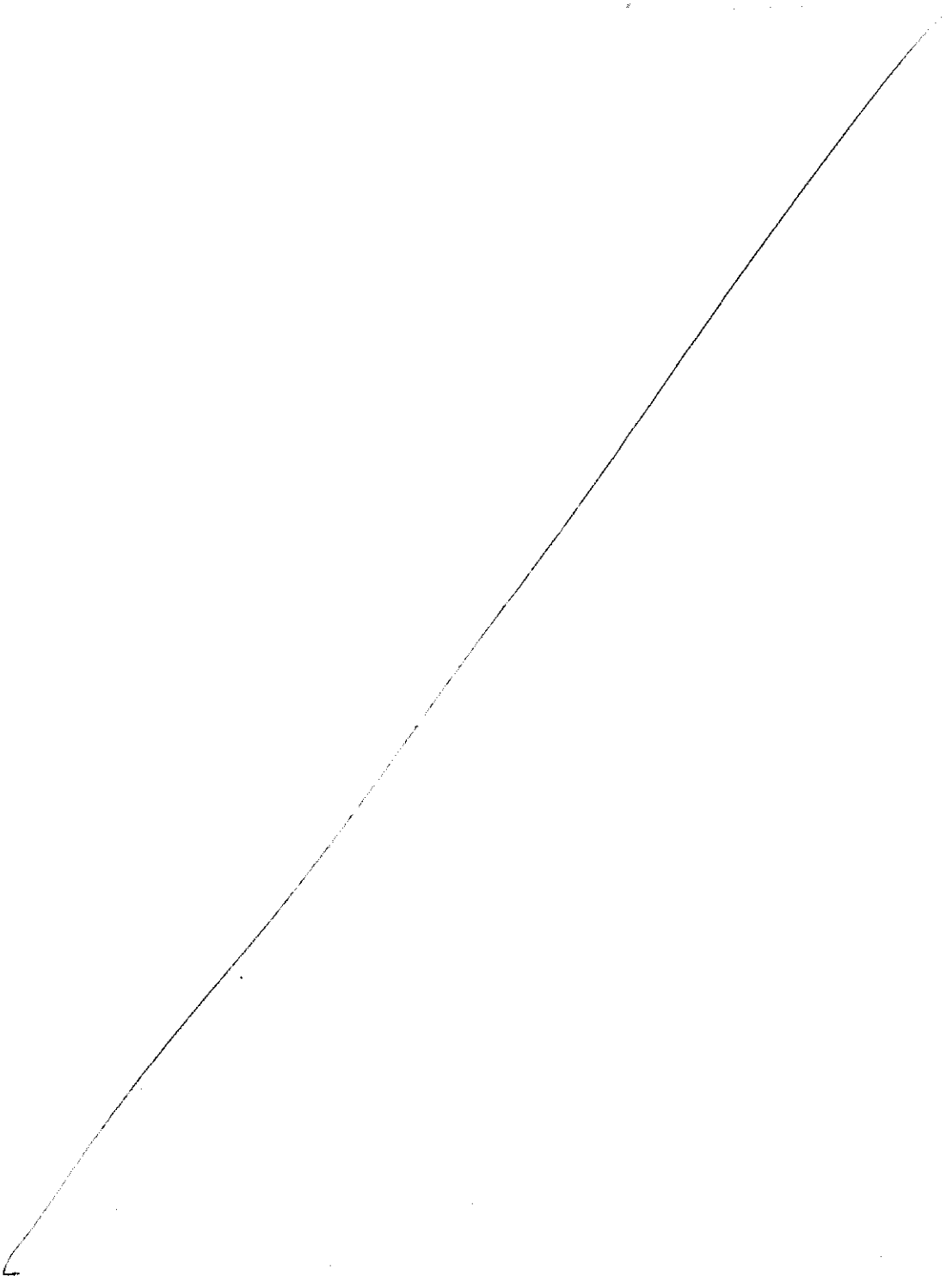
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No response.

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Correct answer.

- (ii) What proportion of candidates who failed the examination were from Year 12?

$$\frac{33}{300} = \frac{11}{100} \text{ or } 0.11$$

Correct answer.

- (iii) There were about 52 500 candidates from Year 12 and Year 13 who attempted the examination.

Using the results of this study, how many candidates would be expected to be from Year 13, and pass the examination?

$$\begin{aligned} 52,500 \times 0.8 &= 42000 \text{ passed} \\ &= \text{Yr 13 pass rate} \quad 42000 \times \left( \frac{853}{1200} \right) \\ &= 29,855 \end{aligned}$$

Correct answer.

- (iv) It is claimed that Year 13 candidates are four times more likely to fail the examination than Year 12 candidates.

State whether or not you agree with this claim, showing full calculations to support your view.

$$\text{Yr 12} = \frac{33}{380} = \cancel{0.087} \quad \underline{0.087}$$

$$\text{Yr 13} = \frac{267}{1120} = 0.238$$

This claim is not supported by the ~~at~~ evidence given in this sample. This claim may be true for other samples. This sample shows Yr 13 students are approximately 3 times more likely to fail. Given the relatively small sample of year 12 students compared ~~to~~ to the year 13 students it is entirely plausible that in another sample this statement could prove true.  $\Delta //$

Correct absolute risks found. No relative risk.



- (b) The same study also considered the number of subjects the candidates were taking in their normal academic courses. It found that of the same sample of 1500 candidates, 682 were taking six subjects, while the rest were taking five subjects. Of the candidates who were taking five subjects, 192 failed the examination.

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- (i) What proportion of candidates in the study took six subjects and passed?

$$\frac{682}{1200} = 0.568 \text{ (3dp)}$$

Incorrect answer.

- (ii) On the evidence of this study, would you recommend that candidates take six subjects?

Support your answer with numerical calculations that consider the absolute and relative risks. You may also wish to comment on the sensibility of drawing any conclusions on this evidence.

I would ~~not~~ recommend taking 6 classes as 56.8% of students passed which means 43.2% failed. out of the students that took 5 subjects 76.53% passed and only 23.53% ~~23.53%~~ failed.

$1500 - 682 = 818$  students took 5 classes 192 failed  $\frac{192}{818} = 0.2347$   
 $1 - 0.2347 = 0.7653$  passed.

taking 5 subjects instead of 6 increases ~~the~~ the chance of passing ~~from~~ 56.8% to 76.53%

No absolute risk found for six subjects.

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### QUESTION THREE

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- (a) When calves are born into a pedigree beef herd, decisions are made after they are one month old, and again when they are three months old, as to whether they will be kept in the herd or sold.

55% of calves born are male. At age one month, 70% of male and 20% of female calves are sold. Of the remainder, at age three months, 80% of males and 35% of females are also sold.

- (i) Find the probability that a randomly chosen calf born into the herd will be male and sold at age one month.

$$0.55 \times 0.7 = 0.385$$

Correct answer.

- (ii) Find the probability that a randomly chosen calf born into the herd will be female and sold at age three months.

$$0.45 \times 0.8 \times 0.35 = 0.126$$

Correct answer.

- (iii) What percentage of calves will eventually be kept in the pedigree herd?

$$0.3 \times 0.8 \times 0.2 \times 0.65 = 0.0312$$

$$= 3.12\%$$

Incorrect answer.



- (iv) In a particular year 550 calves were born.

How many male calves can be expected to be kept in the pedigree herd?

$$550 \times 55\% = 302.5 \quad 302.5 \times 30\% = 90.75$$

$$90.75 \times 20\% = 18.15$$

18 ~~male~~ male calves will be kept

Correct answer.

- (v) The ratio of male to female calves being kept in the herd after three months is about one male to every seven females. This is to be changed to one male to every ten females.

If the number of male calves remains the same, what proportion of females would have been sold?

$$550 \times 45\% = 247.5 \quad \cancel{247.5 \times 0.8 = 198}$$

$$198 \times \cancel{0.65} 0.65 = 128.7 = 129 \text{ female calves}$$

Calves

$$247.5 - 129 = 118.5 = 119$$

female calves sold.

Incorrect answer.

- (b) New Zealand fantails are birds which are either pied or black.



Pied fantail

Black fantail

Cherryl Mariner, [www.nzbirdsonline.org.nz/species/new-zealand-fantail](http://www.nzbirdsonline.org.nz/species/new-zealand-fantail)

They interbreed, and pairs with successful nests are found in the following proportions:

Pair	Two pied fantails	One pied and one black fantail	Two black fantails
Proportion	0.75	0.2	0.05

Successful nests have between one and four eggs. The proportions of eggs are given in the table below.

Pair	Two pied fantails	One pied and one black fantail	Two black fantails
One egg	0.15	0.2	0.3
Two eggs	0.3	0.35	0.5
Three eggs	0.4	0.35	0.15
Four eggs	0.15	0.1	0.05

- (i) What proportion of pairs with two pied fantails will have a successful nest with more than one egg?

$$0.75 \times (0.3 + 0.4 + 0.15) = 0.6375$$

Incorrect answer due to multiplication by 0.75 – a common error.



- (ii) A researcher claims that only one out of every 50 nests found with three eggs is likely to be from a pair of two black fantails.

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Use calculations to show that the researcher's claim is justified.

$$\text{pied} = 50 \times 0.75 \times 0.4 = 15$$

$$\text{one pied one black} = 50 \times 0.2 \times 0.375 = 3.75$$

50 nests  $\times 0.15 = 7.5$  nests found with 3 eggs are from 2 black fantails.

$$7.5 \times 0.05 = 0.375$$

Proportion of nests belonging to 2 black fantails

there is a 37.5% chance that out of 50 nests with 3 eggs 1 nest will belong to 2 black fantails.

Incorrect answer.

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