

### S1 Discrete Random Variables Questions ANSWERS (88 marks)

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<p>3.</p> <p>(a)</p>	$[F(3) = F(2) + P(Y=3) = (0.5 + 0.3)]$ $a = \underline{0.1}$ $d = \underline{0.8}$ $b = F(2) - a = 0.5 - 0.1 \quad \text{or} \quad a + b = 0.5$ $c = 1 - F(3) \quad \text{or} \quad 1 - (a + b + 0.3) \quad \text{or} \quad a + b + c = 0.7$ $b = \underline{0.4}$ $c = \underline{0.2}$	<p>B1</p> <p>B1</p> <p>M1</p> <p>A1</p> <p>A1</p> <p>(5)</p>
<p>(b)</p>	$P(3Y + 2 \geq 8) = P(Y \geq 2) = b + 0.3 + c \quad \text{or} \quad 1 - P(Y \leq 1) = 1 - a = \underline{0.9}$	<p>M1</p> <p>A1ft</p> <p>(2)</p> <p>7</p>
<b>Notes</b>		
<p>(a)</p>	<p><b>Correct answers with no (or irrelevant) working score full marks</b></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> B1 for <math>a = 0.1</math>  2<sup>nd</sup> B1 for <math>F(3) = 0.8</math> or <math>d = 0.8</math>  M1 for a method for <math>b</math> or <math>c</math>. E.g. sight of <math>a + b = 0.5</math> or <math>a + b + c = 0.7</math>  If their values satisfy one of these equations then score M1 provided their values are genuine probabilities (i.e. <math>0 &lt; p &lt; 1</math>)  This M1 may be implied by a correct answer for <math>b</math> or <math>c</math>  1<sup>st</sup> A1 for <math>b</math> or <math>P(2) = 0.4</math>  2<sup>nd</sup> A1 for <math>c</math> or <math>P(3) = 0.2</math></p> <p>(b)</p> <p>M1 for rearranging to <math>P(Y \geq 2)</math> or <math>1 - P(Y \leq 1)</math> or selecting cases <math>Y = 2, 3</math> and 4 for 0.3 + their <math>b</math> + their <math>c</math> or 1 - their <math>a</math>, provided final answer <math>&lt; 1</math> and their values are probabilities.</p>	

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(a)	$1 = p + (0.25 + 0.25 + 0.2 + 0.2), \Rightarrow p = \frac{1}{10} \text{ or } 0.1$	M1, A1	(2)
(b)	$E(S) = \frac{1}{4} + 2 \times \frac{1}{4} + 4 \times \frac{1}{5} + 5 \times \frac{1}{5}, \text{ (or equiv. in decimals)}$	M1, A1	(2)
(c)	$E(S^2) = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{2^2}{4} + \frac{4^2}{5} + \frac{5^2}{5} \text{ or } 0.25 + 1 + 3.2 + 5 = 9.45 (*)$	M1, A1cso	(2)
(d)	$\text{Var}(S) = 9.45 - (E(S))^2, = 2.9475 \text{ or } \frac{1179}{400} \text{ (accept awrt 2.95)}$	M1, A1	(2)
(e)	$P(5 \text{ and } 5) = \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^2, = \frac{1}{25} \text{ or } 0.04$	M1, A1	(2)
(f)	$P(4, 4, 2) = \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^2 \times \frac{1}{4} \times 3 \text{ (} = 0.03 \text{ or } \frac{3}{100} \text{)}$ $P(4, 4, 4) = \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^3 \text{ (} = 0.008 \text{ or } \frac{1}{125} \text{)}$ $P(\text{Tom wins in 3 spins}) = 0.038$	M1, M1 B1 A1	(4)
(g)	$P(\bar{5} \cap 5 \cap 5) + P(5 \cap \bar{5} \cap 5) = \frac{4}{5} \times \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^2 \times 2 = 0.064 \text{ or } \frac{8}{125}$	M1, M1, A1	(3)
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# Notes

(a)	M1 for clear attempt to use sum of probabilities = 1 (fractions or decimals) Ans only 2/2
(b)	M1 for at least 2 correct terms ( $\neq 0$ ) of the expression. 2.55 with no working scores M1A1 Any division by $k$ (usually 5) in (b) or (c) or (d) scores M0
(c)	M1 for at least 3 correct, non-zero terms of the expression seen, allow decimals. A1cso for the full expression (with 9.45) seen. Must be cso but can ignore wrong $p$ .
(d)	M1 for a correct expression (9.45 seen), can fit their $E(S)$ . May see $\sum (x - "2.55")^2 \times P(X = x)$ A1 accept awrt 2.95 Answer only can score M1 for correct fit and A1 for awrt 2.95 Answer only in (e) and (f) is full marks, in (g) is no marks
(e)	M1 for $\left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^2$ Condone $P(5) \times P(5) = 0.25 \times 0.25$ . [Beware 0.4 is A0]
(f)	1 <sup>st</sup> M1 for $\left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^2 \times \frac{1}{4}$ or 0.01 seen 2 <sup>nd</sup> M1 for multiplying a $p^2q$ probability by 3 ( $p, q \in (0,1)$ ). B1 for $(0.2)^3$ or better seen
(g)	1 <sup>st</sup> M1 for $\frac{4}{5} \times \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^2$ or all cases considered and correct attempt at probabilities. 2 <sup>nd</sup> M1 for multiplying a $p^2(1-p)$ probability by 2. Beware $(0.4)^3 = 0.064$ is M0M0A0

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6.	(a)	$k + 2k + 3k + 4k = 1$ or $10k = 1$ $k = 0.1$ (*) [allow verification with a comment e.g. “so $k = 0.1$ ”]								B1cso (1)
	(b)	$E(X) = 1 \times 0.1 + 2 \times 0.2 + 3 \times 0.3 + 4 \times 0.4 = 3$								M1 A1 (2)
	(c)	$E(X^2) = 1 \times 0.1 + 4 \times 0.2 + 9 \times 0.3 + 16 \times 0.4 = 10$								M1 A1 (2)
	(d)	$\text{Var}(X) = 10 - 9 (= 1)$ $\text{Var}(2 - 5X) = 5^2 \text{Var}(X) = 25$								M1 M1 A1 (3)
	(e)	$P(1,3) + P(2,2) = 2 \times 0.1 \times 0.3 + 0.2 \times 0.2 = 0.1$ (*)								M1 A1cso (2)
	(f)	$X_1 + X_2$	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	B1 B1 (2)
		$p$	0.01	0.04	0.1	0.2	0.25	0.24	0.16	
	(g)	$P(2) + P(3) = 0.05$								M1A1 (2) [14]

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Q3	(a)	$2a + \frac{2}{5} + \frac{1}{10} = 1$ (or equivalent)	M1	
		$a = \frac{1}{4}$ or 0.25	A1	(2)
	(b)	$E(X) = 1$	B1	(1)
	(c)	$E(X^2) = 1 \times \frac{1}{5} + 1 \times \frac{1}{10} + 4 \times \frac{1}{4} + 9 \times \frac{1}{5}$ (= 3.1)	M1	
		$\text{Var}(X) = 3.1 - 1^2$ , = 2.1 or $\frac{21}{10}$ oe	M1 A1	(3)
	(d)	$\text{Var}(Y) = (-2)^2 \text{Var}(X)$ , = 8.4 or $\frac{42}{5}$ oe	M1 A1	(2)
	(e)	$X \geq Y$ when $X = 3$ or 2, so probability = " $\frac{1}{4}$ " + $\frac{1}{5}$	M1 A1ft	
		= $\frac{9}{20}$ oe	A1	(3)
				<b>Total 11</b>
<p>(a) M1 for a clear attempt to use <math>\sum P(X = x) = 1</math>  Correct answer only 2/2.  <b>NB Division by 5 in parts (b), (c) and (d) seen scores 0. Do not apply ISW.</b></p> <p>(b) B1 for 1</p> <p>(c) 1<sup>st</sup> M1 for attempting <math>\sum x^2 P(X = x)</math> at least two terms correct. Can follow through.  2<sup>nd</sup> M1 for attempting <math>E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2</math> or allow subtracting 1 from their attempt at <math>E(X^2)</math> provided no incorrect formula seen.  Correct answer only 3/3.</p> <p>(d) M1 for <math>(-2)^2 \text{Var}(X)</math> or <math>4\text{Var}(X)</math>  Condone missing brackets provided final answer correct for their <math>\text{Var}(X)</math>.  Correct answer only 2/2.</p> <p>(e) Allow M1 for distribution of <math>Y = 6 - 2X</math> and correct attempt at <math>E(Y^2) - [E(Y)]^2</math>  M1 for identifying <math>X = 2, 3</math>  1<sup>st</sup> A1ft for attempting to find their <math>P(X=2) + P(X=3)</math>  2<sup>nd</sup> A1 for <math>\frac{9}{20}</math> or 0.45</p>				

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Q6	(a)	<table><tr><td>0</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>3a</td><td>2a</td><td>a</td><td>b</td></tr></table>	0	1	2	3	3a	2a	a	b		B1	(1)
0	1	2	3										
3a	2a	a	b										
	(b)	$3a + 2a + a + b = 1$ $2a + 2a + 3b = 1.6$ $14a = 1.4$ $a = 0.1$ $b = 0.4$	or equivalent, using Sum of probabilities =1 or equivalent, using $E(X)=1.6$  Attempt to solve cao cao	M1 M1 M1dep B1 B1	(5)								
	(c)	$P(0.5 < x < 3) = P(1) + P(2)$ $= 0.2 + 0.1$ $= 0.3$	3a or their 2a+their a  Require $0 < 3a < 1$ to award follow through	M1  A1 ft	(2)								
	(d)	$E(3X - 2) = 3E(X) - 2$ $= 3 \times 1.6 - 2$ $= 2.8$	  cao	M1  A1	(2)								
	(e)	$E(X^2) = 1 \times 0.2 + 4 \times 0.1 + 9 \times 0.4 (= 4.2)$ $\text{Var}(X) = "4.2" - 1.6^2$ $= 1.64$ **given answer**	  cso	M1 M1 A1	(3)								
	(f)	$\text{Var}(3X - 2) = 9 \text{Var}(X)$ $= 14.76$	  awrt 14.8	M1 A1	(2)								
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Notes	<p>6(a) Condone <math>a</math> clearly stated in text but not put in table.</p> <p>6(b) Must be attempting to solve 2 different equations so third M dependent upon first two Ms being awarded.</p> <p>Correct answers seen with no working B1B1 only, 2/5</p> <p>Correctly verified values can be awarded M1 for correctly verifying sum of probabilities =1, M1 for using <math>E(X)=1.6</math> M0 as no attempt to solve and B1B1 if answers correct.</p> <p>6(d) 2.8 only award M1A1</p> <p>6(e) Award first M for at least two non-zero terms correct. Allow first M for correct expression with <math>a</math> and <math>b</math> e.g. <math>E(X^2) = 6a+9b</math></p> <p>Given answer so award final A1 for correct solution.</p> <p>6(f) 14.76 only award M1A1</p>												

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3 (a)	$\frac{5}{21} + \frac{2k}{21} + \frac{7}{21} + \frac{k}{21} = 1$ $\frac{12+3k}{21} = 1$ $k = 3 \quad * \text{ AG}$	M1	
	required for both methods	A1	(2)
(b)	$\frac{11}{21}$	B1	(1)
(c)	$E(X) = 2 \times \frac{5}{21} + 3 \times \frac{6}{21} + 4 \times \frac{7}{21} + 6 \times \frac{1}{7}$ $= 3 \frac{11}{21} \text{ or } \frac{74}{21} \text{ or awrt } 3.52$	M1	
		A1	(2)
(d)	$E(X^2) = 2^2 \times \frac{5}{21} + 3^2 \times \frac{6}{21} + 4^2 \times \frac{7}{21} + 6^2 \times \frac{1}{7}$ $= 14$	M1	
		A1	(2)
(e)	$\text{Var}(X) = 14 - \left(3 \frac{11}{21}\right)^2$ $= 1 \frac{257}{441} \text{ or } \frac{698}{441} \text{ or awrt } 1.6$ $\text{Var}(7X - 5) = 7^2 \text{Var}(X)$ $= 77 \frac{5}{9} \text{ or } \frac{698}{9} \text{ or awrt } 77.6$	M1	
		A1	
		M1	
		A1	(4)
		<b>Total 11</b>	
<b>NOTES</b>			
(a)	M1 Award for verification. Sub in k=3 and show $\sum x P(X = x) = 1$ . Require at least three correct terms seen or line 2 of scheme.		
	A1 Correct solution only including verification.		
(b)	B1 Award for exact equivalent.		
(c)	M1 At least two correct terms required for method, follow through 'their k' for method. Correct answer only, award M1 A1.		
(d)	M1 At least two correct terms required for method. M0 if probability is squared. Correct answer only, award M1 A1. Accept exact equivalent of 14 for A1.		
(e)	M1 for use of correct formula in both. 1.6 can be implied by correct final answer. Working needs to be clearly labelled to award first method mark without second stage of calculation.		
	If a new table for values of 7X - 5 is used, so Y = 7X - 5		
	$E(Y^2) = \frac{9751}{21}$ ; $\text{Var}(Y) = 77 \frac{5}{9} \text{ or } \frac{698}{9} \text{ or awrt } 77.6$ Award M1A1; M1A1		
	If any attempt to divide by 4 seen as part of working award M0 for that part.		

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3. (a)	<p>N.B. Part (a) doesn't have to be in a table, could be a list <math>P(X=1) = \dots</math> etc</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td><math>x</math></td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>3</td> <td>4</td> <td>5</td> <td>6</td> </tr> <tr> <td><math>P(X=x)</math></td> <td><math>\frac{1}{36}</math></td> <td><math>\frac{3}{36}</math></td> <td><math>\frac{5}{36}</math></td> <td><math>\frac{7}{36}</math></td> <td><math>\frac{9}{36}</math></td> <td><math>\frac{11}{36}</math></td> </tr> </table> <p>0.0278, 0.0833, 0.139, 0.194, 0.25, 0.306 (Accept awrt 3 s.f)</p>	$x$	1	2	3	4	5	6	$P(X=x)$	$\frac{1}{36}$	$\frac{3}{36}$	$\frac{5}{36}$	$\frac{7}{36}$	$\frac{9}{36}$	$\frac{11}{36}$	B1, B1, B1	(3)
$x$	1	2	3	4	5	6											
$P(X=x)$	$\frac{1}{36}$	$\frac{3}{36}$	$\frac{5}{36}$	$\frac{7}{36}$	$\frac{9}{36}$	$\frac{11}{36}$											
(b)	$P(3) + P(4) + P(5) = \frac{21}{36}$ or $\frac{7}{12}$ or awrt 0.583	M1, A1	(2)														
(c)	$E(X) = \frac{1}{36} + 2 \times \frac{3}{36} + \dots = \frac{161}{36}$ or 4.472 or $4\frac{17}{36}$	M1, A1	(2)														
(d)	$E(X^2) = \frac{1}{36} + 2^2 \times \frac{3}{36} + \dots = \frac{791}{36}$ or full expression or $21\frac{35}{36}$ or awrt 21.97 $Var(X) = \frac{791}{36} - \left(\frac{161}{36}\right)^2 = 1.9714\dots$	M1, A1	(4)														
(e)	$Var(2 - 3X) = 9 \times 1.97$ or $(-3)^2 \times 1.97 = 17.73$ awrt 17.7 or $\frac{2555}{144}$	M1, A1	(2)														
<b>13 marks</b>																	
(a)	<p>1<sup>st</sup> B1 for <math>x = 1, \dots, 6</math> and at least one correct probability N.B. <math>\frac{3}{36} = \frac{1}{12}</math> and <math>\frac{9}{36} = \frac{1}{4}</math>            2<sup>nd</sup> B1 for at least 3 correct probabilities            3<sup>rd</sup> B1 for a fully correct probability distribution.</p>																
(b)	M1 for attempt to add the correct three probabilities, ft their probability distribution																
(c)	<p>M1 for a correct attempt at <math>E(X)</math>. Minimum is as printed. Exact answer only scores M1A1.            [Division by 6 at any point scores M0, no ISW. Non-exact answers with no working score M0.]</p>																
(d)	<p>1<sup>st</sup> M1 for a correct attempt at <math>E(X^2)</math>. Minimum as printed. <math>\frac{791}{36}</math> or awrt 21.97 scores M1A1.            2<sup>nd</sup> M1 for their <math>E(X^2) - (their E(X))^2</math>.            2<sup>nd</sup> A1 cso needs awrt 1.97 and <math>\frac{791}{36} - \left(\frac{161}{36}\right)^2</math> or <math>\frac{2555}{1296}</math> or any fully correct expression seen.            Can accept at least 4 sf for both. i.e. 21.97 for <math>\frac{791}{36}</math>, 4.472 for <math>\frac{161}{36}</math>, 20.00 for <math>\left(\frac{161}{36}\right)^2</math>.</p>																
(e)	<p>M1 for correct use of <math>Var(aX + b)</math> formula or a full method.            NB <math>-3^2 \times 1.97</math> followed by awrt 17.7 scores M1A1 BUT <math>-3^2 \times 1.97</math> alone, or followed by <math>-17.7</math>, scores M0A0.</p>																