Probability Past Paper Questions GCSE Edexcel - Calculator

1.

There are only green pens and blue pens in a box.

There are three more blue pens than green pens in the box.
There are more than 12 pens in the box.

Simon is going to take at random two pens from the box.

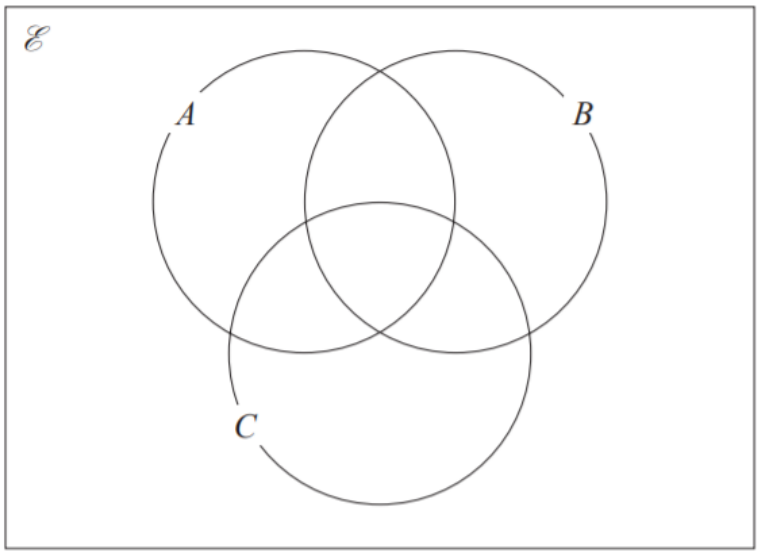
The probability that Simon will take two pens of the same colour is $\frac{27}{55}$

Work out the number of green pens in the box.

2.

$\mathscr{E}$ = {even numbers between 1 and 25}
A = {2, 8, 10, 14}
B = {6, 8, 20}
C = {8, 18, 20, 22}

(a) Complete the Venn diagram for this information.



A number is chosen at random from $\mathscr{E}$.

(b) Find the probability that the number is a member of $A \cap B$.

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3.

There are only red counters and blue counters in a bag.

Joe takes at random a counter from the bag.
The probability that the counter is red is 0.65
Joe puts the counter back into the bag.

Mary takes at random a counter from the bag.
She puts the counter back into the bag.

(a) What is the probability that Joe and Mary take counters of different colours?

(2)

There are 78 red counters in the bag.

(b) How many blue counters are there in the bag?

4.

60 people were asked if they prefer to go on holiday in Britain or in Spain or in Italy.

38 of the people were male.
11 of the 32 people who said Britain were female.
8 males said Italy.
12 people said Spain.

One of the females is chosen at random.

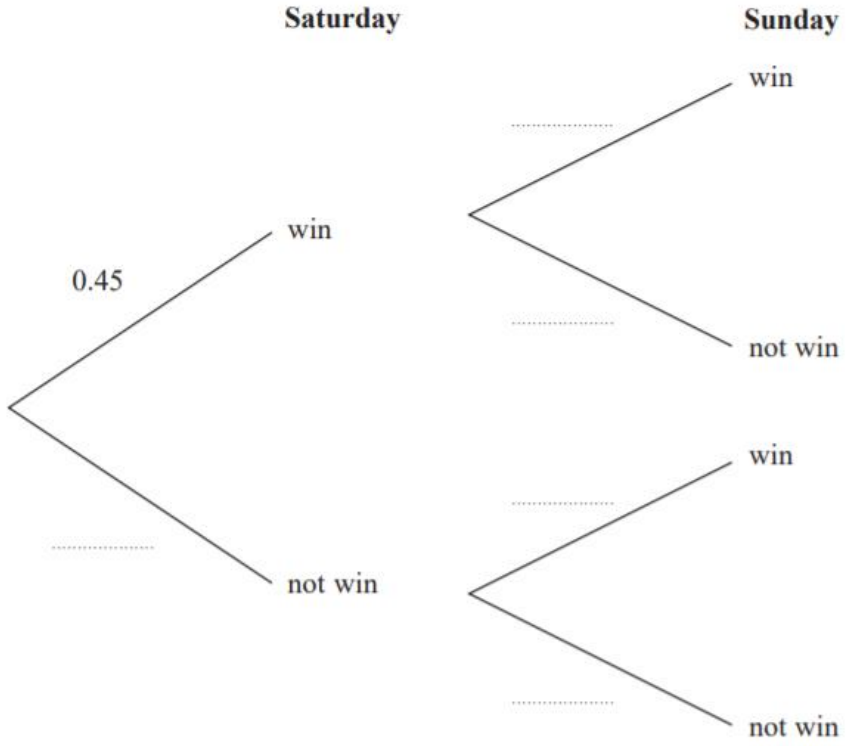
What is the probability that this female said Spain?

5.

A darts team is going to play a match on Saturday and on Sunday.
The probability that the team will win on Saturday is 0.45

If they win on Saturday, the probability that they will win on Sunday is 0.67
If they do **not** win on Saturday, the probability that they will win on Sunday is 0.35

(a) Complete the probability tree diagram.



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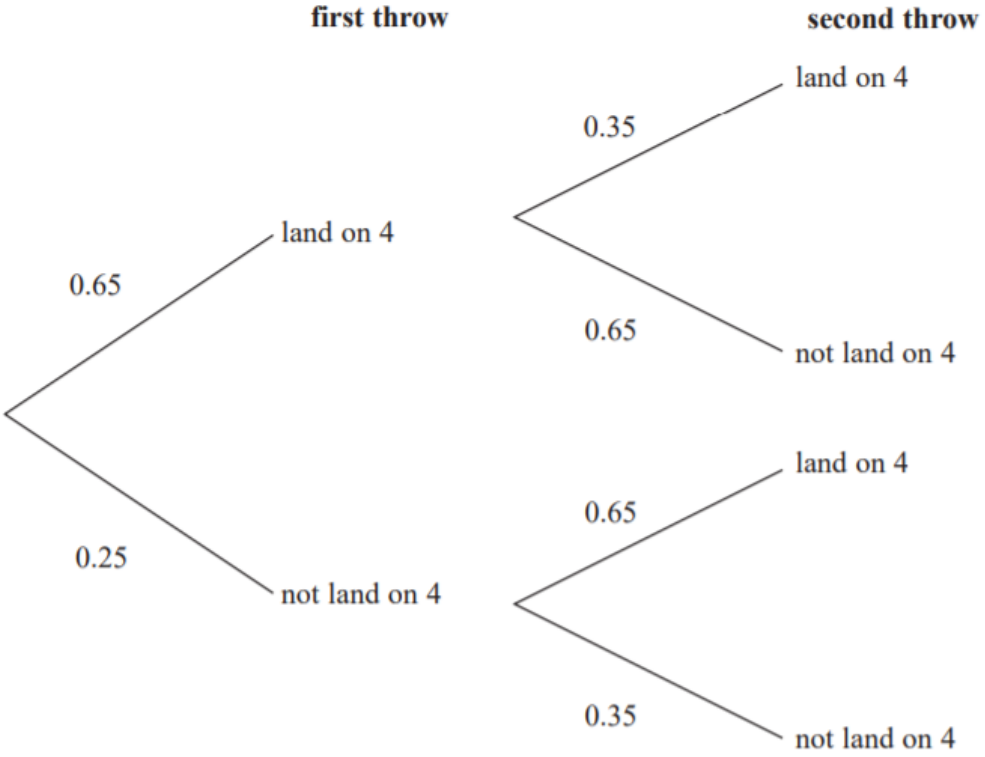
(b) Find the probability that the team will win exactly one of the two matches.

6.

When a biased 6-sided dice is thrown once, the probability that it will land on 4 is 0.65
The biased dice is thrown twice.

Amir draws this probability tree diagram.
The diagram is **not** correct.



Write down **two** things that are wrong with the probability tree diagram.

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7.

There are some counters in a bag.
The counters are red or white or blue or yellow.

Bob is going to take at random a counter from the bag.

The table shows each of the probabilities that the counter will be blue or will be yellow.

Colour	red	white	blue	yellow
Probability			0.45	0.25

There are 18 blue counters in the bag.

The probability that the counter Bob takes will be red is twice the probability that the counter will be white.

(a) Work out the number of red counters in the bag.

(4)

A marble is going to be taken at random from a box of marbles.
The probability that the marble will be silver is 0.5

There must be an even number of marbles in the box.

(b) Explain why.

8.

50 people were asked if they speak French or German or Spanish.

Of these people,

31 speak French
2 speak French, German and Spanish
4 speak French and Spanish but not German
7 speak German and Spanish
8 do not speak any of the languages
all 10 people who speak German speak at least one other language

Two of the 50 people are chosen at random.

Work out the probability that they both only speak Spanish.

9.

A factory makes 450 pies every day.
The pies are chicken pies or steak pies.

Each day Milo takes a sample of 15 pies to check.

The proportion of the pies in his sample that are chicken is the same as the proportion of the pies made that day that are chicken.

On Monday Milo calculated that he needed exactly 4 chicken pies in his sample.

(a) Work out the total number of chicken pies that were made on Monday.

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(2)

On Tuesday, the number of steak pies Milo needs in his sample is 6 correct to the nearest whole number.

Milo takes at random a pie from the 450 pies made on Tuesday.

(b) Work out the lower bound of the probability that the pie is a steak pie.

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10.

There are 12 counters in a bag.
There is an equal number of red counters, blue counters and yellow counters in the bag.
There are no other counters in the bag.

3 counters are taken at random from the bag.

(a) Work out the probability of taking 3 red counters.

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The 3 counters are put back into the bag.

Some more counters are now put into the bag.
There is still an equal number of red counters, blue counters and yellow counters in the bag.
There are no counters of any other colour in the bag.

3 counters are taken at random from the bag.

(b) Is it now less likely or equally likely or more likely that the 3 counters will be red?
You must show how you get your answer.

11.

There are only blue counters, yellow counters, green counters and red counters in a bag.
A counter is taken at random from the bag.

The table shows the probabilities of getting a blue counter or a yellow counter or a green counter.

Colour	blue	yellow	green	red
Probability	0.2	0.35	0.4	

(a) Work out the probability of getting a red counter.

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(b) What is the least possible number of counters in the bag?
You must give a reason for your answer.

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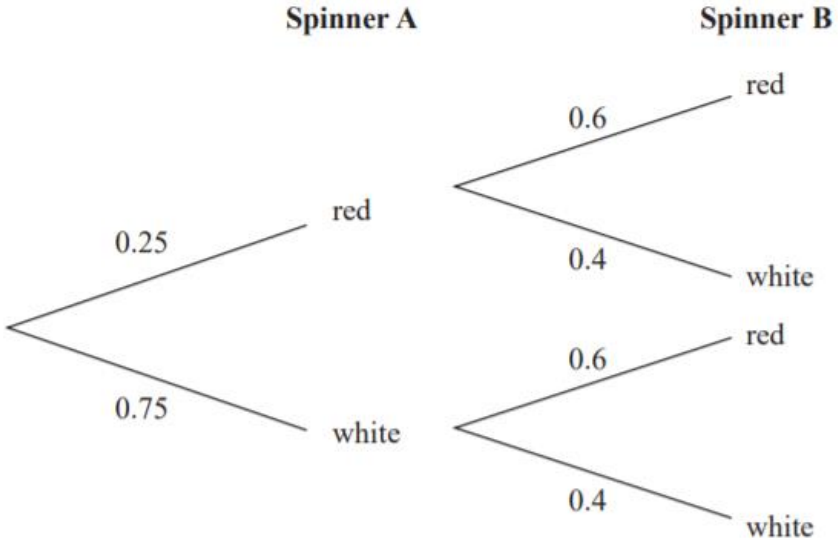
(2)

12.

Alan has two spinners, spinner **A** and spinner **B**.
Each spinner can land on only red or white.

The probability that spinner **A** will land on red is 0.25
The probability that spinner **B** will land on red is 0.6

The probability tree diagram shows this information.



Alan spins spinner **A** once and he spins spinner **B** once.
He does this a number of times.

The number of times **both** spinners land on red is 24

Work out an estimate for the number of times **both** spinners land on white.