

### S.CP.A.3: Conditional Probability

- 1 Which situation best describes conditional probability?
  - 1) finding the probability of an event occurring two or more times
  - 2) finding the probability of an event occurring only once
  - 3) finding the probability of two independent events occurring at the same time
  - 4) finding the probability of an event occurring given another event had already occurred
  
- 2 Sean's team has a baseball game tomorrow. He pitches 50% of the games. There is a 40% chance of rain during the game tomorrow. If the probability that it rains given that Sean pitches is 40%, it can be concluded that these two events are
  - 1) independent
  - 2) dependent
  - 3) mutually exclusive
  - 4) complements
  
- 3 A bag contains five green gumdrops and six red gumdrops. If Kim pulls a green gumdrop out of the bag and eats it, what is the probability that the next gumdrop she pulls out will be red?
  - 1)  $\frac{5}{11}$
  - 2)  $\frac{5}{10}$
  - 3)  $\frac{6}{11}$
  - 4)  $\frac{6}{10}$
  
- 4 Gabriella has 20 quarters, 15 dimes, 7 nickels, and 8 pennies in a jar. After taking 6 quarters out of the jar, what will be the probability of Gabriella randomly selecting a quarter from the coins left in the jar?
  - 1)  $\frac{14}{44}$
  - 2)  $\frac{30}{44}$
  - 3)  $\frac{14}{50}$
  - 4)  $\frac{20}{50}$
  
- 5 A fast-food restaurant analyzes data to better serve its customers. After its analysis, it discovers that the events  $D$ , that a customer uses the drive-thru, and  $F$ , that a customer orders French fries, are independent. The following data are given in a report:
$$P(F) = 0.8$$
$$P(F \cap D) = 0.456$$
Given this information,  $P(F|D)$  is
  - 1) 0.344
  - 2) 0.3648
  - 3) 0.57
  - 4) 0.8

- 6 Consider the probability statements regarding events  $A$  and  $B$  below.

$$P(A \text{ or } B) = 0.3;$$

$$P(A \text{ and } B) = 0.2; \text{ and}$$

$$P(A|B) = 0.8$$

What is  $P(B)$ ?

- 1) 0.1
  - 2) 0.25
  - 3) 0.375
  - 4) 0.667
- 7 Suppose events  $A$  and  $B$  are independent and  $P(A \text{ and } B)$  is 0.2. Which statement could be true?
- 1)  $P(A) = 0.4, P(B) = 0.3, P(A \text{ or } B) = 0.5$
  - 2)  $P(A) = 0.8, P(B) = 0.25$
  - 3)  $P(A|B) = 0.2, P(B) = 0.2$
  - 4)  $P(A) = 0.15, P(B) = 0.05$

- 8 Some books are laid on a desk. Two are English, three are mathematics, one is French, and four are social studies. Theresa selects an English book and Isabelle then selects a social studies book. Both girls take their selections to the library to read. If Truman then selects a book at random, what is the probability that he selects an English book?

- 9 The probability that a resident of a housing community opposes spending money for community improvement on plumbing issues is 0.8. The probability that a resident favors spending money on improving walkways given that the resident opposes spending money on plumbing issues is 0.85. Determine the probability that a randomly selected resident opposes spending money on plumbing issues and favors spending money on walkways.

- 10 A student is chosen at random from the student body at a given high school. The probability that the student selects Math as the favorite subject is  $\frac{1}{4}$ . The probability that the student chosen is a junior is  $\frac{116}{459}$ . If the probability that the student selected is a junior or that the student chooses Math as the favorite subject is  $\frac{47}{108}$ , what is the exact probability that the student selected is a junior whose favorite subject is Math? Are the events "the student is a junior" and "the student's favorite subject is Math" independent of each other? Explain your answer.

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#### Answer Section

1 ANS: 4 REF: 012008aii

2 ANS: 1

The probability of rain equals the probability of rain, given that Sean pitches.

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3 ANS: 4 REF: 011308ia

4 ANS: 1

$$\frac{20-6}{(20-6)+15+7+8} = \frac{14}{44}$$

REF: 061302ia

5 ANS: 4 REF: 081824aii

6 ANS: 2

$$P(B) \cdot P(A|B) = P(A \text{ and } B)$$

$$P(B) \cdot 0.8 = 0.2$$

$$P(B) = 0.25$$

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7 ANS: 2

(1)  $0.4 \cdot 0.3 \neq 0.2$ , (2)  $0.8 \cdot 0.25 = 0.2$ , (3)  $P(A|B) = P(A) = 0.2$ , (4)  $0.2 \neq 0.15 \cdot 0.05$

$$0.2 \neq 0.2 \cdot 0.2$$

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8 ANS:

$\frac{1}{8}$ . After the English and social studies books are taken, 8 books are left and 1 is an English book.

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9 ANS:

$$P(A + B) = P(A) \cdot P(B|A) = 0.8 \cdot 0.85 = 0.68$$

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10 ANS:

$$\frac{47}{108} = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{116}{459} - P(M \text{ and } J); \text{ No, because } \frac{31}{459} \neq \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{116}{459}$$

$$P(M \text{ and } J) = \frac{31}{459}$$

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