

## Discrete distribution [83 marks]

1. [Maximum mark: 6]

SPM.1.SL.TZ0.12

Jae Hee plays a game involving a biased six-sided die.

The faces of the die are labelled  $-3, -1, 0, 1, 2$  and  $5$ .

The score for the game,  $X$ , is the number which lands face up after the die is rolled.

The following table shows the probability distribution for  $X$ .

<b>Score <math>x</math></b>	$-3$	$-1$	$0$	$1$	$2$	$5$
<b><math>P(X=x)</math></b>	$\frac{1}{18}$	$p$	$\frac{3}{18}$	$\frac{1}{18}$	$\frac{2}{18}$	$\frac{7}{18}$

(a) Find the exact value of  $p$ . [1]

Jae Hee plays the game once.

(b) Calculate the expected score. [2]

(c) Jae Hee plays the game twice and adds the two scores together.

Find the probability Jae Hee has a **total** score of  $-3$ . [3]

2. [Maximum mark: 7]

EXN.1.SL.TZ0.12

A disc is divided into 9 sectors, number 1 to 9. The angles at the centre of each of the sectors  $u_n$  form an arithmetic sequence, with  $u_1$  being the largest angle.

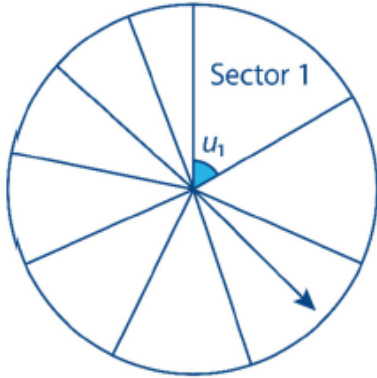


Diagram not to scale

- (a) Write down the value of  $\sum_{i=1}^9 u_i$ . [1]

It is given that  $u_9 = \frac{1}{3}u_1$ .

- (b) Find the value of  $u_1$ . [4]
- (c) A game is played in which the arrow attached to the centre of the disc is spun and the sector in which the arrow stops is noted. If the arrow stops in sector 1 the player wins 10 points, otherwise they lose 2 points.

Let  $X$  be the number of points won

Find  $E(X)$ . [2]

3. [Maximum mark: 5]

23M.1.SL.TZ2.12

In a game, balls are thrown to hit a target. The random variable  $X$  is the number of times the target is hit in five attempts. The probability distribution for  $X$  is shown in the following table.

$x$	0	1	2	3	4	5
$P(X = x)$	0.15	0.2	$k$	0.16	$2k$	0.25

(a) Find the value of  $k$ .

[2]

The player has a chance to win money based on how many times they hit the target.

The gain for the player, in \$, is shown in the following table, where a negative gain means that the player loses money.

$x$	0	1	2	3	4	5
Player's gain (\$)	-4	-3	-1	0	1	4

(b) Determine whether this game is fair. Justify your answer.

[3]

4. [Maximum mark: 7]

22N.1.SL.TZ0.9

Taizo plays a game where he throws one ball at two bottles that are sitting on a table. The probability of knocking over bottles, in any given game, is shown in the following table.

<b>Number of bottles knocked over</b>	0	1	2
<b>Probability</b>	0.5	0.4	0.1

- (a) Taizo plays two games that are independent of each other. Find the probability that Taizo knocks over a **total** of two bottles.

[4]

In any given game, Taizo will win  $k$  points if he knocks over two bottles, win 4 points if he knocks over one bottle and lose 8 points if no bottles are knocked over.

- (b) Find the value of  $k$  such that the game is fair.

[3]

5. [Maximum mark: 7]

21M.1.SL.TZ1.10

A game is played where two unbiased dice are rolled and the score in the game is the greater of the two numbers shown. If the two numbers are the same, then the score in the game is the number shown on one of the dice. A diagram showing the possible outcomes is given below.

		First die					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
Second die	1	●	●	●	●	●	●
	2	●	●	●	●	●	●
	3	●	●	●	●	●	●
	4	●	●	●	●	●	●
	5	●	●	●	●	●	●
	6	●	●	●	●	●	●

Let  $T$  be the random variable “the score in a game”.

(a) Complete the table to show the probability distribution of  $T$ .

$t$	1	2	3	4	5	6
$P(T=t)$						

[2]

Find the probability that

(b.i) a player scores at least 3 in a game.

[1]

(b.ii) a player scores 6, given that they scored at least 3.

[2]

(c) Find the expected score of a game.

[2]

6. [Maximum mark: 6]

20N.2.SL.TZ0.S\_3

A discrete random variable  $X$  has the following probability distribution.

$x$	0	1	2	3
$P(X=x)$	$q$	$4p^2$	$p$	$0.7 - 4p^2$

(a) Find an expression for  $q$  in terms of  $p$ . [2]

(b.i) Find the value of  $p$  which gives the largest value of  $E(X)$ . [3]

(b.ii) Hence, find the largest value of  $E(X)$ . [1]

7. [Maximum mark: 6]

18M.2.SL.TZ1.S\_2

A biased four-sided die is rolled. The following table gives the probability of each score.

<b>Score</b>	1	2	3	4
<b>Probability</b>	0.28	$k$	0.15	0.3

(a) Find the value of  $k$ . [2]

(b) Calculate the expected value of the score. [2]

(c) The die is rolled 80 times. On how many rolls would you expect to obtain a three? [2]

8. [Maximum mark: 8]

17N.2.SL.TZ0.S\_4

A discrete random variable  $X$  has the following probability distribution.

$X$	0	1	2	3
$P(X=x)$	0.475	$2k^2$	$\frac{k}{10}$	$6k^2$

- (a) Find the value of  $k$ . [4]
- (b) Write down  $P(X = 2)$ . [1]
- (c) Find  $P(X = 2|X > 0)$ . [3]

9. [Maximum mark: 16]

19M.2.SL.TZ1.S\_10

There are three fair six-sided dice. Each die has two green faces, two yellow faces and two red faces.

All three dice are rolled.

(a.i) Find the probability of rolling exactly one red face. [2]

(a.ii) Find the probability of rolling two or more red faces. [3]

Ted plays a game using these dice. The rules are:

- Having a turn means to roll all three dice.
- He wins \$10 for each green face rolled and adds this to his winnings.
- After a turn Ted can either:
  - end the game (and keep his winnings), or
  - have another turn (and try to increase his winnings).
- If two or more red faces are rolled in a turn, all winnings are lost and the game ends.

(b) Show that, after a turn, the probability that Ted adds exactly \$10 to his winnings is  $\frac{1}{3}$ . [5]

The random variable  $D$  (\$) represents how much is added to his winnings after a turn.

The following table shows the distribution for  $D$ , where  $\$w$  represents his winnings in the game so far.

$D$ (\$)	$-w$	0	10	20	30
$P(D = d)$	$x$	$y$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{2}{9}$	$\frac{1}{27}$

(c.i) Write down the value of  $x$ . [1]

(c.ii) Hence, find the value of  $y$ . [2]

(d) Ted will always have another turn if he expects an increase to his winnings.

Find the least value of  $w$  for which Ted should end the game instead of having another turn. [3]



10. [Maximum mark: 15]

18N.1.SL.TZ0.S\_9

A bag contains  $n$  marbles, two of which are blue. Hayley plays a game in which she randomly draws marbles out of the bag, one after another, without replacement. The game ends when Hayley draws a blue marble.

(a.i) Find the probability, in terms of  $n$ , that the game will end on her first draw. [1]

(a.ii) Find the probability, in terms of  $n$ , that the game will end on her second draw. [3]

Let  $n = 5$ . Find the probability that the game will end on her

(b.i) third draw. [2]

(b.ii) fourth draw. [2]

(c) Hayley plays the game when  $n = 5$ . She pays \$20 to play and can earn money back depending on the number of draws it takes to obtain a blue marble. She earns no money back if she obtains a blue marble on her first draw. Let  $M$  be the amount of money that she earns back playing the game. This information is shown in the following table.

<b>Number of draws</b>	1	2	3	4
<b>Money earned back (\$<math>M</math>)</b>	0	20	$8k$	$12k$

Find the value of  $k$  so that this is a fair game. [7]