

## GCSE QUESTIONS WITH CLUES

### Q1. NON-CALCULATOR

There are 3 red beads and 1 blue bead in a jar.  
A bead is taken at random from the jar.

What is the probability that the bead is blue?

$$P(\text{blue}) = \frac{\text{Number of blue}}{\text{Total}}$$

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(Total for question = 1 mark)

### Q2. NON-CALCULATOR

There are only 7 blue pens, 4 green pens and 6 red pens in a box.  
One pen is taken at random from the box.

Write down the probability that this pen is blue.

$$P(\text{blue}) = \frac{\text{Number of blue}}{\text{Total}}$$

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(Total for question = 2 marks)

### Q3. NON-CALCULATOR

There are only blue cubes, red cubes and yellow cubes in a box.  
The table shows the probability of taking at random a blue cube from the box.

<b>Colour</b>	blue	red $x$	yellow $x$
<b>Probability</b>	0.2		

The number of red cubes in the box is the same as the number of yellow cubes in the box.

(a) Complete the table.

$$P(\text{blue}) + P(\text{red}) + P(\text{yellow}) = 1$$

$$0.2 + x + x = 1$$

(2)

There are 12 blue cubes in the box.

(b) Work out the total number of cubes in the box.

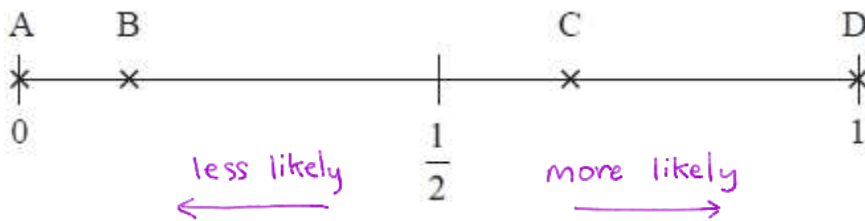
By looking at the probabilities, we can see red = 2 x blue  
Blue = 12

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(2)  
(Total for question = 4 marks)

**Q4. NON-CALCULATOR**

Here is a probability scale.

It shows the probability of each of the events A, B, C and D.



(a) Write down the letter of the event that is certain.

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(1)

(b) Write down the letter of the event that is unlikely.

.....  
(1)

There are 12 counters in a bag.

3 of the counters are red.

1 of the counters is blue.

2 of the counters are yellow.

The rest of the counters are green.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{green} = 12 - 3 - 1 - 2 \\ = 6 \end{array}$$

Caitlin takes at random a counter from the bag.

(c) Show that the probability that this counter is yellow or green is  $\frac{2}{3}$ .

$$P(\text{yellow or green}) = \frac{\text{Yellow} + \text{green}}{\text{Total}}$$

(3)  
(Total for question = 5 marks)

**Q5. NON-CALCULATOR**

In a box there are three types of chocolates.

There are 6 plain chocolates, 8 milk chocolates and 10 white chocolates.

Ben takes at random a chocolate from the box.

(a) Write down the probability that Ben takes a plain chocolate.

$$P(\text{plain}) = \frac{\text{Plain}}{\text{Total}}$$

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(2)

Deon takes 2 chocolates from the box.

$P$ =plain       $M$ =milk       $W$ =white

(b) Write down all the possible combinations of types of chocolates that Deon can take.

$PP$ ,  
 .....  
 .....  
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(2)

(Total for question = 4 marks)

**Q6. NON-CALCULATOR**

There are only 9 counters in a bag.  
 There are

- 2 red counters
- 3 green counters
- 4 blue counters

Lethna takes at random a counter from the bag.

(a) Write down the probability that she takes

(i) a blue counter,       $P(\text{blue}) = \frac{\text{blue}}{\text{total}}$

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 (1)

(ii) a white counter.       $P(\text{white}) = \frac{\text{white}}{\text{total}}$

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 (1)

There are only 3 buttons in a box.  
 There is

- 1 pink button  $P$
- 1 yellow button  $Y$
- 1 brown button  $B$

Indre takes a button from the box.  
 She also throws an ordinary dice once.

(b) List all the possible outcomes.

$P1$        $P2$        $P3$   
 .....  
 .....  
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(2)

(Total for question = 4 marks)

**Q7. NON-CALCULATOR**

There are only red counters, blue counters, green counters and yellow counters in a bag.

The table shows the probabilities of picking at random a red counter and picking at random a yellow counter.

Colour	red	blue $x$	green $x$	yellow
Probability	0.24			0.32

The probability of picking a blue counter is the same as the probability of picking a green counter.

Complete the table.

$$P(\text{red}) + P(\text{blue}) + P(\text{green}) + P(\text{yellow}) = 1$$

$$0.24 + x + x + 0.32 = 1$$

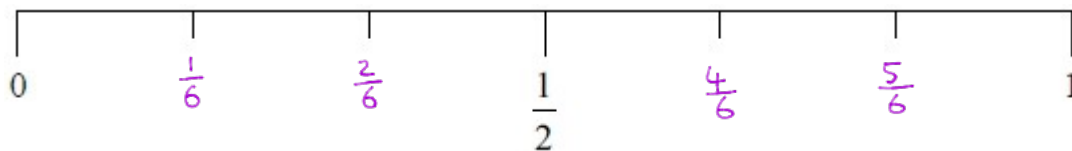
$$0.56 + 2x = 1$$

(Total for question is 2 marks)

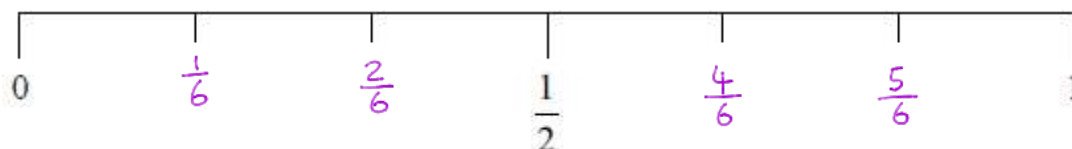
**Q8. NON-CALCULATOR**  $1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$

Greg rolls a fair ordinary dice once.

(i) On the probability scale, mark with a cross (x) the probability that the dice will land on an odd number.  $1, 3, 5$



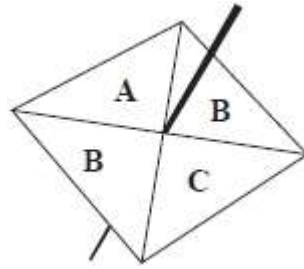
(ii) On the probability scale, mark with a cross (x) the probability that the dice will land on a number less than 5.  $1, 2, 3, 4$



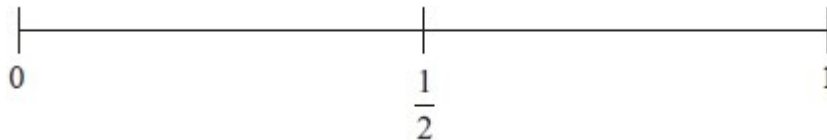
(Total for question = 2 marks)

**Q9. NON-CALCULATOR**

Sammy spins a fair 4-sided spinner.

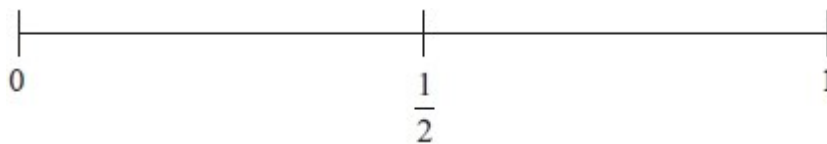


(i) On the probability scale, mark with a cross (×) the probability that the spinner will land on **B**.



(1)

(ii) On the probability scale, mark with a cross (×) the probability that the spinner will land on **F**.



(1)

(Total for question = 2 marks)

**Q10. NON-CALCULATOR**

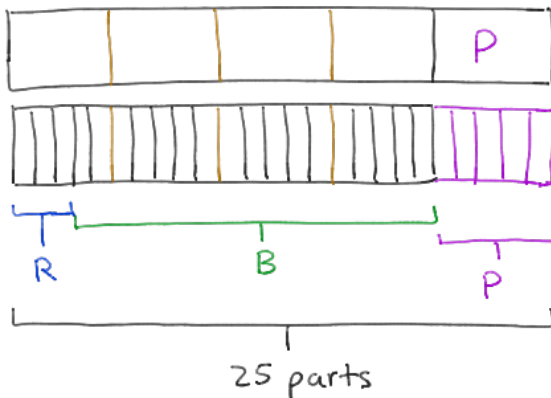
There are only red counters, blue counters and purple counters in a bag.

The ratio of the number of red counters to the number of blue counters is 3 : 17 ← second bar model  
 20 parts

Sam takes at random a counter from the bag.

The probability that the counter is purple is  $0.2 = \frac{1}{5}$  ← first bar model

Work out the probability that Sam takes a red counter.



$P(\text{red}) = \text{---}$

$P(\text{blue}) = \text{---}$

$P(\text{purple}) = \text{---}$

(Total for question = 3 marks)