## The Poisson distribution – 2023 Nov CIE Mathematics

## 1. Nov/2023/Paper\_9709/61/No.3

A website owner finds that, on average, his website receives 0.3 hits per minute. He believes that the number of hits per minute follows a Poisson distribution.

a)	Assume that the owner is correct.		
	(i)	Find the probability that there will be at least 4 hits during a 10-minute period. [3]	
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	(ii)	Use a suitable approximating distribution to find the probability that there will be fewer than 40 hits during a 3-hour period. [4]	

A friend agrees that the website receives, on average, 0.3 hits per minute. However, she notices that the number of hits during the day-time  $(9.00\,\mathrm{am}$  to  $9.00\,\mathrm{pm})$  is usually about twice the number of hits during the night-time  $(9.00\,\mathrm{pm}$  to  $9.00\,\mathrm{am})$ .

(b)	(i)	Explain why this fact contradicts the owner's belief that the number of hits per minute follows a Poisson distribution. [1]
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	(ii)	Specify separate Poisson distributions that might be suitable models for the number of hits during the day-time and during the night-time. [2]
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(a)	A random variable $X$ has the distribution $Po(25)$ .
	Use the normal approximation to the Poisson distribution to find $P(X > 30)$ . [4]
<b>(b)</b>	A random variable $Y$ has the distribution B(100, $p$ ) where $p < 0.05$ .
	Use the Poisson approximation to the binomial distribution to write down an expression, in terms of $p$ , for $P(Y < 3)$ . [2]

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A random variable $X$ has the distribution $Po(2.4)$ .				
Find $P(2 \le X < 4)$ .	[2]			
Two independent values of $X$ are chosen.				
Find the probability that both of these values are greater than 1.	[3]			
	Find $P(2 \le X < 4)$ .  Two independent values of $X$ are chosen.			

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<b>(c)</b>	It is	s given that $P(X = r) < P(X = r + 1)$ .	
	<b>(i)</b>	Find the set of possible values of $r$ .	[3]
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	(ii)	Hence find the value of $r$ for which $P(X = r)$ is greatest.	[1]