#### Discrete random variables- 2023 AS Mathematics 9709

### 1. Nov/2023/Paper\_9709/51/No.2

Hazeem repeatedly throws two ordinary fair 6-sided dice at the same time. On each occasion, the score is the sum of the two numbers that she obtains.

- (a) Find the probability that it takes exactly 5 throws of the two dice for Hazeem to obtain a score of 8 or more. [2]
- (b) Find the probability that it takes no more than 4 throws of the two dice for Hazeem to obtain a score of 8 or more. [2]

(c) For 8 randomly chosen throws of the two dice, find the probability that Hazeem obtains a score of 8 or more on fewer than 3 occasions. [3]

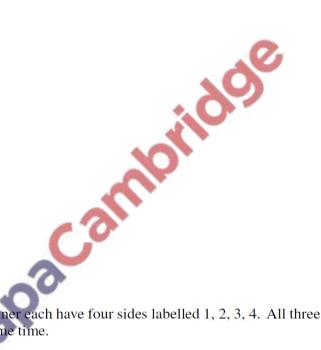
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A red spinner has four sides labelled 1, 2, 3, 4. When the spinner is spun, the score is the number on the side on which it lands. The random variable X denotes this score. The probability distribution table for X is given below.

x	1	2	3	4
$\mathbf{P}(X=x)$	0.28	р	2p	3 <i>p</i>

(a) Show that p = 0.12.



A fair blue spinner and a fair green spinner each have four sides labelled 1, 2, 3, 4. All three spinners (red, blue and green) are spun at the same time.

(b) Find the probability that the sum of the three scores is 4 or less. [3]



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# 3. Nov/2023/Paper\_9709/52/No.1

A competitor in a throwing event has three attempts to throw a ball as far as possible. The random variable X denotes the number of throws that exceed 30 metres. The probability distribution table for X is shown below.

x	0	1	2	3
$\mathbf{P}(X=x)$	0.4	р	r	0.15

[3]

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## 4. Nov/2023/Paper\_9709/52/No.2

George has a fair 5-sided spinner with sides labelled 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. He spins the spinner and notes the number on the side on which the spinner lands.

(a) Find the probability that it takes fewer than 7 spins for George to obtain a 5. [2] ..... ..... .... ..... ..... ..... George spins the spinner 10 times. (b) Find the probability that he obtains a 5 more than 4 times but fewer than 8 times. [3] ..... ..... .... ..... ..... ..... ..... .....

# 5. Nov/2023/Paper\_9709/53/No.1

Becky sometimes works in an office and sometimes works at home. The random variable X denotes the number of days that she works at home in any given week. It is given that

$$P(X = x) = kx(x+1),$$

where *k* is a constant and x = 1, 2, 3 or 4 only.

(a) Draw up the probability distribution table for X, giving the probabilities as numerical fractions. [3]

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( <b>b</b> )	Find $E(X)$ and $Var(X)$ . [3]