

# \* Answer Key \*

1. A sample space consists of 6 events with the following probabilities.

$$P(E_1) = .05, \quad P(E_2) = .1, \quad P(E_3) = .1, \quad P(E_4) = .15,$$

$$P(E_5) = 4P(E_6)$$

(a) Find the probabilities of simple events  $E_5$  and  $E_6$ .

$$P(E_1) + P(E_2) + P(E_3) + P(E_4) + P(E_5) + P(E_6) = 1$$

$$.05 + .1 + .1 + .15 + 4P(E_6) + P(E_6) = 1$$

$$.4 + 5P(E_6) = 1$$

$$5P(E_6) = .6$$

$$P(E_6) = .12 \quad \rightarrow \quad P(E_5) = 4(.12) = .48$$

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(b) Find the probabilities of the following events.

$$A = \{E_1, E_2, E_4\}, \quad B = \{E_4, E_5, E_6\}$$

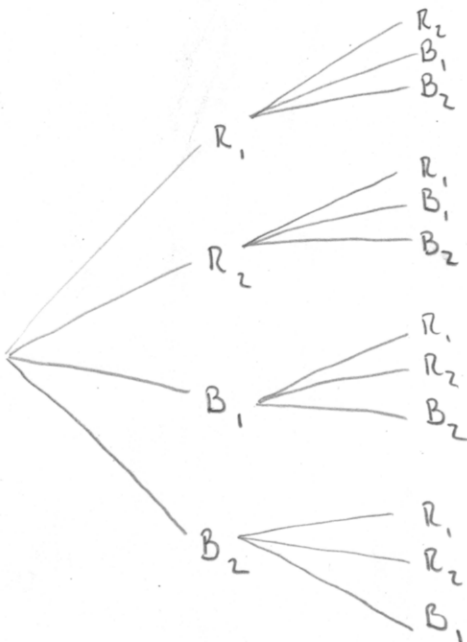
$$P(A) = P(E_1) + P(E_2) + P(E_4)$$

$$= .05 + .1 + .15 = \boxed{.3}$$

$$P(B) = P(E_4) + P(E_5) + P(E_6)$$

$$= .15 + .48 + .12 = \boxed{.75}$$

2. A bowl contains two red and two blue balls. Two balls are randomly selected and their colors recorded. Use a tree diagram to list the 12 simple events in the experiment, keeping in mind the order in which the balls are drawn.



12 simple events:

- $$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} R_1 R_2, R_1 B_1, R_1 B_2, \\ R_2 R_1, R_2 B_1, R_2 B_2, \\ B_1 R_1, B_1 R_2, B_1 B_2, \\ B_2 R_1, B_2 R_2, B_2 B_1 \end{array} \right\}$$

3. In how many ways can a committee of 9 people select a president, vice president, and treasurer?

$$P_3^9 = \frac{9!}{(9-3)!} = \frac{9!}{6!} = 9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7 = \boxed{504}$$

4. In how many ways can a committee of 9 people select a sub-committee of three people? (All positions on the sub-committee are the same.)

$$C_3^9 = \frac{9!}{3!(9-3)!} = \frac{9!}{3!6!} = \frac{9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7}{3 \cdot 2} = \boxed{84}$$

5. An experiment consist of randomly choosing 3 marbles from an urn that contains 4 red and 5 blue marbles.

- (a) How many simple events are there in the sample space?

$$C_3^9 = \boxed{84} \text{ (SEE QUESTION 4)}$$

- (b) How many simple events result in choosing 3 blue marbles?

$$C_3^5 = \frac{5!}{3!2!} = \boxed{10}$$

- (c) What is the probability of randomly choosing 3 blue marbles?

$$\frac{10}{84} \text{ or } \boxed{\frac{5}{42}}$$