

**Exercise 5B**

**1 a**  $E(Y) = E(X^2)$

$$E(X) = \frac{4.5 + 5.5}{2} = 5$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \frac{(5.5 - 4.5)^2}{12} = \frac{1}{12}$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - (E(X))^2$$

$$\Rightarrow E(X^2) = \text{Var}(X) + (E(X))^2 = \frac{1}{12} + 25 = 25 \frac{1}{12} = \frac{301}{12} = 25.083 \text{ (3 d.p.)}$$

Alternatively use  $E(g(X)) = \int g(x) f(x) dx$  with

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & 2 \leq x \leq 3 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad g(x) = x^2$$

$$E(Y) = E(X^2) = \int_{4.5}^{5.5} x^2 dx = \left[ \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_{4.5}^{5.5} = \left( \frac{5.5^3}{3} - \frac{4.5^3}{3} \right) = 25.083 \text{ (3 d.p.)}$$

**2 a**  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{6} & 5 \leq x \leq 11 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

**b**  $P(7 < R < 10) = \frac{10 - 7}{11 - 5} = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2} = 0.5$

**c**  $E(A) = E(\pi R^2) = \pi(\text{Var}(R) + (E(R))^2)$

$$E(A) = \pi \left( \frac{36}{12} + \left( \frac{5+11}{2} \right)^2 \right) = \pi(3 + 64) = 67\pi \text{ cm}^2$$

**3 a**  $\frac{1}{b-a} = \frac{1}{1-0} = 1$

$$P(T < 0.2) = (0.2 - 0) \times 1 = 0.2$$

**b**  $E(T) = 0.5$

**c**  $\text{Var}(T) = \int_0^1 t^2 f(t) dt - \mu^2 = \int_0^1 t^2 dt - 0.5^2 = \left[ \frac{t^3}{3} \right]_0^1 - 0.25 = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{12}$

**4 a**  $\frac{1}{b-a} = \frac{1}{10-2} = \frac{1}{8}$

$$P(T > 7) = (10 - 7) \times \frac{1}{8} = \frac{3}{8}$$

**4 b**  $P(T < 5) = (5 - 2) \times \frac{1}{8} = \frac{3}{8}$

So probability that Priya will take less than 5 minutes on three successive visits  $= \left(\frac{3}{8}\right)^3 = \frac{27}{512}$

**c**  $P(T < 8 | T > 5) = \frac{P(T < 8 \cap T > 5)}{P(T > 5)} = \frac{P(5 < T < 8)}{P(T > 5)} = \frac{\frac{3}{8}}{\frac{5}{8}} = \frac{3}{5}$

**5 a**  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{40} & 175 \leq x \leq 215 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$



**b i**  $P(X < 187) = \frac{187 - 175}{40} = \frac{12}{40} = \frac{3}{10} = 0.3$

**ii**  $P(X = 187) = 0$

(the probability of a continuous random variable taking a specific value is always 0)

**c**  $Q_1 = 185$ , as  $P(X < 185) = \frac{10}{40} = 0.25$  and  $Q_3 = 205$ , as  $P(X < 205) = \frac{30}{40} = 0.75$

Interquartile range  $= 205 - 185 = 20$

**d**  $P(X \geq x) = \frac{215 - x}{40} = 0.65 \Rightarrow 215 - x = 26 \Rightarrow x = 189$

**e** Let the random variable  $Y$  represent the number of cups that Rashmi buys contains less than 187 ml, then using the result from part **b i**,  $Y \sim B(5, 0.3)$

$$P(Y = 3) = \binom{5}{3} 0.3^3 (1 - 0.3)^2 = \frac{5 \times 4}{2} \times 0.3^3 \times 0.7^2 = 0.1323 \text{ (4 d.p.)}$$

**6 a**  $P(X < -2.3) = \frac{-2.3 - (-3.0)}{3.0 - (-3.0)} = \frac{0.7}{6} = \frac{7}{60}$

**b**  $P(|X| > 2.0) = P(X > 2.0) + P(X < -2.0) = \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$

- 6 c** Let the random variable  $Y$  represent the number of the 10 rods that are cut within 2 mm of the target length, then using the result from part **b i**,  $Y \sim B\left(10, \frac{2}{3}\right)$

$$P(Y=6) = \binom{10}{6} \times \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^6 \times \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^4 = 0.2276 \text{ (4 d.p.)}$$

**7 a**  $P(Y > 26) = \frac{28-26}{28-20} = \frac{2}{8} = \frac{1}{4} = 0.25$

- b** Let the random variable  $Z$  represent the number of sweets in a bag of 20 sweets that have a length greater than 26 mm, then using the result from part **a**,  $Z \sim B(20, 0.25)$ .

$$P(Z \geq 7) = 1 - P(Z \leq 6) = 1 - 0.7858 = 0.2142 \text{ (4 d.p.)}$$

(Obtaining the value for  $P(Z \leq 6)$  from a binomial cumulative distribution function table)

**8 a**  $P(X < 5) = \frac{5-2}{7-2} = \frac{3}{5} = 0.6$

**b**  $P(X > 6) = \frac{7-6}{7-2} = \frac{1}{5} = 0.2$

Let the random variable  $Y$  represent the number of flights in the next 10 flights that have a waiting time of more than 6 minutes, then  $Y \sim B(10, 0.2)$

$$P(Y \geq 3) = 1 - P(Y \leq 2) = 1 - 0.6778 = 0.3222 \text{ (4 d.p.)}$$

(Obtaining the value for  $P(Y \leq 2)$  from a binomial cumulative distribution function table)

- 9** The length of the shorter side is  $(20 - X)$  cm, so

$$E(A) = E(X(20 - X)) = E(20X - X^2) = 20E(X) - E(X^2)$$

$$E(X) = \frac{20+10}{2} = 15$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \frac{(20-10)^2}{12} = \frac{100}{12} = \frac{25}{3}$$

$$E(X^2) = \text{Var}(X) + (E(X))^2 = 225 + \frac{25}{3}$$

$$\text{Hence } E(A) = 20E(X) - E(X^2) = 20 \times 15 - 225 - \frac{25}{3}$$

$$= 300 - 225 - \frac{25}{3} = 75 - \frac{25}{3} = \frac{225-25}{3} = \frac{200}{3} \text{ cm}^2$$