

1 A biased spinner can land on A, B or C.

The table shows the probabilities, in terms of k , of A, B and C.

	A	B	C
Probability	$0.5k$	$7k - 0.15$	$2.5k$

Work out the probability of B.

[3 marks]

$$0.5k + 7k - 0.15 + 2.5k = 1 \quad (1)$$

$$10k - 0.15 = 1$$

$$10k = 1.15$$

$$k = 0.115 \quad (1)$$

$$B = 7(0.115) - 0.15$$

$$= 0.805 - 0.15$$

$$= 0.655 \quad (1)$$

Answer 0.655

2

In a class there are

 n boys

a total of 25 students.

Two of the students are chosen at random.

The probability that both students are boys is $\frac{7}{20}$ Work out the value of n .

[4 marks]

$$\frac{n}{25} \times \frac{n-1}{24} = \frac{7}{20}$$

$$\frac{n^2 - n}{600} = \frac{7}{20}$$

$$n^2 - n = 210$$

$$n^2 - n - 210 = 0$$

$$(n-15)(n+14) = 0$$

$$n = 15 \text{ or } n = -14$$

 n should be positive, hence $n = 15$

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