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MATHEMATICS

9709/52

Paper 5 Probability & Statistics 1

May/June 2026

1 hour 15 minutes

You must answer on the question paper.

You will need: List of formulae (MF19)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen. You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.
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- Give non-exact numerical answers correct to 3 significant figures, or 1 decimal place for angles in degrees, unless a different level of accuracy is specified in the question.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

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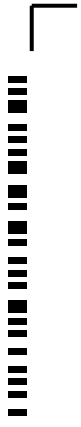
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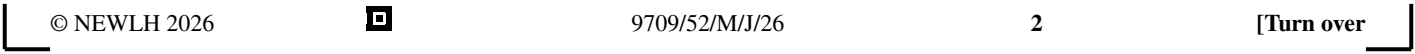
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- 1 The discrete random variable X takes the values $-1, 1, 2, 3, 4$ with probabilities as shown in the table, where p and q are constants.

x	-1	1	2	3	4
$P(X = x)$	0.15	p	0.2	q	0.1

- (a) Given that $E(X) = 1.75$, find the value of p and the value of q .

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- (b) Find $P(X > 1 \mid X \neq 4)$.

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2 Bag *A* contains 5 red marbles and 3 blue marbles. Bag *B* contains 4 red marbles and 2 blue marbles.
A marble is chosen at random from Bag *A* and placed in Bag *B*. A marble is then chosen at random from Bag *B*.

(a) Draw a fully labelled tree diagram to represent this information, showing all the probabilities. [2]

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(b) Find the probability that the two marbles chosen are the same colour. [2]

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(c) Find the probability that the marble chosen from Bag *A* was blue, given that the marble chosen from Bag *B* is red. [3]

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3 The back-to-back stem-and-leaf diagram shows the masses, in kg, of 25 male dogs and 25 female dogs of a certain breed.

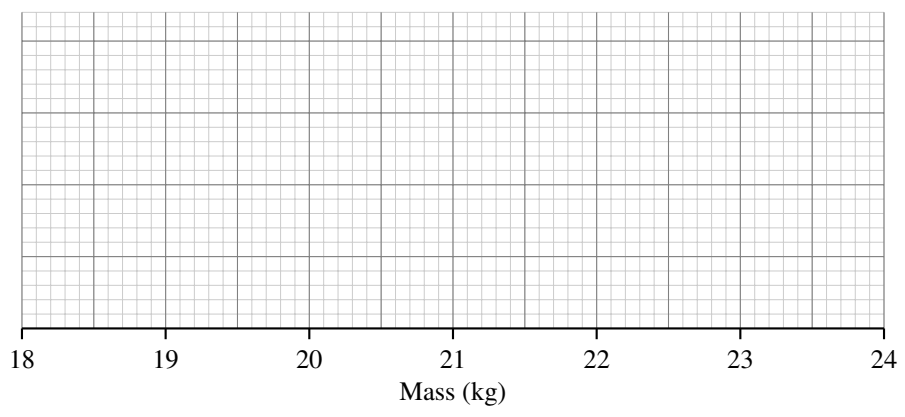
Male dogs			Female dogs	
		18	4 7 9	
(3)	8 5 2	19	1 3 6 8	(4)
(5)	9 7 4 3 0	20	0 2 2 5 7 9	(6)
(7)	9 8 8 5 4 2 1	21	1 3 4 8	(4)
(6)	7 6 5 2 2 0	22	0 2 5 5 9	(5)
(4)	8 6 3 1	23	3 7 8	(3)

Key: 2 | 19 | 1 means 19.2 kg for Male dogs and 19.1 kg for Female dogs.

(a) Find the median and the interquartile range of the masses of the male dogs. [3]

(b) For the female dogs, the lower quartile of the masses is 19.7 kg, the median is 20.9 kg and the upper quartile is 22.4 kg.

On the grid below, draw a box-and-whisker plot to represent the information for **both** the male dogs and the female dogs. [3]



(c) Make one comparison between the masses of the male dogs and the masses of the female dogs. [1]

4 The word METEORITE contains 9 letters.

(a) Find the number of different arrangements of the 9 letters in which there are exactly 3 letters between the two Ts. [3]

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(b) Find the probability that a randomly chosen arrangement of the 9 letters has the three Es together, but the two Ts are **not** next to each other. [4]

5 A fair 6-sided die is thrown repeatedly.

(a) Find the probability that a 5 or a 6 is obtained for the second time on the 7th throw.

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(b) Find the probability that fewer than 6 throws are required to obtain a 5 or a 6 for the second time.

[3]

6 The time taken, t minutes, by 120 students to complete a test is recorded. The results are summarised by

$$\sum(t - 40) = 264 \quad \text{and} \quad \sum(t - 40)^2 = 3456$$

(a) Calculate the mean and variance of the times taken by the 120 students. [2]

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(b) The times taken by the students are found to be normally distributed. Use your values from part (a) to find the probability that a randomly chosen student took more than 45 minutes to complete the test. [3]

(c) In another school, the probability that a student takes more than 45 minutes to complete the test is 0.32. Use a suitable approximation to find the probability that out of 100 randomly chosen students, fewer than 30 take more than 45 minutes. [5]

7 A robotics club has 12 members, consisting of 6 senior students and 6 junior students.

(a) For a weekend workshop, a group of 5 members is chosen at random.

Find the probability that the group contains more junior students than senior students.

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(b) For a regional competition, the club divides all 12 members into 3 teams of 4 members each. Each team will compete in a different category: Design, Programming, and Strategy.

In how many different ways can the teams be assigned if there are no restrictions?

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(c) In how many different ways can the teams be assigned if one team consists entirely of senior students and another team consists entirely of junior students? [3]

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