

Review - prob. distr. [97 marks]

1. [Maximum mark: 8]

18N.2.AHL.TZ0.H_3

It is known that 56 % of Infiglow batteries have a life of less than 16 hours, and 94 % have a life less than 17 hours. It can be assumed that battery life is modelled by the normal distribution $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$.

(a) Find the value of μ and the value of σ .

[6]



Markscheme

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use of inverse normal (implied by $\pm 0.1509\dots$ or $\pm 1.554\dots$) (M1)

$$P(X < 16) = 0.56$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{16 - \mu}{\sigma} = 0.1509\dots \quad (A1)$$

$$P(X < 17) = 0.94$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{17 - \mu}{\sigma} = 1.554\dots \quad (A1)$$

attempt to solve a pair of simultaneous equations (M1)

$$\mu = 15.9, \sigma = 0.712 \quad A1A1$$

[6 marks]

(b) Find the probability that a randomly selected Infiglow battery will have a life of at least 15 hours.

[2]



Markscheme

correctly shaded diagram or intent to find $P(X \geq 15)$ **(M1)**

= 0.895 **A1**

Note: Accept answers rounding to 0.89 or 0.90. Award **M1A0** for the answer 0.9.

[2 marks]

2. [Maximum mark: 6]

18N.1.SL.TZ0.T_14

The marks achieved by students taking a college entrance test follow a normal distribution with mean 300 and standard deviation 100.

In this test, 10 % of the students achieved a mark greater than k .

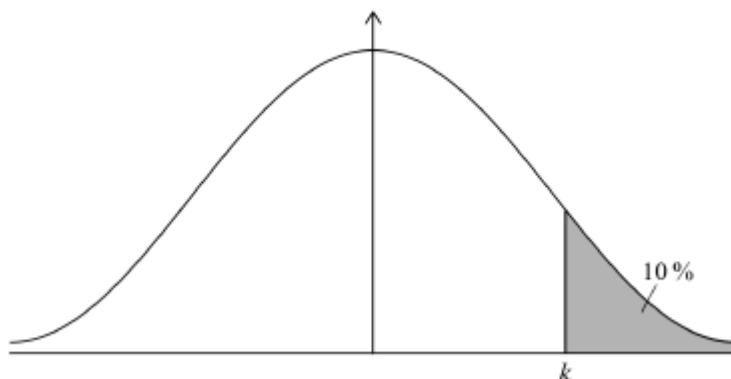
(a) Find the value of k .

[2]



Markscheme

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(M1)

Note: Award **(M1)** for diagram that shows the correct shaded area and percentage, k has to be greater than the mean.

OR

Award **(M1)** for $P(\text{mark} > k) = 0.1$ or $P(\text{mark} \leq k) = 0.9$ seen.

428 (428.155...) **(A1)(C2)**

[2 marks]

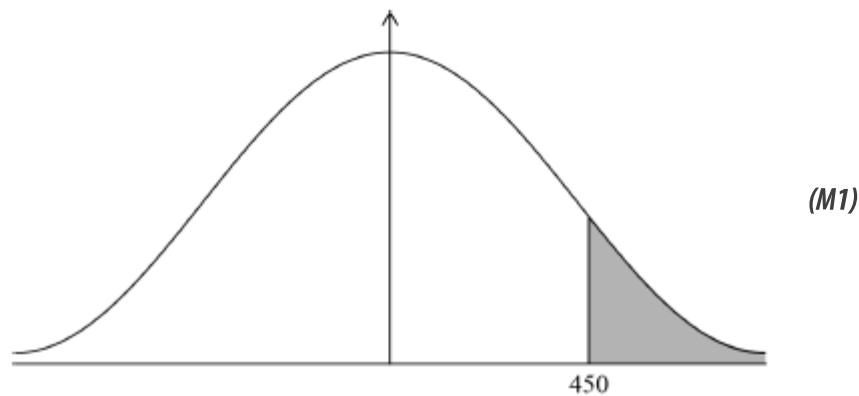
Marron College accepts only those students who achieve a mark of at least 450 on the test.

- (b) Find the probability that a randomly chosen student will be accepted by Marron College.

[2]



Markscheme



Note: Award **(M1)** for diagram that shows the correct shaded area and the value 450 labelled to the right of the mean.

OR

Award **(M1)** for $P(\text{mark} \geq 450)$ seen.

0.0668 (0.0668072..., 6.68 %, 6.68072... %) **(A1) (C2)**

[2 marks]

- (c) Given that Naomi attends Marron College, find the probability that she achieved a mark of at least 500 on the test.

[2]



Markscheme

$\frac{0.0228}{0.0668} \left(\frac{0.0227500...}{0.0668072...} \right)$ **(M1)**

Note: Award **(M1)** for 0.0228 (0.0227500...) seen. Accept $1 - 0.97725$.

= 0.341 (0.340532..., 34.1 %, 34.0532...%) **(A1)(ft) (C2)**

Note: Follow through from part (b), provided answer is between zero and 1.

[2 marks]

3. [Maximum mark: 5]

19M.2.AHL.TZ2.H_2

Timmy owns a shop. His daily income from selling his goods can be modelled as a normal distribution, with a mean daily income of \$820, and a standard deviation of \$230. To make a profit, Timmy's daily income needs to be greater than \$1000.

- (a) Calculate the probability that, on a randomly selected day, Timmy makes a profit.

[2]



Markscheme

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$$X \sim N(820, 230^2) \quad (M1)$$

Note: Award **M1** for an attempt to use normal distribution. Accept labelled normal graph.

$$\Rightarrow P(X > 1000) = 0.217 \quad A1$$

[2 marks]

- (b) The shop is open for 24 days every month.

Calculate the probability that, in a randomly selected month, Timmy makes a profit on between 5 and 10 days (inclusive).

[3]



Markscheme

$$Y \sim B(24, 0.217\dots) \quad (M1)$$

Note: Award **M1** for recognition of binomial distribution with parameters.

$$P(Y \leq 10) - P(Y \leq 4) \quad (M1)$$

Note: Award **M1** for an attempt to find $P(5 \leq Y \leq 10)$ or $P(Y \leq 10) - P(Y \leq 4)$.

$$= 0.613 \quad A1$$

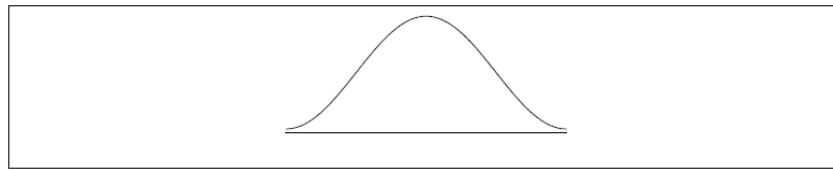
[3 marks]

4. [Maximum mark: 6]

19M.1.SL.TZ2.T_14

The price per kilogram of tomatoes, in euro, sold in various markets in a city is found to be normally distributed with a mean of 3.22 and a standard deviation of 0.84.

- (a.i) On the following diagram, shade the region representing the probability that the price of a kilogram of tomatoes, chosen at random, will be higher than 3.22 euro.



[1]



Markscheme



(A1) (C1)

Note: Award (A1) for vertical line drawn at the mean (3.22 does not have to be seen) and correct region shaded.

[1 mark]

- (a.ii) Find the price that is two standard deviations above the mean price.

[1]



Markscheme

4.90 (A1) (C1)

[1 mark]

- (b) Find the probability that the price of a kilogram of tomatoes, chosen at random, will be between 2.00 and 3.00 euro.

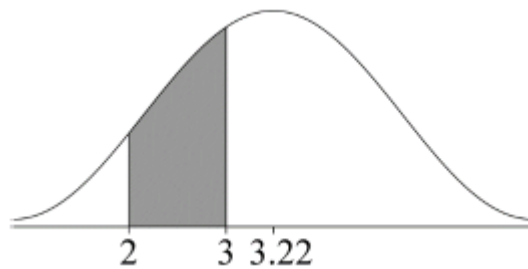
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Markscheme

0.323 (0.323499...; 32.3 %) (A2) (C2)

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[2 marks]

- (c) To stimulate reasonable pricing, the city offers a free permit to the sellers whose price of a kilogram of tomatoes is in the lowest 20 %.

Find the highest price that a seller can charge and still receive a free permit.

[2]



Markscheme

2.51 (2.51303...) (A2) (C2)

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[2 marks]

5. [Maximum mark: 7]

19M.1.AHL.TZ1.H_6

Let X be a random variable which follows a normal distribution with mean μ .

Given that $P(X < \mu - 5) = 0.2$, find

(a) $P(X > \mu + 5)$.

[2]



Markscheme

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use of symmetry *eg* diagram (M1)

$$P(X > \mu + 5) = 0.2 \quad A1$$

[2 marks]

(b) $P(X < \mu + 5 \mid X > \mu - 5)$.

[5]



Markscheme

EITHER

$$P(X < \mu + 5 \mid X > \mu - 5) = \frac{P(X > \mu - 5 \cap X < \mu + 5)}{P(X > \mu - 5)} \quad (M1)$$

$$= \frac{P(\mu - 5 < X < \mu + 5)}{P(X > \mu - 5)} \quad (A1)$$

$$= \frac{0.6}{0.8} \quad A1A1$$

Note: A1 for denominator is independent of the previous A marks.

OR

use of diagram (M1)

Note: Only award (M1) if the region $\mu - 5 < X < \mu + 5$ is indicated and used.

$$P(X > \mu - 5) = 0.8 \quad P(\mu - 5 < X < \mu + 5) = 0.6 \quad (A1)$$

Note: Probabilities can be shown on the diagram.

$$= \frac{0.6}{0.8} \quad M1A1$$

THEN

$$= \frac{3}{4} = (0.75) \quad A1$$

[5 marks]

6. [Maximum mark: 4]

20N.2.AHL.TZ0.H_2

Jenna is a keen book reader. The number of books she reads during one week can be modelled by a Poisson distribution with mean 2.6.

Determine the expected number of weeks in one year, of 52 weeks, during which Jenna reads at least four books.

[4]

Markscheme

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let X be the random variable “number of books Jenna reads per week.”

then $X \sim \text{Po}(2.6)$

$$P(X \geq 4) = 0.264 \quad (0.263998 \dots) \quad (M1)(A1)$$

$$0.263998 \dots \times 52 \quad (M1)$$

$$= 13.7 \quad A1$$

Note: Accept 14 weeks.

[4 marks]

7. [Maximum mark: 14]

20N.2.AHL.TZ0.H_9

The weights, in grams, of individual packets of coffee can be modelled by a normal distribution, with mean 102 g and standard deviation 8 g.

- (a) Find the probability that a randomly selected packet has a weight less than 100 g.

[2]



Markscheme

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$$X \sim N(102, 8^2)$$

$$P(X < 100) = 0.401 \quad (M1)A1$$

[2 marks]

- (b) The probability that a randomly selected packet has a weight greater than w grams is 0.444. Find the value of w .

[2]



Markscheme

$$P(X > w) = 0.444 \quad (M1)$$

$$\Rightarrow w = 103 \text{ (g)} \quad A1$$

[2 marks]

- (c) A packet is randomly selected. Given that the packet has a weight greater than 105 g, find the probability that it has a weight greater than 110 g.

[3]



Markscheme

$$P(X > 110 | X > 105) = \frac{P(X > 110 \cap X > 105)}{P(X > 105)} \quad (M1)$$

$$= \frac{P(X > 110)}{P(X > 105)} \quad (A1)$$

$$= \frac{0.15865\dots}{0.35383\dots}$$

$$= 0.448 \quad A1$$

[3 marks]

- (d) From a random sample of 500 packets, determine the number of packets that would be expected to have a weight lying within 1.5 standard deviations of the mean.

[3]



Markscheme

EITHER

$$P(90 < X < 114) = 0.866 \dots \quad (A1)$$

OR

$$P(-1.5 < Z < 1.5) = 0.866 \dots \quad (A1)$$

THEN

$$0.866 \dots \times 500 \quad (M1)$$

$$= 433 \quad A1$$

[3 marks]

- (e) Packets are delivered to supermarkets in batches of 80.
Determine the probability that at least 20 packets from a
randomly selected batch have a weight less than 95 g.

[4]



Markscheme

$$p = P(X < 95) = 0.19078 \dots \quad (A1)$$

$$\text{recognising } Y \sim B(80, p) \quad (M1)$$

$$\text{now using } Y \sim B(80, 0.19078 \dots) \quad (M1)$$

$$P(Y \geq 20) = 0.116 \quad A1$$

[4 marks]

8. [Maximum mark: 6]

19N.1.SL.TZ0.T_12

The Malthouse Charity Run is a 5 kilometre race. The time taken for each runner to complete the race was recorded. The data was found to be normally distributed with a mean time of 28 minutes and a standard deviation of 5 minutes.

A runner who completed the race is chosen at random.

- (a) Write down the probability that the runner completed the race in more than 28 minutes.

[1]



Markscheme

$0.5 \left(\frac{1}{2}, 50\% \right) \quad (A1)(C1)$

[1 mark]

- (b) Calculate the probability that the runner completed the race in less than 26 minutes.

[2]



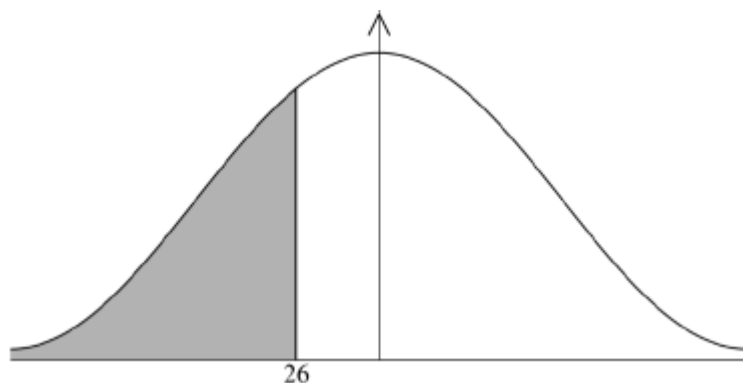
Markscheme

$P(X \leq 26) \quad (M1)$

Note: Award (M1) for a correct mathematical statement.

OR

Award (M1) for a diagram that shows the value 26 labelled to the left of the mean and the correct shaded region.



3.45 (0.344578..., 34.5%) (A1)(C2)

[2 marks]

- (c) It is known that 20% of the runners took more than 28 minutes and less than k minutes to complete the race.

Find the value of k .

[3]



Markscheme

0.7 OR 0.3 (seen) (A1)

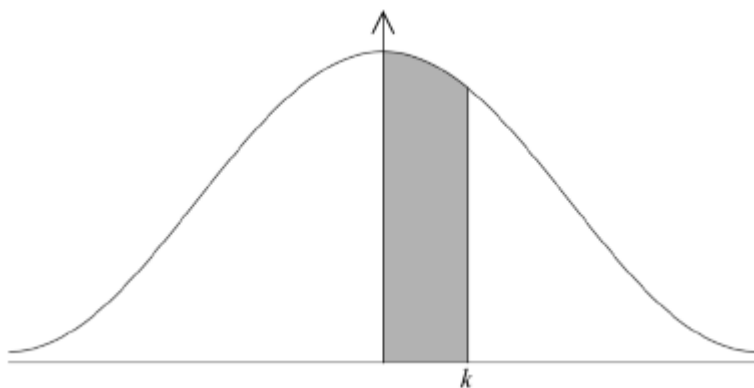
Note: Award (A1) for 0.7 or 0.3 seen.

$P(\text{time} < 7) = 0.7$ OR $P(\text{time} > k) = 0.3$ (M1)

Note: Award (M1) for a correct mathematical statement.

OR

Award (M1) for a diagram that shows k greater than the mean and shading in the region below k , above k , or between k and the mean.



$(k =) 30.6 \text{ (} 30.6220 \dots \text{) (minutes) (A1) (C3)}$

Note: Accept “30 minutes and 37 seconds” or (from 3 sf k value) “30 minutes and 36 seconds”.

[3 marks]

9. [Maximum mark: 6]

19N.2.AHL.TZ0.H_2

The number of marathons that Audrey runs in any given year can be modelled by a Poisson distribution with mean 1.3 .

- (a) Calculate the probability that Audrey will run at least two marathons in a particular year.

[2]



Markscheme

$$X \sim \text{Po}(1.3)$$

$$P(X \geq 2) = 0.373 \quad (M1)A1$$

[2 marks]

- (b) Find the probability that she will run at least two marathons in exactly four out of the following five years.

[4]



Markscheme

$$V \sim B(5, 0.373) \quad (M1)A1$$

Note: Award **(M1)** for recognition of binomial or equivalent, **A1** for correct parameters.

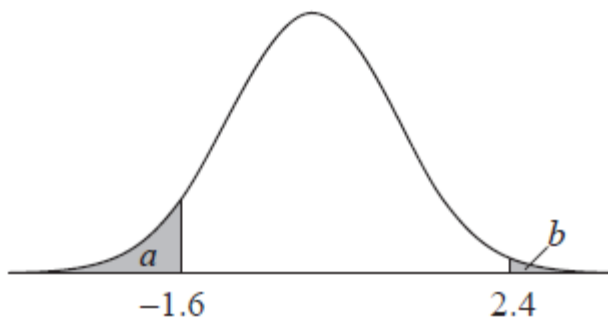
$$P(V = 4) = 0.0608 \quad (M1)A1$$

[4 marks]

10. [Maximum mark: 13]

19M.1.SL.TZ1.S_9

A random variable Z is normally distributed with mean 0 and standard deviation 1. It is known that $P(Z < -1.6) = a$ and $P(Z > 2.4) = b$. This is shown in the following diagram.



(a) Find $P(-1.6 < Z < 2.4)$. Write your answer in terms of a and b .

[2]



Markscheme

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recognizing area under curve = 1 **(M1)**

$$\text{eg } a + x + b = 1, 100 - a - b, 1 - a + b$$

$$P(-1.6 < z < 2.4) = 1 - a - b \quad (= 1 - (a + b)) \quad \text{A1 N2}$$

[2 marks]

- (b) Given that $z > -1.6$, find the probability that $z < 2.4$. Write your answer in terms of a and b .

[4]



Markscheme

$$P(z > -1.6) = 1 - a \text{ (seen anywhere)} \quad \text{(A1)}$$

recognizing conditional probability (M1)

$$\text{eg } P(A|B), P(B|A)$$

correct working (A1)

$$\text{eg } \frac{P(z < 2.4 \cap z > -1.6)}{P(z > -1.6)}, \frac{P(-1.6 < z < 2.4)}{P(z > -1.6)}$$

$$P(z < 2.4 | z > -1.6) = \frac{1-a-b}{1-a} \quad \text{A1 N4}$$

Note: Do not award the final **A1** if correct answer is seen followed by incorrect simplification.

[4 marks]

A second random variable X is normally distributed with mean m and standard deviation s .

It is known that $P(x < 1) = a$.

- (c) Write down the standardized value for $x = 1$.

[1]



Markscheme

$$z = -1.6 \text{ (may be seen in part (d))} \quad \text{A1 N1}$$

Note: Depending on the candidate's interpretation of the question, they may give $\frac{1-m}{s}$ as the answer to part (c). Such answers should be awarded the first **(M1)** in part (d), even when part (d) is left blank. If the candidate goes on to show $z = -1.6$ as part of their working in part (d), the **A1** in part (c) may be awarded.

[1 mark]

(d) It is also known that $P(x > 2) = b$.

Find s .

[6]



Markscheme

attempt to standardize x (do not accept $\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}$) **(M1)**

eg $\frac{1-m}{s}$ (may be seen in part (c)), $\frac{m-2}{s}$, $\frac{x-m}{\sigma}$

correct equation with each z -value **(A1)(A1)**

eg $-1.6 = \frac{1-m}{s}$, $2.4 = \frac{2-m}{s}$, $m + 2.4s = 2$

valid approach (to set up equation in one variable) **M1**

eg $2.4 = \frac{2-(1.6s+1)}{s}$, $\frac{1-m}{-1.6} = \frac{2-m}{2.4}$

correct working **(A1)**

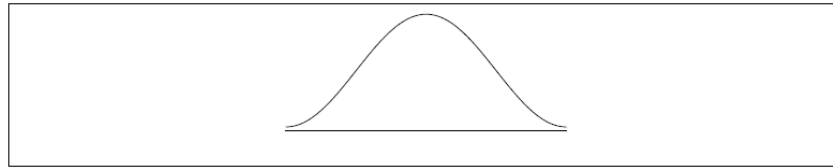
eg $1.6s + 1 = 2 - 2.4s$, $4s = 1$, $m = \frac{7}{5}$

$s = \frac{1}{4}$ **A1 N2**

[6 marks]

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[1] 

Markscheme



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[1 mark]

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Markscheme

4.90 (A1) (C1)

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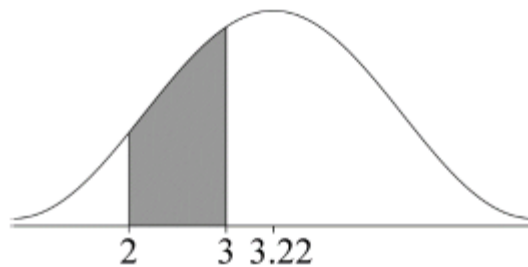
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Markscheme

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[2 marks]

- (c) To stimulate reasonable pricing, the city offers a free permit to the sellers whose price of a kilogram of tomatoes is in the lowest 20 %.

Find the highest price that a seller can charge and still receive a free permit.

[2]



Markscheme

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[2 marks]

12. [Maximum mark: 16]

21M.2.AHL.TZ2.2

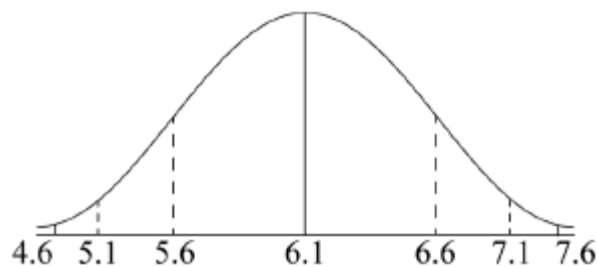
It is known that the weights of male Persian cats are normally distributed with mean 6.1 kg and variance 0.5^2 kg^2 .

(a) Sketch a diagram showing the above information.

[2]



Markscheme



A1A1

Note: Award **A1** for a normal curve with mean labelled 6.1 or μ , **A1** for indication of SD (0.5) : marks on horizontal axis at 5.6 and/or 6.6 **OR** $\mu - 0.5$ and/or $\mu + 0.5$ on the correct side and approximately correct position.

[2 marks]

- (b) Find the proportion of male Persian cats weighing between 5.5 kg and 6.5 kg.

[2]



Markscheme

$$X \sim N(6.1, 0.5^2)$$

$$P(5.5 < X < 6.5) \text{ OR labelled sketch of region} \quad (M1)$$

$$= 0.673 \quad (0.673074 \dots) \quad A1$$

[2 marks]

A group of 80 male Persian cats are drawn from this population.

- (c) Determine the expected number of cats in this group that have a weight of less than 5.3 kg.

[3]



Markscheme

$$(P(X < 5.3) =) 0.0547992 \dots \quad (A1)$$

$$0.0547992 \dots \times 80 \quad (M1)$$

$$= 4.38 \quad (4.38393 \dots) \quad A1$$

[3 marks]

The male cats are now joined by 80 female Persian cats. The female cats are drawn from a population whose weights are normally distributed with mean 4.5 kg and standard deviation 0.45 kg.

Ten female cats are chosen at random.

- (d.i) Find the probability that exactly one of them weighs over 4.62 kg.

[4]



Markscheme

$$Y \sim N(4.5, 0.45^2),$$

$$(P(Y > 4.62) =) 0.394862 \dots \quad (A1)$$

use of binomial seen or implied (M1)

using $B(10, 0.394862 \dots)$ (M1)

$$0.0430 \quad (0.0429664 \dots) \quad A1$$

[4 marks]

- (d.ii) Let N be the number of cats weighing over 4.62 kg.

Find the variance of N .

[1]



Markscheme

$$np(1 - p) = 2.39 \quad (2.38946 \dots) \quad A1$$

[1 mark]

- (e) A cat is selected at random from all 160 cats.

Find the probability that the cat was female, given that its weight was over 4.7 kg.

[4]



Markscheme

$$P(F \cap (W > 4.7)) = 0.5 \times 0.3284 \quad (= 0.1642) \quad (A1)$$

attempt use of tree diagram **OR** use of

$$P(F|W > 4.7) = \frac{P(F \cap (W > 4.7))}{P(W > 4.7)} \quad (M1)$$

$$\frac{0.5 \times 0.3284}{0.5 \times 0.9974 + 0.5 \times 0.3284} \quad (A1)$$

$$= 0.248 \text{ (0.247669...)} \quad A1$$

[4 marks]