

Stats 2 Poisson Distribution Answers

1(a)(i)	$P(X = 2) = \frac{e^{-1.5} \times (1.5)^2}{2!} = 0.251$	M1A1	2	
(ii)	$p = (0.251)^3 = 0.0158$	M1A1✓	2	on their p from (i)
(b)(i)	$Y \sim \text{Po}(9.0)$	B1	1	
(ii)	$P(Y \geq 12) = 1 - P(Y \leq 11)$ $= 1 - 0.8030$ $= 0.197$	M1 A1	2	
(c)	attacks patients: randomly (p constant) independently	B1 B1	 2	mean of 1.5 $\Rightarrow p$ small (B1) (unless very few patients)
Total			9	

1(a)	For a 1-year period The number of A grades $\sim \text{Po}(3)$ For a 5-year period Number of A grades $\sim \text{Po}(15)$ $P(\text{Total A-grades} > 18)$ $= 1 - (\text{Total} \leq 18)$ $= 1 - 0.8195$ $= 0.1805$ $= 0.181$			
		B1		
		M1		
		A1	3	AWFW 0.180 to 0.181
(b)(i)	$X + Y \sim \text{Po}(10)$ $P(X + Y \leq 14) = 0.917$	B1 M1A1	 3	 AWFW 0.916 to 0.917 incl
(ii)	X and Y are independent variables.	E1	1	
Total			7	

2(a)(i)	$P(A=4) = \frac{e^{-3.5} \times (3.5)^4}{4!} = 0.189$	M1A1	2	
(ii)	$P(B \leq 6) = 0.762$	B1	1	
(iii)	$T = A + B \sim \text{Po}(8.5)$			
	$P(T \text{ fewer than } 10) = P(T < 10)$	M1		Use of Po (8.5)
	$= P(T \leq 9)$	M1		$T \leq 9$ attempted
	$= 0.653$	A1	3	CAO
(b)	$X \sim B(5, 0.653)$	B1		$X \sim B(5, \text{their } p)$
	$P(X \geq 4) = \binom{5}{4} (0.653)^4 (0.347)$			
	$+ (0.653)^5$	M1		
	$= 0.31547 + 0.11873$	A1 \checkmark	3	On their p from (a)(iii)
	$= 0.434$			
(c)(i)	$\bar{x} = 9.2$	B1		
	$s^2 = 9.29$	B1	2	$\sigma^2 = 8.36$
(ii)	Mean and variance have similar values which suggests that Poisson distribution may be appropriate	B1 \checkmark B1 \checkmark	2	
Total			13	

2(a)(i)	$P(X=3) = \frac{e^{-3.5} \times (3.5)^3}{3!} = 0.216$	M1 A1	2	
(ii)	$P(Y \geq 5) = 1 - P(Y \leq 4)$	M1		used
	$= 1 - 0.2851$			
	$= 0.715$	A1	2	
(b)(i)	$T \sim \text{Po}(9.5)$	B1	1	
(ii)	$P(7 \leq T \leq 10) = P(T \leq 10) - P(T \leq 6)$	M1		
	$= 0.6453 - 0.1649$	A1		
	$= 0.480$	A1	3	Accept 0.48
(iii)	$p = (0.4804)^3 = 0.111$	M1 A1 \checkmark	2	
Total			10	