

Past-paper walk-through

Mean and Standard Deviation of Random Variables ■ 4.8

eXercise

Questions in this set

- 2025 Q5
- 2024 Q4
- 2023 Q3
- 2021 Q3
- 2019 Q5
- 2015 Q3

Reading the mark scheme

- **B1** a mark that stands on its own – the point is either made or not.
- **M1** a *method* mark: the right approach, even if the number is wrong.
- **A1** an *answer* mark, and it usually needs its M mark first.
- **C1** a working mark on the way to the answer.
- **//** separates answers the examiner accepts equally.
- **ecf** = error carried forward: a later part is marked on your own earlier answer.
- **owtte** = “or words to that effect” – the wording need not match.

Question 5

2025 ■ Q5

According to a 2017 national survey in Country B, the mean number of bedrooms in newly built houses was 2.9. Rodney, a researcher, believes the mean number of bedrooms in newly built houses in the country was different in 2024 than it was in 2017. To investigate his belief, he took a large random sample of newly built houses in Country B in 2024 and recorded the number of bedrooms in each house. The distribution of the number of bedrooms for the sampled houses is summarized in the table.

Distribution of the Number of Bedrooms for the Houses Sampled in 2024

Number of Bedrooms	1	2	3	4	5	6
Proportion of Houses	0.12	0.22	0.28	0.22	0.14	0.02

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(a)(i) A house from the sample will be selected at random. What is the probability that the house had fewer than 3 bedrooms? Show your work.

(a)(ii) What is the mean number of bedrooms for the sample of newly built houses in 2024? Show your work.

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