

MAT 118, Chapter 1 Sample Questions

THE FOLLOWING TABLE IS USED FOR PROBLEMS 1-3. It shows the preferences of voters between five candidates called A, B, C, D and E. For example, 5 voters rank the candidates in the order: A (favorite), B, C, D, E (least favorite).

| Number of Voters | 5 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 3 |
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| 1st choice | C | C | A | D | D | B |
| 2nd choice | B | D | E | A | A | E |
| 3rd choice | A | B | D | B | B | C |
| 4th choice | D | A | C | E | C | A |
| 5th choice | E | E | B | C | E | D |

- (1) How many people voted in this election?
(a) 18
(b) 19
(c) 21
(d) 22
(e) 23
(f) none of these.
- (2) If only C and D ran in the election, who would win and with how many votes?
(a) C with 11 votes
(b) D with 11 votes
(c) C with 12 votes
(d) D with 12 votes
(e) C with 13 votes
(f) none of these.
- (3) Who wins the election under the plurality-with-elimination method?
(a) A
(b) B
(c) C
(d) D
(e) E
(f) no one wins a plurality.

- (4) Which of the following voting systems are fair, i.e., satisfies the majority, Condorcet, monotonicity and independence-of-irrelevant-alternatives criteria?
- (a) plurality method
 - (b) Borda count method
 - (c) plurality with elimination
 - (d) pairwise comparison method
 - (e) Coombs method
 - (f) none of these.
- (5) There are 64 teams in a basketball tournament. If each team has to play every other team exactly once, how many games are there?
- (a) 32
 - (b) 63
 - (c) 128
 - (d) 1024
 - (e) 2016
 - (f) none of these.
- (6) What criterion says “If a candidate X has a majority of the first place votes, then candidate X should win the election.”
- (a) The plurality criterion
 - (b) The majority criterion
 - (c) Arrow’s criterion
 - (d) Borda’s criterion
 - (e) The fairness criterion
 - (f) none of these
- (7) The 2006 AP college football poll ranked 25 teams using the Borda count method (25 points for first place, 24 points for second, ...). Ohio State got 1625 points and was the unanimous choice for first place. How many voters took part in the poll?
- (a) 50
 - (b) 55
 - (c) 60
 - (d) 65
 - (e) 70
 - (f) none of these