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Quiz #1 (Form A)

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Question #1:

A, B and C are mutually exclusive (disjoint) and equiprobable (have equal probability) events such that $P(A \cup B \cup C) = 1$. Compute $P(A \cup B)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(A \cup B) &= P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B) \\
 &= P(A) + P(B) - 0 \quad \leftarrow \text{disjoint} \\
 &= p + p = 2p \quad ((P(A) = P(B) = p \Rightarrow \text{equiprobable}))
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(A \cup B \cup C) &= P(A) + P(B) + P(C) \quad \leftarrow \text{since disjoint} \\
 1 &= p + p + p = 3p \quad (\text{have equal prob})
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{p = \frac{1}{3}}$$

$$\therefore P(A \cup B) = 2p = 2\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = \frac{2}{3}$$

Question #2:

Given three independent events A, B, and C such that $P(A) = 0.6$, $P(B) = 0.5$, and $P(C) = 0.4$.

a) Find $P(A/B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(A) \cdot P(B)}{P(B)} = P(A) \quad A, B \text{ independent}$
 $= 0.6$

b) Find the probability that at least one event occurs.

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(A \cup B \cup C) &= P(A) + P(B) + P(C) - P(A \cap B) - P(A \cap C) - P(B \cap C) + P(A \cap B \cap C) \\
 &= P(A) + P(B) + P(C) - P(A) \cdot P(B) - P(A) \cdot P(C) - P(B) \cdot P(C) + P(A) \cdot P(B) \cdot P(C) \\
 &= 0.6 + 0.5 + 0.4 - (0.6)(0.5) - (0.6)(0.4) - (0.5)(0.4) \\
 &\quad + (0.6)(0.5)(0.4) \\
 &= 1.5 - 0.3 - 0.24 - 0.2 + 0.12 \\
 &= 0.88
 \end{aligned}$$