Question 6 (25 marks)

A local sports club is planning to run a weekly lotto. To win the Jackpot of €1000, contestants must match one letter chosen from the 26 letters in the alphabet and two numbers chosen, in the correct order, from the numbers 0 to 9. In this lotto, repetition of numbers is allowed (e.g. M, 3, 3 is an outcome).

- (a) Calculate the probability that M, 3, 3 would be the winning outcome in a particular week.
- (b) If a contestant matches the letter only, or the letter and one number (but not both numbers), they will win €50. Using the table below, or otherwise, find how much the club should expect to make or lose on each play, correct to the nearest cent, if they charge €2 per play.

Event	Payout (x) \in	Probability (P(x))	x.P(x)
Win Jackpot			
Match letter and			
first number only			
Match letter and			
second number only			
Match letter and			
neither number			
Fail to win			

(c) The club estimates that the average number of plays per week will be 845. If the club wants to make an average profit of €600 per week from the lotto, how much should the club charge per play, correct to the nearest cent?

Q6	Model Solution – 25 Marks				Marking Notes	
(a)	$P(M,3,3) = \frac{1}{26} \times \frac{1}{10} \times \frac{1}{10} = \frac{1}{2600}$			$\frac{1}{10} = \frac{1}{2600}$	Scale 10C (0, 3, 7, 10) Low Partial Credit • any correct relevant probability High Partial credit • correct probabilities but not expressed as single fraction or equivalent Note: Accept correct answer without supporting work	
(b)	Event	Payout	Prob (P(x))	x.P(x)		
	Win	1000	$\frac{1}{2600}$	1000 2600	Scale 10C (0, 3, 7, 10) Low Partial Credit	
	letter 1 No.	50	$\frac{9}{2600}$	$\frac{450}{2600}$	 1 correct entry to table High Partial Credit all entries correct but fails to finish or 	
	letter 2 nd No	50	$\frac{9}{2600}$	$\frac{450}{2600}$	 all entries correct but falls to finish or finishes incorrectly no conclusion 	
	letter	50	$\frac{81}{2600}$	$\frac{4050}{2600}$		
	Fail to win	0		0		
	$\sum x. P(x) = \frac{5950}{2600} = 2.29$ Club loses 29 cent per play Or					
	Event	Pay out	Prob (P(x)	x.P(x)		
	Win	-998	¹ / ₂₆₀₀	$-998/_{2600}$		
	letter + 1 st No.	-48	9/2600	$-432/_{2600}$		
	Letter + 2 nd No	-48	9/2600	$-432/_{2600}$		
	letter only	-48	81/2600	$-3888/_{2600}$		
	Fail to Win	+2	²⁵⁰⁰ / ₂₆₀₀	5000/2600		
	$\sum x. P(x) = -\frac{750}{2600} = -29 \text{ cent}$					

Profit = Revenue – Pay-out

600 = 845(x - 2.29)

$$x = \frac{600 + 845(2 \cdot 29)}{845}$$

$$x = 3$$

or

$$\frac{600}{845} = 0.71$$

$$0.71 + 2.29 = 3$$

Scale 5C (0, 2, 4, 5)

Low Partial Credit

• links profit, revenue and payout

High partial Credit

• formula fully substituted