

If 12 identical balls are to be placed in 3 identical boxes, then the probability that one of the boxes contains exactly 3 balls is :

- (1) $220\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{12}$
- (2) $22\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{11}$
- ✓ (3) $\frac{55}{3}\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{11}$
- (4) $55\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{10}$

There is ambiguity in this question.

It should be mentioned that boxes are different and one particular box has 3 balls.

Then we can proceed as follows

$$\text{No. of ways} = \frac{{}^{12}C_3 \times 2^9}{3^{12}} = \frac{55}{3} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{11}$$

Correct option is (3)