

50. Solution: C

Let N be the number of major snowstorms per year, and let P be the amount paid to the company under the policy. Then $\Pr[N = n] = \frac{(3/2)^n e^{-3/2}}{n!}$, $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ and

$$P = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } N = 0 \\ 10,000(N - 1) & \text{for } N \geq 1 \end{cases}.$$

Now observe that $E[P] = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 10,000(n-1) \frac{(3/2)^n e^{-3/2}}{n!}$

$$= 10,000 e^{-3/2} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 10,000(n-1) \frac{(3/2)^n e^{-3/2}}{n!} = 10,000 e^{-3/2} + E[10,000(N-1)]$$

$$= 10,000 e^{-3/2} + E[10,000N] - E[10,000] = 10,000 e^{-3/2} + 10,000(3/2) - 10,000 = 7,231.$$