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MID-SEMESTER EXAMINATION

SEMESTER (SPRING-2018)

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Subject Name

Probability and Statistics

Department / Centre / School

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To be filled by the examiner

Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8			Total
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# Special Instructions

1. There are total **8** questions in this paper.
2. There are total **20** number of pages.
3. Final answer to each question or sub-question must be clearly written in the box provided.
4. Total marks: 30

**Rough work**

1. Three distinct numbers are selected from  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, 20, 21\}$  randomly without replacement. What is the probability that the sum of these numbers is divisible by 3? [5 marks]

Answer:

2. A batch of 580 students taking the course Probability and Statistics is divided into three sections A,B,C. Section A has 180 students while Sections B and C have 200 students each. After the examination, it is observed that 11 students from Section A scored EX grade while 7 students failed the course. In Section B, 9 students scored EX while 12 students failed the course. In Section C, 13 students scored EX while 12 students failed the course.

- (a) If a randomly selected student from the batch has scored EX grade, what is the probability that the student is from Section A? [1 mark]

Answer:

- (b) If a randomly selected student from the batch has failed the course, what is the probability that the student belongs to either Section B or Section C? [2 marks]

Answer:

- (c) If two students are selected randomly from the batch and it is noted that one of them has scored EX while the other has failed course. What is the probability that both the students belong to the same section? [2 marks]

Answer:

3. Suppose  $n$  balls are distributed at random into  $r$  boxes. Find the probability that there are exactly  $k$  balls in the first  $r_1 (< r)$  boxes. [2 marks]

Answer:

4. Tattoo bubble gums are on sale for Rs. 5 each. Each bubble gum contains exactly one tattoo, which can be one of five types with equal probability. Suppose you keep on buying bubble gums and stop when you collect all the five types of tattoos. What will be your expected expenditure? [5 marks]

Answer:

5. Let  $X$  be a discrete random variable with the properties  $E(X) = 0$ ,  $E(X^2) = 2$  &  $E(X^4) = 4$ .

(a) Find the moment generating function of  $X$ .

[3 marks]

Answer:

(b) Compute  $E(X + 1)^3$ .

[2 marks]

Answer:

6. Let  $\begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \end{pmatrix}$  be a discrete random vector with the joint probability mass function given as follows:

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \begin{cases} \frac{(1-p)^x p}{s} & \text{for } x = 0, 1, \dots; \ y = 1, 2, \dots, s \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

for some  $0 < p < 1$ .

- (a) Compute  $E(X)$ .

[1 mark]

Answer:

- (b) Compute  $\text{Var}(Y|X)$ .

[1 mark]

Answer:

- (c) Compute  $\text{Var}(X)$ .

[1 mark]

Answer:



7. Let  $X$  be a discrete random variable which follows geometric distribution with parameter  $p = \frac{1}{3}$ . Define a new random variable

$$Y = \frac{2^X}{X!}$$

- (a) Compute  $P(Y \leq 2)$ .

[1 mark]

Answer:

- (b) Compute  $E(Y)$ .

[2 marks]

Answer: