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## Pearson Edexcel Level 3 GCE

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### Statistics

#### Advanced

#### PAPER 1: Data and Probability

#### You must have:

Statistical formulae and tables booklet, Calculator

Total Marks

**Candidates may use any calculator allowed by Pearson regulations.  
Calculators must not have retrievable mathematical formulae stored in them.**

#### Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- If pencil is used for diagrams/sketches/graphs it must be dark (HB or B).
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **all** questions and ensure that your answers to parts of questions are clearly labelled.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided  
– *there may be more space than you need*.
- You should show sufficient working to make your methods clear.  
Answers without working may not gain full credit.
- Unless otherwise stated, inexact answers should be given to three significant figures.
- Unless otherwise stated, statistical tests should be carried out at the 5% significance level.

#### Information

- A booklet 'Statistical formulae and tables' is provided.
- There are 8 questions in this question paper. The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets  
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question*.

#### Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.
- If you change your mind about an answer, cross it out and put your new answer and any working underneath.

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**Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.**

- 1 The Olympic Games are held **every 4 years**.

The least squares regression line for the winning times in the men's 100 metre races for each Olympic Games held after 1900 was calculated.

The calculated equation, where  $t$  is the winning time in seconds, and  $n$  is the number of years after 1900 that the time was achieved, is

$$t = 10.878 - 0.0106n$$

[Source: <https://www.liveabout.com/100-meter-mens-olympic-medalists-3259179>]

- (a) Interpret the value of 0.0106 in context.

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No Olympic Games were held in 1940 because of the Second World War.

- (b) Estimate what the winning time for the men's 100 metre race in 1940 would have been, had it been run.

Give your answer correct to **two** decimal places.

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- (c) Explain why the least squares regression line may be unsuitable for predicting future winning times in the Olympic Games, men's 100 metre races.

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**(Total for Question 1 is 5 marks)**



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- 2 Leona is analysing the **total** number of goals scored in football matches. She estimated the probability of a certain number of total goals being scored by the two teams in a match and displayed them in a table.

Leona's table is shown in **Figure 1**

|             |     |      |     |      |     |      |      |
|-------------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|------|
| Total goals | 0   | 1    | 2   | 3    | 4   | 5    | 6    |
| Probability | 0.1 | 0.15 | 0.3 | 0.25 | 0.1 | 0.05 | 0.05 |

**Figure 1**

A match where **both** teams score the same number of goals is called a draw.

- (a) Using Leona's table,

- (i) explain why the probability of a draw is at least 0.1

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- (ii) find the highest possible probability of a match ending in a draw.

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- (b) State **one** limitation of using Leona's table, given in **Figure 1**

(1)



## **Question 2 continued**

Leona models the number of matches with 3 or more goals scored in a tournament of 64 matches as a binomial distribution.

- (c) State the parameters for Leona's model.

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- (d) Use **distributional approximation** to estimate the probability that, in a football tournament with 64 matches, at least 30 matches have 3 or more goals scored.

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- (e) Comment on the reliability of your approximation used in (d).

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- (f) State **two** reasons why Leona's binomial distribution model may **not** be appropriate.

(2)

**(Total for Question 2 is 14 marks)**



**3** Ned is a Physics education researcher at a university.

Ned wants to investigate whether there is any evidence of association between the number of sports activities that a student takes part in each week and their Physics grade.

- (a) Design an experiment for Ned to carry out. Your answer should include details regarding

- what data he should gather, and how he can gather it
  - how Ned should choose his sample
  - which hypothesis test could be carried out with his data
  - the hypotheses that should be used for this test.

(6)



### **Question 3 continued**

At the end of the first year, Physics students sit a multiple-choice test with 70 questions. Each question has 4 possible answers. One student, Zamira, has not attended any lectures so guesses every answer.

- (b) Making any necessary assumptions, calculate the probability that Zamira scores more than 30% on the test.

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- (c) For **each** assumption you made in (b), give a reason why that assumption might **not** be valid.

(2)

**(Total for Question 3 is 11 marks)**



- 4 Dahlia is running an experiment to investigate whether the consumption of an edible grain, quinoa, reduces blood glucose levels. Dahlia wants to be able to easily replicate her experiment.

From a large group of student volunteers, Dahlia selected those aged 18 to 35 years with no health issues for her experiment.

The table in **Figure 2** shows the numbers of her selected volunteers, in six groups, by age and sex at birth.

|     |       | Sex at birth |      |
|-----|-------|--------------|------|
|     |       | Female       | Male |
| Age | 18-24 | 51           | 37   |
|     | 25-29 | 34           | 26   |
|     | 30-35 | 21           | 18   |

**Figure 2**

Dahlia randomly chose 10 volunteers from each of the six groups in the table.

For each group, for lunch every day for four weeks, 5 were asked to eat 75 g of quinoa and 5 were asked to eat 75 g of couscous. Couscous is another edible grain, known to have little effect on blood glucose level.

Volunteers had their blood glucose levels measured by a monitor. Measurements from the monitor were obtained at the start of the four weeks, then weekly throughout the four weeks. Each measurement was taken at 10:00 on a Monday.

- (a) State **both** the blocking factors Dahlia has used.

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- (b) Explain the purpose of taking the reading at the same time each week.

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**Question 4 continued**

- (c) State **two** other measures that Dahlia has taken to ensure the experiment can be easily replicated.

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Dahlia finds that the mean blood glucose level for the volunteers eating the quinoa each day for four weeks, reduces from 7.8 mmol/L to 7.6 mmol/L. She concludes that consumption of quinoa reduces blood glucose levels.

- (d) Comment on the validity of this conclusion, giving reasons for your answer.

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- (e) State **two** improvements that Dahlia could make to her experiment.

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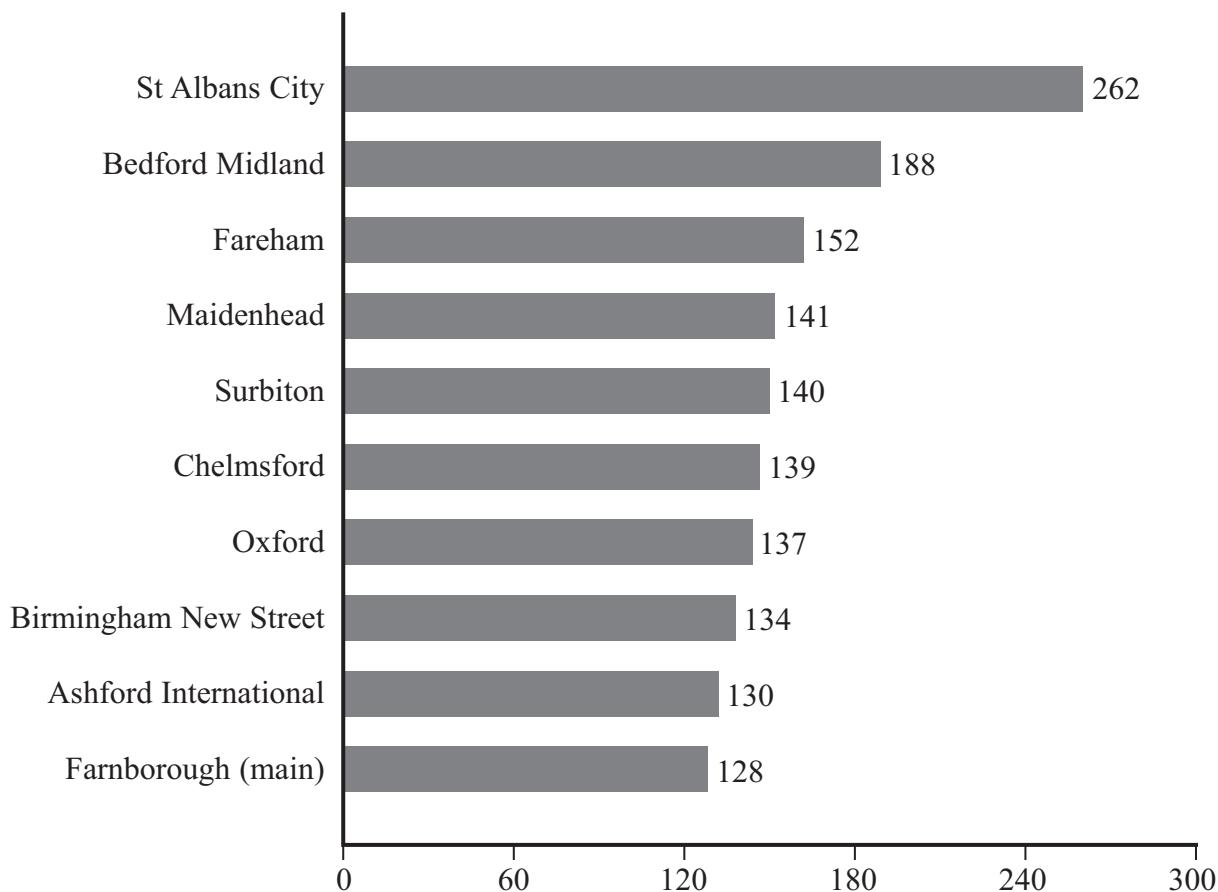


- 5 Ayesha parks her bicycle at the train station on days when she catches the train to work.

She is considering moving home to a new location, and decides to find data on bicycle thefts at various train stations.

The railway stations with the most bicycle thefts in England are shown in **Figure 3**

**Railway stations with the most bicycle thefts**  
**Total bicycles stolen from 2016-2019**



**Figure 3**

[Source: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england/49154673>, Data source: British transport police]



**Question 5 continued**

- (a) Show that the number of bicycles stolen from St Albans City station is approximately 86% higher than the number stolen from Maidenhead station.

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Ayesha claims that a bicycle parked at St Albans City station is 86% more likely to be stolen than a bicycle parked at Maidenhead Station.

- (b) Do you agree with Ayesha's claim?

Explain your answer.

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**Question 5 continued**

As well as data on the railway stations with the most bicycle thefts in England, the British Transport Police also has data on the number of secure bicycle lockers available at each station.

Ayesha calculates Pearson's product moment correlation coefficient,  $r$ , between the number of secure bicycle lockers at a station and the total number of bicycles stolen at that station between 2016–19 for all stations in England.

(c) Suggest a practical reason

(i) why the value for  $r$  might be negative,

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(ii) why the value for  $r$  might be positive.

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(d) Suggest **three other** pieces of data that should be considered in order to analyse how likely a bicycle is to be stolen from a given station.

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**(Total for Question 5 is 9 marks)**



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- 6 (a) Explain the difference between a discrete distribution and a continuous distribution.

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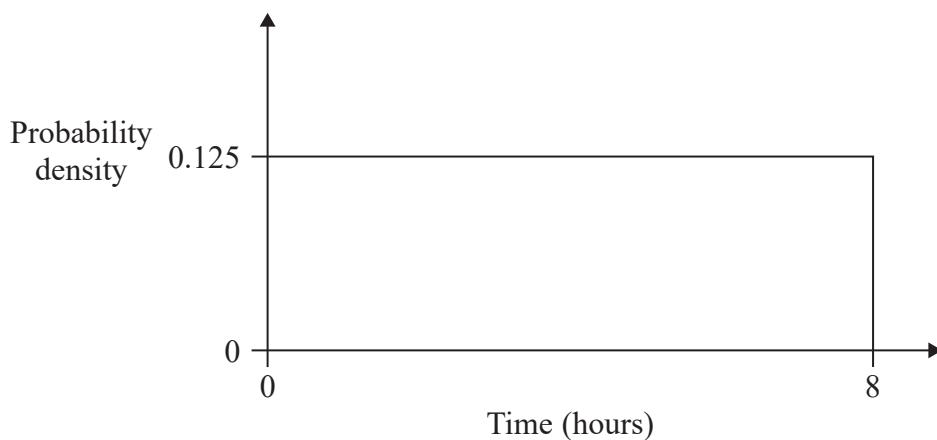
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Erin owns several vans that she uses for her parcel delivery company. She allocates 8 hours for the delivery of all the parcels in a van.

When a parcel is delivered, the van driver scans the bar code on the parcel.

To check that the drivers are delivering parcels on time, one parcel in each van is chosen at random. When the chosen parcel is delivered, Erin receives a notification.

Erin models the amount of time taken for a driver to deliver the randomly chosen parcel as a continuous uniform distribution from 0 to 8, as shown in **Figure 4**



**Figure 4**

- (b) Using Erin's model, find the probability that

- (i) a driver scans the selected parcel within 2 hours of starting their deliveries,

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## **Question 6 continued**

- (ii) a driver scans the selected parcel within 5 hours of starting their deliveries, given they do not scan it during the first 2 hours,

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- (iii) out of 20 drivers, at least 10 of them have delivered their parcel within 6 hours.

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- (c) Give a comment

- (i) in support of Erin's model,

(1)

- (ii) against Erin's model.

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**(Total for Question 6 is 10 marks)**



- 7 The Poisson distribution is considered a suitable model for the occurrence of major earthquakes.

Harriet models the number of worldwide major earthquakes, occurring in a year, as a random variable  $X$  following a Poisson distribution with mean 16

[Source: <https://policyadvice.net/insurance/insights/earthquake-statistics/>]

- (a) Using Harriet's model, find the probability there are

- (i) exactly 10 major earthquakes occurring in one year,

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- (ii) 12 or more major earthquakes occurring in one year,

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- (iii) more than 2, but fewer than 6, major earthquakes occurring in a 3-month period.

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**Question 7 continued**

Harriet wants to calculate the probability that there are exactly 30 major earthquakes occurring in a 2-year period, given that 13 major earthquakes occurred in the first year.

She calculates

$$\frac{P(Y = 30)}{P(X = 13)}$$

where  $Y$  is a random variable following the Poisson distribution with a mean of 32

- (b) Explain why Harriet's calculation is incorrect, and how this probability should have been calculated.

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- (c) Calculate the minimum whole number of days that are necessary for the probability of 1 or more major earthquakes occurring within that number of days to be at least 95%

Trial and improvement may be used for this question.

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**(Total for Question 7 is 12 marks)**



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- 8** Ingrid is taking part in a chess tournament.

Each game she plays in the tournament is against a randomly selected player that she has not played before.

In this tournament, there are 3 players that Ingrid classifies as “stronger” than herself, 7 players she classifies as “similar” to herself and 5 players she classifies as “weaker” than herself.

Ingrid estimates her probability in this tournament that a game she plays ends in a win, draw or loss with the following probabilities, shown in **Figure 5**

|                         |          | Ingrid's result |      |      |
|-------------------------|----------|-----------------|------|------|
|                         |          | Win             | Draw | Loss |
| Ingrid's classification | Stronger | 15%             | 40%  | 45%  |
|                         | Similar  | 25%             | 50%  | 25%  |
|                         | Weaker   | 45%             | 40%  | 15%  |

**Figure 5**

- (a) Find the probability that the first person Ingrid plays is a weaker player than her.

(1)

- (b) Find the probability that Ingrid loses her first game.

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**Question 8 continued**

- (c) Find the probability that her first 3 games are against one stronger, one similar and one weaker player and that she wins all 3 games. Candidates play each other once only.

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Some chess tournaments do not randomly pair players, but follow a Swiss model where, after the first round, players play other players with similar results to themselves.

- (d) If the tournament Ingrid is playing in follows the Swiss model, how would this change the probabilities used in (c)?

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