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(a)

We can formulate the null and alternative hypotheses as follows:

H_0 : The mean of the first-visit levels is equal to 7.5.

$$\rightarrow H_0 = 7.5$$

H_1 : The mean of the first-visit levels is not equal to 7.5.

$$\rightarrow H_1 \neq 7.5$$

(b)

Because of the 'is not' in the alternative hypothesis, we have to consider both possibility that the mean of the first-visit levels is greater than 7.5 and less than 7.5. This means we have to use a two-tailed test.