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FACULTY OF SCIENCE

END OF SEMESTER TWO FINAL ASESSMENT

Bachelor Science with Education  
Year One

ELEMENTS OF PROBABILITY

DATE: Thursday 24/5/2023

TIME: 09:30 - 12:30 Pm

DURATION: 3 hours

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**Instructions:**

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1. Carefully read through ALL the questions before attempting
2. **ANSWER FOUR (4) Questions ONLY.** (Each question carries equal marks)
3. No **names** should be written anywhere on the examination book.
4. Ensure that your **ID number** is indicated on all pages of the examination answer booklet.
5. Ensure your work is **clear** and **readable**. Untidy work shall be penalized
6. Any type of examination Malpractice will lead to automatic disqualification

7. Do not write anything on the questions paper.

### QUESTION 1

(a) An experiment has five possible outcomes for  $X$ : 0, 1, 2, 3, 4. The probability that each of these outcomes occurs is  $x/10$ .

Determine, (i) the expected value [05 marks]

(ii) Variance [05 marks]

(iii) Standard deviation of  $X$  for the experiment? [05 marks]

(b) The NIC insurance company insures 100,000 cars. Their records indicate that during a year they will pay out the following for accidents;

X in \$ (Dollars)	100,000	50,000	25,000	5,000	1,000
Pr( $X=x$ )	0.0001	0.001	0.002	0.008	0.02

What amount of money would the company expect to pay per car for accidents? [10 marks]

### QUESTION 2

(a) Briefly explain the following terms as applied to probability theory

(i) Possibility space

(ii) Mutually exclusive events

(iii) Statistically independent events

(iv) Un Certainty situation [2 marks @]

(b) Bakyala kweterana group, one of the social support organisations from Mbarara City saved money for investment. The management wanted to start two projects (I & II). Below are expected sales from the projects.

PROJECT I		PROJECT II	
SALES (\$)	Probability	SALES (\$)	Probability
8,000	0.30	15,000	0.10
8,500	0.50	8,000	0.70
10,000	0.20	5,000	0.20

The firm's profit is 80 % of the sales.

(i) Calculate the expected profit under each project. [08 marks]

(ii) Which project would you recommend to the management for the better returns?



**[02 marks]**

©Calculate the standard deviation of the distribution of the profits for each project **[05 marks]**

(d) As a risk expert, give advice on the best project? **[02 marks]**

### QUESTION 3

a) Define the terms:

i. Random Variables

ii. Continuous random variable **[ 2 marks @]**

b) A box contains 9 blue balls and 5 green balls. 2 balls are picked from the box one after the other. Find the probability of picking one blue and one green in any order given:

i. The first ball is not replaced

ii. The first ball is replaced **[ 5marks @]**

c) A continuous random variable has probability density function as

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} kx^2 & 0 \leq x \leq 4 \\ 0 & \text{Elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

i. Find the value of k **[ 5 marks]**

ii. Calculate the  $E(X)$  and  $\text{Var}(X)$  **[3 marks @]**

### QUESTION 4

(a) What is statistics? **[02 Marks]**

(b) List common departments where statisticians work? **[08 marks]**

(c) State the roles of statisticians in governmental and non-governmental departments **[15 Marks]**

### QUESTION 5

(a).(i) What is correlation? **[02 marks]**

(ii) List three types of correlation, illustrating clearly using scatter diagrams to define them.

**[06 marks]**

(b) The table below displays data that was collected when a procurement manager wanted to find out whether there was a relationship with the age of vehicles and cost of maintaining them.

Age of Vehicle (x)	5 5	10 4	15 3	20 2	25 1
Cost of maintenance (y) '000	100 5	200 4	250 3	310 2	360 1

(i) Calculate the correlation coefficient **[06 marks]**

(ii) What do you have to say about the relationship between the two? **[03 marks]**

- (iii) Calculate the coefficient of determination and give the interpretation of the coefficient. [08 marks]

**QUESTION 6**

- (a) (i) What is sampling? [2 marks]  
(ii) Why is sampling very important in business surveys? [10 marks]  
(b) Distinguish between probability sampling and non-probability sampling and give the examples of each. [13 Marks]

**END**

$$\frac{\sum xy}{\sum x}$$

$$a = \frac{\sum y}{n} - b \frac{\sum x}{n}$$

$$y = ax + b$$