Problem 1

Part 1

$$\mathbb{P}(X > 5) = \mathbb{P}\left(\frac{X - 10}{6} > \frac{5 - 10}{6}\right)$$
$$= \mathbb{P}\left(Z > -\frac{5}{6}\right)$$
$$= 1 - \Phi\left(-\frac{5}{6}\right) \approx 0.79767.$$

Part 2

$$\mathbb{P}(4 < X < 16) = \mathbb{P}\left(\frac{4-10}{6} < \frac{X-10}{6} < \frac{16-10}{6}\right)$$
$$= \mathbb{P}(-1 < Z < 1)$$
$$= \Phi(1) - \Phi(-1) = 2 \cdot \Phi(1) - 1 \approx 0.68268.$$

Part 3

$$\mathbb{P}(X < 8) = \mathbb{P}\left(\frac{X - 10}{6} < \frac{8 - 10}{6}\right)$$
$$= \mathbb{P}\left(Z < -\frac{1}{3}\right)$$
$$= \Phi\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) \approx 0.36944.$$

Part 4

$$\mathbb{P}(X < 20) = \mathbb{P}\left(\frac{X - 10}{6} < \frac{20 - 10}{6}\right)$$
$$= \mathbb{P}\left(Z < \frac{5}{3}\right)$$
$$= \Phi\left(\frac{5}{3}\right) \approx 0.95221.$$

$$\begin{split} \mathbb{P}(X > 16) &= \mathbb{P}\bigg(\frac{X - 10}{6} > \frac{16 - 10}{6}\bigg) \\ &= \mathbb{P}(Z > 1) \\ &= 1 - \Phi(1) \approx 0.15866. \end{split}$$

Problem 2

Assuming that the annual rainfall does not change from year to year and that the rainfall from each year is independent, the probability is going to be

$$\mathbb{P}(X \le 50)^{10} = \mathbb{P}\left(\frac{X - 40}{4} \le \frac{50 - 40}{4}\right)^{10} = \mathbb{P}(Z \le 2.5)^{10} = \Phi(2.5)^{10} \approx 0.93961.$$

Problem 3

Let X denote the salaries of the physicians in thousands of dollars. By the given information,

$$\mathbb{P}(X < 180) = \mathbb{P}(X > 320) = 0.25.$$

Therefore

$$\mathbb{P}(X < 180) = 0.25$$

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} < \frac{180 - \mu}{\sigma}\right) = 0.25$$

$$\mathbb{P}\left(Z < \frac{180 - \mu}{\sigma}\right) = 0.25$$

$$\Phi\left(\frac{180 - \mu}{\sigma}\right) = 0.25 \implies \frac{180 - \mu}{\sigma} = -0.67449$$

and

$$\mathbb{P}(X > 320) = 0.25$$

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} > \frac{320 - \mu}{\sigma}\right) = 0.25$$

$$\mathbb{P}\left(Z > \frac{320 - \mu}{\sigma}\right) = 0.25$$

$$1 - \Phi\left(\frac{320 - \mu}{\sigma}\right) = 0.25 \implies \frac{320 - \mu}{\sigma} = 0.67449$$

Therefore this gives a system of 2 equations

$$180 - \mu = -0.67449 \cdot \sigma$$
$$320 - \mu = 0.67449 \cdot \sigma$$

Solving gives $\mu = 250$ and $\sigma = 103.704$.

$$\mathbb{P}(X < 200) = \mathbb{P}\left(\frac{X - 250}{103.704} < \frac{200 - 250}{103.704}\right)$$
$$= \mathbb{P}(Z < -0.4821414796)$$
$$= \Phi - 0.4821414796 \approx 0.31485.$$

Part 2

$$\mathbb{P}(280 < X < 320) = \mathbb{P}\left(\frac{280 - 250}{103.704} < \frac{X - 250}{103.704} < \frac{320 - 250}{103.704}\right)$$
$$= \mathbb{P}(0.28928 < Z < 0.67499)$$
$$= \Phi(0.67499) - \Phi(0.28928) \approx 0.13634$$

Problem 4

$$\mathbb{P}(X > c) = 0.1$$

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\frac{X - 12}{2} > \frac{c - 12}{2}\right) = 0.1$$

$$\mathbb{P}\left(Z > \frac{c - 12}{2}\right) = 0.1$$

$$1 - \Phi(Z > \frac{c - 12}{2}) = 0.1$$

$$\Phi(Z > \frac{c - 12}{2}) = 0.9$$

Using a lookup table for when Φ is 0.9 gives 1.2816, therefore

$$\frac{c-12}{2} = 1.2816$$

$$c = 2(1.2816) + 12 \implies c = 14.5632$$

Problem 5

$$\mathbb{P}(X > 2) = 1 - \mathbb{P}(X \le 2) = 1 - \int_0^2 e^{-x} dx = 1 - [-e^{-x}]_0^2 = 1 - 1 + e^{-2} = e^{-2}.$$

Problem 6

Since the exponential distribution is memoryless, the probability it will last an additional 8 years will be the same as the probability that a new radio would last 8 years. Therefore the probability is

$$\mathbb{P}(X > 8) = 1 - \mathbb{P}(X < 8) = 1 - \int_0^8 18e^{-18x} dx = 1 - \left[-e^{-18x} \right]_0^8 = 1 - 1 + e^{-144} = e^{-144}.$$

Problem 7

A quadratic's roots are both real when its discriminant is positive. The discriminant in this case is $16Y^2 - 4(4)(Y+2)$. It follows that

$$16Y^{2} - 16Y - 32 \ge 0$$
$$Y^{2} - Y - 2 \ge 0$$
$$(Y+1)(Y-2) \ge 0.$$

Since 0 < Y < 5, this only holds when $Y - 2 \ge 0$. Therefore

$$\mathbb{P}(Y - 2 \ge 0) = \mathbb{P}(Y \ge 2)$$
$$= \int_{2}^{5} \frac{1}{5} dx = \frac{3}{5}.$$

Problem 8

$$\begin{split} F_Y(t) &= \mathbb{P}(Y \leq t) = \mathbb{P}(\log(X) \leq t) = \mathbb{P}(X \leq e^t) = F_X(e^t) \\ & \downarrow \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \\ f_Y(t) &= f_X(e^t) \cdot e^t \implies f_Y(t) = e^{t-e^t}, t \in \mathbb{R}. \end{split}$$

Problem 9

$$\mathbb{E}[|X - a|] = \int_0^A \frac{1}{A} \cdot |x - a| dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{A} \cdot \left[\int_0^a (a - x) dx + \int_a^A (x - a) dx \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{A} \cdot \left[ax - \frac{x^2}{2} \Big|_0^a + \frac{x^2}{2} - ax \Big|_a^A \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{A} \cdot \left[\frac{a^2}{2} + \frac{A^2}{2} - Aa - \frac{a^2}{2} + a^2 \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{A} \cdot \left[\frac{A^2}{2} - Aa + a^2 \right]$$

$$= \frac{a^2}{A} - a + \frac{A}{2}.$$

Therefore by minimizing with respect to a,

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}a} \mathbb{E}[|X - a|] = 0$$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}a} \left(\frac{a^2}{A} - a + \frac{A}{2} \right) = 0$$

$$\frac{2a}{A} - 1 = 0 \implies a = \frac{A}{2}.$$

The concavity at $\frac{a}{2}$ is positive, therefore $\frac{a}{2}$ minimizes the expected distance from the fire.

$$\begin{split} \mathbb{E}[|X-a|] &= \lambda \left[\int_{0}^{\infty} |x-a| \cdot e^{-\lambda x} \mathrm{d}x \right] \\ &= \lambda \left[\int_{0}^{a} (a-x)e^{-\lambda x} \mathrm{d}x + \int_{a}^{\infty} (x-a)e^{-\lambda x} \mathrm{d}x \right] \\ &= \lambda \left[\int_{0}^{a} ae^{-\lambda x} - xe^{-\lambda x} \mathrm{d}x + \int_{a}^{\infty} xe^{-\lambda x} - ae^{-\lambda x} \right] \\ &= \lambda \left[a \int_{0}^{a} e^{-\lambda x} \mathrm{d}x - \int_{0}^{a} xe^{-\lambda x} \mathrm{d}x + \int_{0}^{\infty} xe^{-\lambda x} \mathrm{d}x - a \int_{a}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda x} \mathrm{d}x \right] \\ &= \lambda \left[a \left[-\frac{e^{-\lambda x}}{\lambda} \right]_{0}^{a} - a \left[-\frac{e^{-\lambda x}}{\lambda} \right]_{a}^{\infty} - \int_{0}^{a} xe^{-\lambda x} \mathrm{d}x + \int_{0}^{\infty} xe^{-\lambda x} \mathrm{d}x \right] \\ &= \lambda \left[\frac{a}{\lambda} \left[-e^{-\lambda a} + 1 + 0 - e^{-\lambda a} \right] - \int_{0}^{a} xe^{-\lambda x} \mathrm{d}x + \int_{a}^{\infty} xe^{-\lambda x} \mathrm{d}x \right] \\ &= \lambda \left[\frac{a}{\lambda} \left[1 - 2e^{-\lambda a} \right] - \left(-\frac{xe^{-\lambda x}}{\lambda} \right]_{0}^{a} + \left(-\frac{e^{-\lambda x}}{\lambda^{2}} \right]_{0}^{a} \right) + \left(-\frac{xe^{-\lambda x}}{\lambda} \right]_{a}^{\infty} + \int_{a}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\lambda x}}{\lambda} \mathrm{d}x \right) \right] \\ &= \lambda \left[\frac{a}{\lambda} \left[1 - 2e^{-\lambda a} \right] - \left(-\frac{xe^{-\lambda x}}{\lambda} \right]_{0}^{a} + \left(-\frac{e^{-\lambda x}}{\lambda^{2}} \right]_{0}^{a} \right) + \left(-\frac{xe^{-\lambda x}}{\lambda} \right]_{a}^{\infty} + \left(-\frac{e^{-\lambda x}}{\lambda^{2}} \right]_{a}^{\infty} \right) \right] \\ &= \lambda \left[\frac{a}{\lambda} \left[1 - 2e^{-\lambda a} \right] + \frac{ae^{-\lambda a}}{\lambda} + \frac{e^{-\lambda a}}{\lambda^{2}} + \frac{1}{\lambda^{2}} \right] + \left(0 + \frac{ae^{-\lambda a}}{\lambda} + \frac{e^{-\lambda a}}{\lambda^{2}} \right) \right] \\ &= \lambda \left[\frac{a}{\lambda} \left[1 - 2e^{-\lambda a} \right] + \frac{2ae^{-\lambda a}}{\lambda} + \frac{2e^{-\lambda a}}{\lambda^{2}} - \frac{1}{\lambda^{2}} \right] \\ &= a \left(1 - 2e^{-\lambda a} \right) + 2ae^{-\lambda a} + \frac{2e^{-\lambda a}}{\lambda} - \frac{1}{\lambda} \\ &= a - 2ae^{-\lambda a} + 2ae^{-\lambda a} + \frac{2e^{-\lambda a}}{\lambda} - \frac{1}{\lambda} \\ &= a + \frac{2e^{-\lambda a}}{\lambda} - \frac{1}{\lambda} . \end{split}$$

Therefore by minimizing with respect to a,

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}a} \left(a + \frac{2e^{-\lambda a}}{\lambda} - \frac{1}{\lambda} \right) = 0$$

$$1 - 2e^{-\lambda a} = 0$$

$$e^{-\lambda a} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\lambda a = \log(2) \implies a = \frac{\log(2)}{\lambda}.$$

The concavity is always positive so $\frac{\log(2)}{\lambda}$ minimizes the expected distance from the fire.

Problem 10

Let $Y \sim \text{Binom}(1000, \frac{1}{6})$ be the number of 6's that appear in 1000 rolls. Since np and nq are large, Y can be approximated by a normal random variable $X \sim N(np, \sqrt{npq}) = N\left(\frac{500}{3}, \frac{25\sqrt{2}}{3}\right)$. Let $\mu = \frac{500}{3}$ and $\sigma = \frac{25\sqrt{2}}{3}$. Then

$$\begin{split} \mathbb{P}(150 \leq Y \leq 200) &\approx \mathbb{P}(150 \leq X \leq 200) \\ &= \mathbb{P}\bigg(\frac{150 - \mu}{\sigma} \leq \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} \leq \frac{200 - \mu}{\sigma}\bigg) \\ &= \mathbb{P}\bigg(-\sqrt{2} \leq Z \leq 2\sqrt{2}\bigg) \\ &= \Phi\bigg(-\sqrt{2}\bigg) - \Phi\bigg(2\sqrt{2}\bigg) \approx 0.919. \end{split}$$

Consider now if 6 has appeared 200 times. Then the number of times 5 appears in the remaining 800 rolls can be represented by the random variable $Y \sim \text{Binom}(800, \frac{1}{5})$ since there are 800 trials, and since 6 will not appear again, 5 has a $\frac{1}{5}$ chance of appearing. Since np and nq are large, Y can be approximated by $X \sim N(np, \sqrt{npq}) = N(160, 8\sqrt{2})$. Therefore

$$\begin{split} \mathbb{P}(Y < 150) &\approx \mathbb{P}(X < 150) \\ &= \mathbb{P}\bigg(\frac{X - 160}{8\sqrt{2}} < \frac{150 - 160}{8\sqrt{2}}\bigg) \\ &= \mathbb{P}\bigg(Z < -\frac{5}{4\sqrt{2}}\bigg) \\ &= \Phi\bigg(-\frac{5}{4\sqrt{2}}\bigg) \approx 0.18838. \end{split}$$