

## Chapter Concepts Test

Circle the correct answer or fill in the blank. *Answers are in the back of the book.*

- ☐ ☐ 1. In comparison to a data array, the frequency distribution has the advantage of representing data in compressed form.
- ☐ ☐ 2. A "more-than" ogive is S-shaped and slopes down and to the right.
- ☐ ☐ 3. A histogram is a series of rectangles, each proportional in width to the number of items falling within a specific class of data.
- ☐ ☐ 4. A single observation is called a data point, whereas a collection of data is known as a tabular.
- ☐ ☐ 5. The classes in any relative frequency distribution are both all-inclusive and mutually exclusive.
- ☐ ☐ 6. When a sample contains the relevant characteristics of a certain population in the same proportions as they are included in that population, the sample is said to be a representative sample.
- ☐ ☐ 7. A population is a collection of all the elements we are studying.
- ☐ ☐ 8. If we were to connect the midpoints of the consecutive bars of a frequency histogram with a series of lines, we would be graphing a frequency polygon.
- ☐ ☐ 9. Before information is arranged and analyzed, using statistical methods, it is known as preprocessed data.
- ☐ ☐ 10. One disadvantage of the data array is that it does not allow us to easily find the highest and lowest values in the data set.
- ☐ ☐ 11. Discrete data can be expressed only in whole numbers.
- ☐ ☐ 12. As a general rule, statisticians regard a frequency distribution as incomplete if it has fewer than 20 classes.
- ☐ ☐ 13. It is always possible to construct a histogram from a frequency polygon.
- ☐ ☐ 14. The vertical scale of an ogive for a relative frequency distribution marks the fraction of the total number of observations that falls into each class.
- ☐ ☐ 15. A data array is formed by arranging raw data in order of time of observation.
- ☐ ☐ 16. A "less-than" ogive is S-shaped and slopes down and to the right.
- ☐ ☐ 17. One advantage of a histogram in comparison with a frequency polygon is that it more clearly shows each separate class in the distribution.

18. A baseball player's batting average is computed using a sample.
19. A frequency distribution organizes data into groups of values describing one or more characteristics of the data.
20. A series of rectangles, each proportional in width to the range of values within a class and proportional in height to the number of items falling in the class, is called a frequency polygon.
21. The class widths of a frequency distribution are of equal size.
22. Which of the following represents the most accurate scheme of classifying data?
- Quantitative methods.
  - Qualitative methods.
  - A combination of quantitative and qualitative methods.
  - A scheme can be determined only with specific information about the situation.
23. Which of the following is NOT an example of compressed data?
- Frequency distribution.
  - Data array.
  - Histogram.
  - Ogive.
24. Which of the following statements about histogram rectangles is correct?
- The rectangles are proportional in height to the number of items falling in the classes.
  - There are generally five rectangles in every histogram.
  - The area in a rectangle depends only on the number of items in the class as compared to the number of items in all other classes.
  - All of these.
  - (a) and (c) but not (b).
25. Why is it true that classes in frequency distributions are all-inclusive?
- No data point falls into more than one class.
  - There are always more classes than data points.
  - All data fit into one class or another.
  - All of these.
  - (a) and (c) but not (b).
26. When constructing a frequency distribution, the first step is
- Divide the data into at least five classes.
  - Sort the data points into classes and count the number of points in each class.
  - Decide on the type and number of classes for dividing the data.
  - None of these.
27. As the numbers of observations and classes increase, the shape of a frequency polygon
- Tends to become increasingly smooth.
  - Tends to become jagged.
  - Stays the same.
  - Varies only if data become more reliable.

**A B C D** 28. Which of the following statements is true of cumulative frequency ogives for a particular set of data?

- (a) Both "more-than" and "less-than" curves have the same slope.
- (b) "More-than" curves slope up and to the right.
- (c) "Less-than" curves slope down and to the right.
- (d) "Less-than" curves slope up and to the right.

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29. From an ogive constructed for a particular set of data

- (a) The original data can always be reconstructed exactly.
- (b) The original data can always be approximated.
- (c) The original data can never be approximated or reconstructed, but valid conclusions regarding the data can be drawn.
- (d) None of these.
- (e) (a) and (b) but not (c).

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30. In constructing a frequency distribution for a sample, the number of classes depends on

- (a) The number of data points.
- (b) The range of the data collected.
- (c) The size of the population.
- (d) All of these.
- (e) (a) and (b) but not (c).

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31. Which of the following statements is true?

- (a) The size of a sample can never be as large as the size of the population from which it is taken.
- (b) Classes describe only one characteristic of the data being organized.
- (c) As a rule statisticians generally use between 6 and 15 classes.
- (d) All of these.
- (e) (b) and (c) but not (a).

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32. As a general rule, statisticians tend to use which of the following number of classes when arranging data?

- (a) Fewer than five.
- (b) Between one and five.
- (c) More than 30.
- (d) Between 20 and 25.
- (e) None of these.

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33. Which of these is NOT a test for usability of data?

- (a) Source.
- (b) Contradiction of other evidence.
- (c) Missing evidence.
- (d) Number of observations.
- (e) None of these.

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34. A relative frequency distribution presents frequencies in terms of

- (a) Fractions.
- (b) Whole numbers.
- (c) Percentages.
- (d) All of the above.
- (e) Both (a) and (c).

- A B C D E** 35. Graphs of frequency distributions are used because
- (a) They have a long history in practical applications.
  - (b) They attract attention to data patterns.
  - (c) They account for biased or incomplete data.
  - (d) They allow for easy estimates of values.
  - (e) Both (b) and (d).
- A B C D** 36. Continuous data are differentiated from discrete data in that
- (a) Discrete data classes are represented by fractions.
  - (b) Continuous data classes may be represented by fractions.
  - (c) Continuous data take on only whole numbers.
  - (d) Discrete data can take on any real number.
37. Double counting is a result of \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ data.
38. It is found that 50 of 1,000 customers in a survey contain the relevant characteristics of all customers in the survey. The 50 customers are a \_\_\_\_\_ sample.
39. The \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ are two methods of data arrangement.
40. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a collection of all the elements in a group. A collection of some, but not all, of these elements is a \_\_\_\_\_.
41. Dividing data points into similar classes and counting the number of observations in each class will give a \_\_\_\_\_ distribution.
42. If data can take on only a limited number of values, the classes of these data are called \_\_\_\_\_. Otherwise, the classes are called \_\_\_\_\_.
43. A relative frequency distribution presents frequencies in terms of \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.
44. A graph of a cumulative frequency distribution is called a \_\_\_\_\_.
45. If a collection of data is called a data set, a single observation would be called a \_\_\_\_\_.