

(iii) Write down the formula for the coefficient of determination ( $R^2$ ). What does it measure? Ensure you explain all the terms used. (2 marks)

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B)

(i) From a sample of 209 firms, the following regression results with the dependent variable being  $\log(\text{salary})$  were obtained :

Independent Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error
Intercept	4.32	0.32
Log (sales)	0.28	0.035
RoE	0.0174	0.0041
RoS	0.00024	0.00054

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; sales = annual firm sales

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- Write down the population regression function. Ensure you explain the terms used. (2 marks)
- Interpret the results, are the results as per your expectations? (2 marks)
- How many variables in the table are significant? Show your computations (4 marks)
- If  $R^2 = 0.283$ , How do you test the overall significance of the regression? What would be the null and the alternative hypothesis? Compute the F statistic. (2 marks)

## iii

- (i) For a time series  $y_t$ , mathematically derive the decomposition of  $y_t$  into its trend, seasonal, and error component. Derive the decomposition when  $y_t$  is additive & when  $y_t$  is multiplicative. (5+5 marks)
- (ii) Prove that in simple exponential smoothing, when  $\alpha$  (alpha) is low, initial forecast values play more important role in forecast than when  $\alpha$  (alpha) is high. (5 marks)
- (iii) Prove that MA(5) is equivalent to 2X4 MA. (3 marks)
- (iv) State the idea on which the method of moving average is based. Under what conditions does the moving average work best? (1+1 marks)

## IV

A)

- (i) In the context of recommendation systems, describe cold start. (3 marks)
- (ii) Why is item based collaborative filtering more popular than user-based collaborative filtering. (3 marks)
- (iii) How does the concept of support help us identify a frequent itemset? Explain in detail. (4 marks)

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- (2+3 marks)

A)

(2 marks)

- (4 marks)

(6 marks)

- (2 marks)