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STATISTICS

SECTION II

Part A

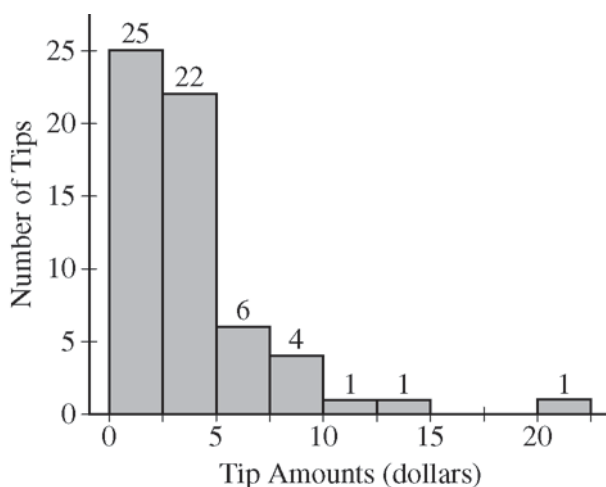
Questions 1-5

Spend about 65 minutes on this part of the exam.

Percent of Section II score—75

Directions: Show all your work. Indicate clearly the methods you use, because you will be scored on the correctness of your methods as well as on the accuracy and completeness of your results and explanations.

1. Robin works as a server in a small restaurant, where she can earn a tip (extra money) from each customer she serves. The histogram below shows the distribution of her 60 tip amounts for one day of work.



- (a) Write a few sentences to describe the distribution of tip amounts for the day shown.
- (b) One of the tip amounts was \$8. If the \$8 tip had been \$18, what effect would the increase have had on the following statistics? Justify your answers.

The mean:

The median:

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2. Product advertisers studied the effects of television ads on children's choices for two new snacks. The advertisers used two 30-second television ads in an experiment. One ad was for a new sugary snack called Choco-Zuties, and the other ad was for a new healthy snack called Apple-Zuties.

For the experiment, 75 children were randomly assigned to one of three groups, A, B, or C. Each child individually watched a 30-minute television program that was interrupted for 5 minutes of advertising. The advertising was the same for each group with the following exceptions.

- The advertising for group A included the Choco-Zuties ad but not the Apple-Zuties ad.
- The advertising for group B included the Apple-Zuties ad but not the Choco-Zuties ad.
- The advertising for group C included neither the Choco-Zuties ad nor the Apple-Zuties ad.

After the program, the children were offered a choice between the two snacks. The table below summarizes their choices.

Group	Type of Ad	Number Who Chose Choco-Zuties	Number Who Chose Apple-Zuties
A	Choco-Zuties only	21	4
B	Apple-Zuties only	13	12
C	Neither	22	3

- (a) Do the data provide convincing statistical evidence that there is an association between type of ad and children's choice of snack among all children similar to those who participated in the experiment?
- (b) Write a few sentences describing the effect of each ad on children's choice of snack.

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Question 1

Intent of Question

The primary goals of this question were to assess a student's ability to (1) describe the distribution of a quantitative variable based on a histogram and (2) determine the effect of changing one data value on the mean and the median.

Solution

Part (a):

The distribution of Robin's tip amounts is skewed to the right. There is a gap between the largest tip amount (in the \$20 to \$22.50 interval) and the second largest tip amount (in the \$12.50 to \$15 interval), and the largest tip amount appears to be an outlier. The median tip amount is between \$2.50 and \$5.00. Robin's tip amounts vary from a minimum of between \$0 and \$2.50 to a maximum of between \$20.00 and \$22.50. About 78 percent of the tip amounts are between \$0 and \$5.

Part (b):

The mean: If the \$8 tip had been \$18, the mean would increase by \$10 divided by 60, or $\$ \frac{1}{6}$, or about 17 cents.

The median: If the \$8 tip had been \$18, the median would not change because the current median is between \$2.50 and \$5.00, and both \$8 and \$18 are greater than that.

Scoring

Parts (a) and (b) are scored as essentially correct (E), partially correct (P), or incorrect (I).

Part (a) is scored as follows:

Essentially correct (E) if the response includes reasonable comments on the following five components:

1. Shape (skewed right)
2. Outlier (at least one) *OR* gap (one tip amount greater than \$20, next highest at most \$15)
3. Center between \$2.50 and \$5.00 (median) or between \$2.62 and \$5.13 (mean)
4. Variability, by noting that the tip amounts vary from about \$0 to at most \$22.50, or that a majority of tip amounts are between \$0 and a value greater than or equal to \$5, or by providing a correct numerical approximation of a measure of variability
5. Context (tip amounts)

Partially correct (P) if the response includes only three or four of the five components.

Incorrect (I) if the response includes at most two of the five components.

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Question 1 (continued)

Part (b) is scored as follows:

Essentially correct (E) if the response includes the following four components:

1. Comments that the mean will increase
2. Correctly justifies why the mean will increase
3. Comments that the median will not change
4. Correctly justifies why the median will not change

Partially correct (P) if the response includes only two or three of the four components.

Incorrect (I) if the response includes at most one of the four components.

4 Complete Response

Both parts essentially correct

3 Substantial Response

One part essentially correct and one part partially correct

2 Developing Response

One part essentially correct and one part incorrect

OR

Both parts partially correct

1 Minimal Response

One part partially correct and one part incorrect