

2009 AP® STATISTICS FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

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 graded on the correctness of your methods as well as on the accuracy and completeness of your results and explanations.

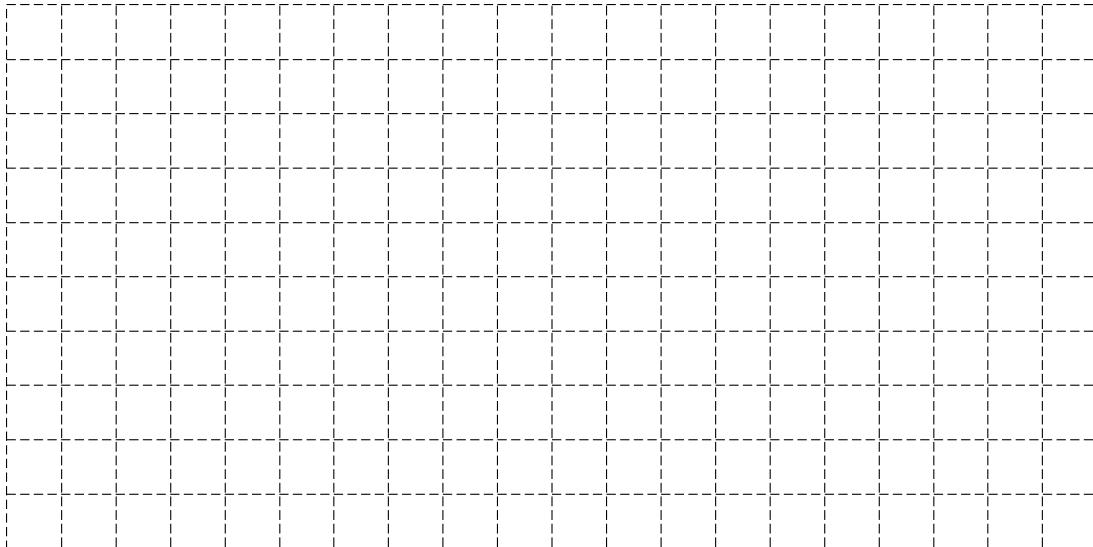
1. A simple random sample of 100 high school seniors was selected from a large school district. The gender of each student was recorded, and each student was asked the following questions.

1. Have you ever had a part-time job?
2. If you answered yes to the previous question, was your part-time job in the summer only?

The responses are summarized in the table below.

Job Experience	Gender		Total
	Male	Female	
Never had a part-time job	21	31	52
Had a part-time job during summer only	15	13	28
Had a part-time job but not only during summer	12	8	20
Total	48	52	100

- (a) On the grid below, construct a graphical display that represents the association between gender and job experience for the students in the sample.



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- (b) Write a few sentences summarizing what the display in part (a) reveals about the association between gender and job experience for the students in the sample.
- (c) Which test of significance should be used to test if there is an association between gender and job experience for the population of high school seniors in the district?

State the null and alternative hypotheses for the test, but do not perform the test.

2. A tire manufacturer designed a new tread pattern for its all-weather tires. Repeated tests were conducted on cars of approximately the same weight traveling at 60 miles per hour. The tests showed that the new tread pattern enables the cars to stop completely in an average distance of 125 feet with a standard deviation of 6.5 feet and that the stopping distances are approximately normally distributed.

- (a) What is the 70th percentile of the distribution of stopping distances?
 - (b) What is the probability that at least 2 cars out of 5 randomly selected cars in the study will stop in a distance that is greater than the distance calculated in part (a) ?
 - (c) What is the probability that a randomly selected sample of 5 cars in the study will have a mean stopping distance of at least 130 feet?
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3. Before beginning a unit on frog anatomy, a seventh-grade biology teacher gives each of the 24 students in the class a pretest to assess their knowledge of frog anatomy. The teacher wants to compare the effectiveness of an instructional program in which students physically dissect frogs with the effectiveness of a different program in which students use computer software that only simulates the dissection of a frog. After completing one of the two programs, students will be given a posttest to assess their knowledge of frog anatomy. The teacher will then analyze the changes in the test scores (score on posttest minus score on pretest).

- (a) Describe a method for assigning the 24 students to two groups of equal size that allows for a statistically valid comparison of the two instructional programs.
- (b) Suppose the teacher decided to allow the students in the class to select which instructional program on frog anatomy (physical dissection or computer simulation) they prefer to take, and 11 students choose actual dissection and 13 students choose computer simulation. How might that self-selection process jeopardize a statistically valid comparison of the changes in the test scores (score on posttest minus score on pretest) for the two instructional programs? Provide a specific example to support your answer.