3.1.1

A survey question for a sample of 150 individuals yielded 75 **Yes** responses, 55 **No** responses, and 20 **No Opinions**.

a) What is the point estimate of the proportion in the population who respond Yes?

$$\bar{p} = \frac{x}{n} = \frac{75}{150} = 0.5$$

b) What is the point estimate of the proportion in the population who respond **No**?

$$\bar{p} = \frac{x}{n} = \frac{55}{150} = \frac{11}{30} = 0.36666666$$

3.1.2

Many drugs used to treat cancer are expensive. BusinessWeek reported on the cost per treatment of Herceptin, a drug used to treat breast cancer (BusinessWeek, January 30, 2006).

Typical treatment costs (in dollars) for Herceptin are provided by a simple random sample of 10 patients.

- a) Develop a point estimate of the mean cost per treatment with Herceptin
- b) Develop a point estimate of the standard deviation of the cost per treatment with Herceptin.

3.1.3

The American Association of Individual Investors (AAII) polls its subscribers on a weekly basis to determine the number who are bullish, bearish, or neutral on the short-term prospects for the stock market. Their findings for the week ending March 2, 2006, are consistent with the following sample results (AAII website, March 7, 2006). Develop

a point estimate of the following population parameters.

- a) The proportion of all AAII subscribers who are bullish on the stock market.
- b) The proportion of all AAII subscribers who are neutral on the stock market.
- c) The proportion of all AAII subscribers who are bearish on the stock market.

3.1.4

A simple random sample of 5 months of sales data provided the following information:

- a) Develop a point estimate of the population mean number of units sold per month.
- b) Develop a point estimate of the population standard deviation.