

# QUESTION ONE [Compulsory]

[30 Marks]

- a) A car dealer offers purchasers a three-year warranty on a new car. He sells two models, the Zippy and the Nifty. For the first 50 cars sold of each model the number of claims under the warranty is shown in the table below.

	Claim	No Claim
A	35	15
B	40	10

One of the purchasers is chosen at random. Let A be the event that no claim is made by the purchaser under the warranty and B the event that the car purchased is a Nifty.

- i) Find  $p(A \cap B)$ . (2 Marks)
- ii) Find  $p(A')$ . (2 Marks)
- iii) Given that the purchaser chosen does not make a claim under the warranty, find the probability that the car purchased is a Zippy. (3 Marks)
- iv) Show that making a claim is not independent of the make of the car purchased. Comment on this result. (3 Marks)

- b) A random variable  $X$  has probability density function

$$p(x) = p(X=x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{c}, & x = 1, 2, 3, 4 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

where c is a constant. Determine:

- i) the value of the constant c. (3 Marks)
- ii)  $E[X]$ . (2 Marks)
- iii)  $Var[X]$ . (2 Marks)
- iv)  $F(x)$ , the cdf of  $X$ . Plot  $F(x)$ . (3 Marks)

- c) The continuous random variable  $X$  has probability density function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 3 - 48x^2, & -0.25 \leq x \leq 0.25 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

Find  $p(\frac{1}{8} \leq x \leq \frac{1}{4})$ . (5 Marks)

- d) If for a certain random variable  $X$ ,  $p(X < 500) = 0.5$  and  $p(X > 650) = 0.0228$ , find the standard deviation of  $X$ . (5 Marks)

## QUESTION TWO

[20 Marks]

- a) A fair die has six faces numbered 1, 2, 2, 3, 3 and 3. The die is rolled twice and the number showing on the uppermost face is recorded each time. Find the probability that the sum of the two numbers recorded is at least 5. (3 Marks)

- b) A discrete random variable  $X$  has a probability function as shown in the table below, where  $a$  and  $b$  are constants.

$x$	0	1	2	3
$p(X = x)$	0.2	0.3	$b$	$a$

Given that  $E[X] = 1.7$ ,

- i) Find the value of  $a$  and  $b$ . (5 Marks)
- ii) Find  $E[2X - 3]$ . (2 Marks)
- iii) Find  $\text{Var}[X]$ . (3 Marks)
- iv) Evaluate  $\text{Var}[2X - 3]$ . (2 Marks)

- c) The continuous random variable  $Y$  is normally distributed with mean 100 and variance 256, ( $Y \sim N(100, 16^2)$ ). Find  $k$  such that  $p(100 - k \leq Y \leq 100 + k) = 0.516$ . (5 Marks)

## ✓ QUESTION THREE

[20 Marks]

- a) A market researcher asked 100 adults which of the three newspapers  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$  they read. The results showed that 30 read  $A$ , 26 read  $B$ , 21 read  $C$ , 5 read both  $A$  and  $B$ , 7 read both  $B$  and  $C$ , 6 read both  $C$  and  $A$  and 2 read all three.
- i) Draw a Venn diagram to represent these data. (3 Marks)
  - One of the adults is then selected at random. Find the probability that she reads:
    - ii) at least one of the newspapers, (2 Marks)
    - iii) only  $A$ , (1 Mark)
    - iv) only one of the newspapers, (2 Marks)
    - v)  $A$  given that she reads only one newspaper. (2 Marks)

b) A continuous random variable  $X$  has probability density function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} kx(x-2), & 2 \leq x \leq 3 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

where  $k$  is a positive constant. Find

- $k$ .  
(2 Marks)
- $E[X]$ .  
(2 Marks)
- the cumulative density function  $F(x)$ .  
(3 Marks)

c) The random variable  $X \sim \text{Bin}(150, 0.02)$ .

Use a suitable approximation to estimate  $p(X > 7)$ .

(3 Marks)

## QUESTION FOUR

[20 Marks]

a) Consider the random variable  $X$  uniformly distributed on the interval  $[-2, 4]$ . Find  $F(x)$  and compute  $p(X > 2)$ .  
(7 Marks)

Hint: For  $X \sim U[a, b]$ ,

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a}, & a \leq x \leq b \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

b) Paul writes an examination in statistics. He can pass the examination or not. The random variable of interest is  $X$ , which describes whether he passes the examination ( $X = 1$ ) or not ( $X = 0$ ). The probability that Paul passes the examination is  $p$ . Write down the probability function of  $X$ , and find  $E[X]$  and  $\text{Var}[X]$ .  
(6 Marks)

c) A health club lets members use, on each visit, its facilities for as long as they wish. The club's records suggest that the length of a visit can be modelled by a normal distribution with mean 90 minutes. Only 20% of members stay for more than 125 minutes. Find the:

- standard deviation of the normal distribution.  
(4 Marks)
- probability that a visit lasts less than 25 minutes.  
(3 Marks)

## QUESTION FIVE

[20 Marks]

a) A random variable  $X$  has moment generating function

$$M_X(t) = \left(\frac{1}{3}e^t + \frac{2}{3}\right)^6, t \in \mathbb{R}$$

Find  $p(2 < X \leq 4)$ . (5 Marks)

- b) The number of times a bus comes to a bus station in an hour has a Poisson distribution.

If the probability of no bus showing up in an hour is  $\frac{1}{500}$ , find the probability of having 2 buses or more showing up in an hour. (5 Marks)

Hint: For  $X \sim P_o(\lambda)$ ,

$$p(x) = p(X = x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!}, & x = 0, 1, 2, \dots \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

- c) A random variable  $T$  has an exponential distribution such that  $p(T \leq 2) = 2p(T > 4)$ . Find  $Var[T]$ . (10 Marks)

Hint: For  $X \sim Exp(\lambda)$ ,

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, & x > 0 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

and  $Var[X] = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$

