

# **UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS**

## SECOND SEMESTER 2017/2018 ACADEMIC YEAR

# EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ACTUARAL SCIENCE, COMPUTER SCIENCE, ECONOMICS MATHEMATICS, MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS, COMPUTER AND FORENSIC, TELECOMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION.

# MATH 123: PROBABILITY AND STATISTICS 1

STREAM: Y1S2 TIME: 11.00-1.00 PM

EXAMINATION SESSION: JAN-APRIL DATE: 2/04/2019

#### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

- ➤ Answer questions ONE and any other TWO.
- ➤ Indicate question numbers clearly at the top of each page and show working methods clearly.
- > Observe further instructions on the answer booklet.

## **QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)**

- a) The Random variable X, is distributed such that  $X \sim B(7,0.2)$ . Find
  - i) P(X=3) (2 marks)
  - ii) P(X > 1) (3 marks)
- b) Find the first four central moments about the mean of the following data. (8 marks)

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X	2	2.5	3	3.5	4	4.5	5
Freq	5	38	65	92	70	40	10

c) Obtain Median, Arithmetic Mean, Harmonic Mean, Geometric Mean and Quartile
 Deviation of the data below. (12 marks)

X	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Freq	8	10	11	16	20	25	15	9	6

d) Use the probability distribution table below to calculate mean and standard deviation.

(5 marks)

X	0	1	2	3
P(X)	1/8	3/8	3/8	1/8

# **QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

a) A researcher carried out a study on the number of miles the students traveled on campus each day and found the following,

1	2	6	7	12	13	2	6	9	5
1	7	3	15	15	4	17	1	14	15
4	16	4	5	8	6	15	18	15	2
9	11	12	1	9	2	10	11	4	10
9	18	8	8	4	14	7	3	2	6

Use the data to prepare a frequency distribution of six classes and use it to find;

i) Median (3marks)

ii) Lower and upper quartile (5marks)

iii) Semi-interquatile deviation (2marks)

b) Define a Poisson Distribution (2marks)

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- c) Suppose bank customers arrive randomly on weekly afternoons at an average of 3.2 customers every 4 minutes. What is the probability of:
  - i) Exactly 5 customers arriving in a 4-minute interval on a weekday afternoon?

(4 marks)

ii) Having more than 7 customers in a 4-minute interval on a weekday afternoon?

(4 marks)

## **QUESTION THREE**

**(20 MARKS)** 

a) From the information below, calculate Karl Pearson's coefficient of the skewness.

[10 marks]

Measures	Place A	Place B		
Mean	256.5	240.8		
Median	201.1	201.6		
Standard deviation	215.0	181.0		

b) From the prices of shares of X and Y below find which one is more stable in value.

X	35	54	52	53	56	58	52	50	51	49
Y	108	107	105	105	106	107	104	103	104	101

[10 marks]

## **QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

a) A collar manufacturer is considering the production of a new style of collar to attract young men. The following statistics of the neck circumference are available based on the measurements of a typical group of students.

Mid-values(m)	12.5	13	13.5	14	14.5	15	15.5	16	16.5
No. of students	4	19	30	63	66	29	18	1	1

Compute the mean, median and standard deviation.

(10mks)

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b) A group of 80 students scored the following marks in a test;

Marks	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90-99
No. of students	2	3	5	9	10	22	24	3	2

i) Draw an ogive and use it to;

(3marks)

ii) Find the number of students who failed if the pass mark was 40%.

(2marks)

- iii) (ii) If the pass mark was lowered by the external examiner to 35% how many more students passed their exam. (2marks)
- c) A bag contains 30 tickets numbered from 1 to 30. One ticket is drawn at random. What is the probability that it is divisible by three or five? (3marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

a) Define kurtosis

(2 marks)

b) With the aid of diagrams discuss three types of kurtosis

(9 marks)

- c) The first four central moments of a distribution are 0, 16, -36, and 120. Comment on the kurtosis of the distribution. (3 marks)
- d) Discuss the following basic concepts as used in probability

(6 marks)

- i) Sample space
- ii) Mutually exclusive events
- iii) Independent events

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