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1.

What is produced at the end of this snippet of R code?

```
1 set.seed(1)
2 rpois(5, 2)
```

- ☐ It is impossible to tell because the result is random
- ☐ A vector with the numbers 1, 4, 1, 1, 5
- ☒ A vector with the numbers 1, 1, 2, 4, 1

Correct

Because the `set.seed()` function is used, `rpois()` will always output the same vector in this code.

- ☐ A vector with the numbers 3.3, 2.5, 0.5, 1.1, 1.7



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2.

What R function can be used to generate standard Normal random variables?

- ☐ qnorm
- ☐ dnorm
- ☒ rnorm

Correct

Functions beginning with the `r` prefix are used to simulate random variates.

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pnorm



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3.

When simulating data, why is using the `set.seed()` function important? Select all that apply.



It ensures that the sequence of random numbers is truly random.



Un-selected is correct



It can be used to generate non-uniform random numbers.



Un-selected is correct



It ensures that the random numbers generated are within specified boundaries.



Un-selected is correct



It ensures that the sequence of random numbers starts in a specific place and is therefore reproducible.



Correct



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4.

Which function can be used to evaluate the inverse cumulative distribution function for the Poisson distribution?



ppois



rpois



dpois



qpois

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Quiz, Probability distribution functions beginning with the 'q' prefix are used to evaluate the quantile (inverse cumulative distribution) function.



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5.

What does the following code do?

```
1 set.seed(10)
2 x <- rep(0:1, each = 5)
3 e <- rnorm(10, 0, 20)
4 y <- 0.5 + 2 * x + e
```

- ☐ Generate data from a Poisson generalized linear model
- ☐ Generate uniformly distributed random data
- ☒ Generate data from a Normal linear model

Correct

- ☐ Generate random exponentially distributed data



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6.

What R function can be used to generate Binomial random variables?

- ☐ pbinom
- ☒ rbinom

Correct

- ☐ dbinom
- ☐ qbinom

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7.

What aspect of the R runtime does the profiler keep track of when an R expression is evaluated?

- ☐ the working directory
- ☐ the package search list
- ☒ the function call stack

Correct

- ☐ the global environment



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8.

Consider the following R code

```
1 library(datasets)
2 Rprof()
3 fit <- lm(y ~ x1 + x2)
4 Rprof(NULL)
```

(Assume that y, x1, and x2 are present in the workspace.) Without running the code, what percentage of the run time is spent in the 'lm' function, based on the 'by.total' method of normalization shown in 'summaryRprof()'?

- ☐ It is not possible to tell
- ☐ 23%
- ☐ 50%
- ☒ 100%

Correct

When using 'by.total' normalization, the top-level function (in this case, 'lm()') always takes 100% of the time.

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9.

When using 'system.time()', what is the user time?

☒ It is the time spent by the CPU evaluating an expression



Correct

☐ It is the "wall-clock" time it takes to evaluate an expression

☐ It is the time spent by the CPU waiting for other tasks to finish

☐ It is a measure of network latency



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10.

If a computer has more than one available processor and R is able to take advantage of that, then which of the following is true when using 'system.time()'?

☐ elapsed time is 0

☒ elapsed time may be smaller than user time



Correct

☐ user time is always smaller than elapsed time

☐ user time is 0

