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In-Video Quiz Questions for Unit 2: Part 2 – (2) Evaluating the normal distribution

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- 1. What is the probability that a student's subjective social class identity is upper middle class?
 - (a) The distribution is nearly normal
 - (b) The distribution is more variable than a normal distribution with mean 7 and standard deviation 1
 - (c) The distribution is less variable than a normal distribution with mean 7 and standard deviation 1

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Answers:

1. b

Explanation: In a normal distribution with mean 7 and standard deviation 1, we would expect 68% of the data to be between 6-8, 95% of the data between 95%, and 99.7% of the data between 5-9 hours. In this dataset a lower percentage than expected fall within these ranges, and hence the data are more spread out, i.e. more variable, than N(mean = 7, SD = 1).