

FBLA Data Science & AI Sample Questions

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Probability and Statistics Foundations

1. Which measure of central tendency is most affected by extreme values?
 - a) Mean
 - b) Median
 - c) Mode
 - d) Range

2. The probability of two independent events both occurring is found by:
 - a) Adding their probabilities
 - b) Multiplying their probabilities
 - c) Subtracting their probabilities
 - d) Dividing their probabilities

3. A normal distribution is defined by its:
 - a) Mean and mode
 - b) Mean and standard deviation
 - c) Median and range
 - d) Variance and mode

4. In probability, the complement of an event A represents:
 - a) The event happening twice
 - b) The event not occurring
 - c) The event occurring first
 - d) The event occurring with another event

5. The standard deviation measures:
 - a) How centered the data is around the mean
 - b) The spread of data values from the mean
 - c) The probability of an event occurring
 - d) The relationship between two variables

6. If the probability of rain is 0.3, what is the probability it will NOT rain?
 - a) 0.3
 - b) 0.5
 - c) 0.7
 - d) 0.9

7. Which of the following is a continuous random variable?
 - a) Number of books on a shelf
 - b) Height of students in a class
 - c) Number of defective products
 - d) Count of website visits

8. In statistics, a p-value is used to:
 - a) Determine if a result is statistically significant
 - b) Measure the average of a data set
 - c) Calculate the mean difference
 - d) Determine probability of independence

Data Analysis and Statistics for AI

9. In AI, overfitting occurs when:
 - a) The model is too simple
 - b) The model learns noise instead of patterns
 - c) The model is under-trained
 - d) The dataset is too small
10. Which measure is best for comparing the spread of two datasets with different units?
 - a) Standard deviation
 - b) Coefficient of variation
 - c) Mean
 - d) Median
11. A correlation coefficient of -0.85 suggests:
 - a) A strong positive relationship
 - b) A weak negative relationship
 - c) A strong negative relationship
 - d) No relationship
12. Which is NOT a step in the data analysis process?
 - a) Data collection
 - b) Data cleaning
 - c) Model deployment
 - d) Data visualization
13. The confusion matrix is used to evaluate:
 - a) Regression models
 - b) Classification models
 - c) Clustering algorithms
 - d) Data cleaning methods
14. A histogram is most useful for:
 - a) Showing frequency distribution of data
 - b) Comparing two datasets
 - c) Showing relationships between variables
 - d) Plotting real-time changes
15. Which metric is most appropriate for measuring model accuracy in imbalanced datasets?
 - a) Accuracy
 - b) Precision and recall
 - c) Mean absolute error
 - d) Root mean square error

16. Data normalization is performed to:
- a) Remove duplicate data
 - b) Scale features to a similar range
 - c) Convert categorical data to numerical data
 - d) Remove outliers

Tools for Data and AI

17. Which programming language is most widely used for AI and data science?
- a) Java
 - b) Python
 - c) C++
 - d) Ruby

18. SQL is primarily used for:
- a) Managing and querying relational databases
 - b) Creating machine learning models
 - c) Designing websites
 - d) Running operating systems

19. Which Python library is best known for data visualization?
- a) NumPy
 - b) Matplotlib
 - c) Pandas
 - d) TensorFlow

20. TensorFlow is primarily used for:
- a) Database management
 - b) Deep learning model development
 - c) Data cleaning
 - d) Statistical tests

21. Which tool is best suited for interactive data analysis and visualization in a browser?
- a) Jupyter Notebook
 - b) Apache Hadoop
 - c) GitHub
 - d) Tableau Server

AI Basics

22. Artificial Intelligence is best defined as:
- a) Computers mimicking human intelligence tasks
 - b) Computers storing large amounts of data
 - c) Faster internet processing
 - d) Automated backups

23. Which is an example of narrow AI?
- a) Self-driving car software
 - b) General AI with human-like reasoning
 - c) An AI that can perform all intellectual tasks
 - d) Human brain emulation

24. Turing Test is designed to:
- a) Measure AI speed
 - b) Evaluate if a machine exhibits human-like intelligence
 - c) Test internet bandwidth
 - d) Measure algorithm efficiency
25. Which branch of AI focuses on enabling machines to interpret visual information?
- a) Robotics
 - b) Computer vision
 - c) Natural language processing
 - d) Neural networks
26. Which is NOT a goal of AI?
- a) Learning
 - b) Reasoning
 - c) Forgetting
 - d) Problem-solving

Machine Learning

27. Supervised learning requires:
- a) Labeled training data
 - b) Unlabeled data
 - c) Data clustering
 - d) No data
28. In machine learning, a feature is:
- a) An input variable used for prediction
 - b) The predicted output
 - c) A hidden layer
 - d) A training algorithm
29. Which algorithm is used for classification tasks?
- a) Linear regression
 - b) Decision trees
 - c) K-means clustering
 - d) Apriori algorithm
30. Unsupervised learning is typically used for:
- a) Predicting stock prices
 - b) Grouping similar items without labels
 - c) Predicting house prices
 - d) Fraud detection
31. Overfitting in machine learning can be reduced by:
- a) Increasing the number of features
 - b) Regularization techniques
 - c) Using a smaller training dataset
 - d) Ignoring validation data

Perception, Representation, and Reasoning

32. Knowledge representation in AI refers to:
- a) Storing knowledge in a form that computers can process
 - b) Visualizing data
 - c) Creating animations
 - d) Encoding passwords
33. Which is an example of an AI perception system?
- a) Image recognition software
 - b) SQL database
 - c) CPU processing unit
 - d) Data warehouse

34. An expert system uses:

- a) Human expertise to make decisions
- b) Predefined rules and reasoning to solve problems
- c) Only statistical models
- d) Random guesswork

35. Semantic networks are used to:

- a) Represent relationships between concepts
- b) Encrypt data
- c) Build neural networks
- d) Store images

36. Which reasoning approach draws conclusions from general principles to specific cases?
- a) Inductive reasoning
 - b) Deductive reasoning
 - c) Abductive reasoning
 - d) Predictive reasoning

Privacy and Ethics

37. Which is an example of bias in AI?
- a) Algorithmic decisions favoring one demographic group unfairly
 - b) An AI predicting stock prices
 - c) An AI with low accuracy
 - d) Slow training times
38. GDPR primarily focuses on:
- a) Cybersecurity hardware installation
 - b) Data privacy and protection in the EU
 - c) Machine learning algorithms
 - d) Software development standards
39. Which principle ensures individuals know how their data will be used?
- a) Transparency
 - b) Confidentiality
 - c) Availability
 - d) Integrity

40. Ethical AI aims to:

- a) Maximize profits
- b) Make decisions aligned with societal values
- c) Avoid legal compliance
- d) Reduce computing costs

41. Which is NOT a best practice for ethical AI?

- a) Inclusive training datasets
- b) Regular bias audits
- c) Hiding algorithm decision-making
- d) Clear accountability

Data Literacy and Foundations

42. Data literacy is best defined as:

- a) The ability to read, work with, analyze, and communicate data
- b) Writing computer programs
- c) Building neural networks
- d) Encrypting data

43. Structured data is:

- a) Organized in a fixed format, like databases
- b) Unorganized text and images
- c) Only numbers
- d) Encrypted data

44. Which is an example of qualitative data?

- a) Temperature readings
- b) Customer satisfaction ratings in words
- c) Age of participants
- d) Monthly revenue

45. A primary key in a database:

- a) Uniquely identifies a record
- b) Encrypts the database
- c) Links two databases
- d) Stores large files

46. Which is NOT a step in the data lifecycle?

- a) Data collection
- b) Data storage
- c) Data destruction
- d) Data advertising

47. Which term refers to data that arrives in real-time streams?

- a) Batch data
- b) Streaming data
- c) Historical data
- d) Stale data

48. Data cleaning aims to:

- a) Remove or correct inaccurate data
- b) Increase dataset size
- c) Hide data from users
- d) Encrypt sensitive information

49. Metadata is:

- a) Data about data
- b) A type of AI algorithm
- c) A database query
- d) An encryption standard

50. Which is an example of unstructured data?

- a) Customer emails
- b) Spreadsheet with sales figures
- c) SQL database entries
- d) Inventory list

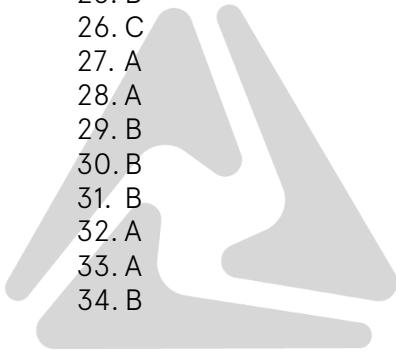


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| 2. B | 19. B | 36. B |
| 3. B | 20. B | 37. A |
| 4. B | 21. A | 38. B |
| 5. B | 22. A | 39. A |
| 6. C | 23. A | 40. B |
| 7. B | 24. B | 41. C |
| 8. A | 25. B | 42. A |
| 9. B | 26. C | 43. A |
| 10. B | 27. A | 44. B |
| 11. C | 28. A | 45. A |
| 12. C | 29. B | 46. D |
| 13. B | 30. B | 47. B |
| 14. A | 31. B | 48. A |
| 15. B | 32. A | 49. A |
| 16. B | 33. A | 50. A |
| 17. B | 34. B | |



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