

- **Comprehensive Foundations of Data Science Project Assignment**

**Objective:** Utilize a selected dataset to conduct a thorough Foundations of Data Science project, covering data exploration, cleaning, visualization, basic inferential statistics, and predictive analytics concepts.

**Total Marks: 25**

- Project Tasks:

1. **Dataset Selection and Business Problem Definition (1 Mark)**

- Select a dataset and define a clear business problem or question that your analysis aims to address.

2. **Data Overview (1 Mark)**

- Conduct a preliminary examination of the dataset. Describe its size, nature of variables (quantitative vs. qualitative), and the potential value it brings to solving the business problem.

3. **Data Types Identification (1 Mark)**

- Classify the dataset's variables into their respective data types (numerical, categorical, ordinal, etc.).

4. **Missing Values Assessment (1 Mark)**

- Identify any missing values in the dataset. Provide a summary of the missingness pattern observed.

5. **Data Cleaning Strategy (1 Mark)**

- Propose a strategy for handling missing data (deletion, imputation, etc.) and justify your approach.

6. **Outliers Detection (1 Mark)**

- Employ a method to detect outliers in the dataset. Briefly describe how you identified them.

7. **Handling Outliers (1 Mark)**

- Decide on a strategy for dealing with the detected outliers. Explain your choice and its implications for the analysis.

8. **Data Transformation (1 Mark)**

- Perform necessary data transformations (normalization, scaling, etc.) to prepare the data for analysis. Justify why these transformations are required.

**9. Categorical Data Encoding (1 Mark)**

- Encode categorical variables as needed for analysis. Explain your encoding choices.

**10. Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) Introduction (1 Mark)**

- Begin EDA by summarizing key statistics (mean, median, mode, standard deviation) for at least three variables.

**11. Visual EDA: Distributions (1 Mark)**

- Create visualizations (histograms, box plots) to explore the distribution of key variables.

**12. Visual EDA: Relationships (1 Mark)**

- Generate scatter plots or correlation heatmaps to investigate relationships between variables.

**13. Identify and Interpret Key Relationships (1 Mark)**

- Based on the visualizations, identify two key relationships in the data. Discuss their potential impact on the business problem.

**14. Descriptive Analytics Summary (1 Mark)**

- Provide a concise summary of the descriptive analytics findings, highlighting insights relevant to the business problem.

**15. Formulate Statistical Questions (1 Mark)**

- Based on your EDA, formulate two statistical questions that could further inform the business problem.

**16. Hypothesis Testing Plan (1 Mark)**

- For one statistical question, outline a plan for a hypothesis test. Specify the null and alternative hypotheses, significance level, and the test statistic to be used.

**17. Inferential Statistics Conceptual Application (1 Mark)**

- Conceptually apply inferential statistics to estimate a parameter or make predictions about the population based on your sample. No calculations required; explain your thought process.

**18. Introduction to Predictive Modeling (1 Mark)**

- Identify a potential outcome variable for predictive modeling. Justify its selection based on your business problem and EDA findings.

**19. Feature Selection Rationale (1 Mark)**

- Discuss how you would select features for the predictive model. Consider correlations, importance, and relevance to the outcome variable.

**20. Feature selection process (1 Mark)**

- Select the features using at least 3 different model driven techniques

**21. Predictive Model Choice (1 Mark)**

- Choose a predictive modeling technique suitable for your data and business problem (e.g., linear regression, logistic regression). Explain why this model is appropriate.

**22. Data Visualization for Insights (1 Mark)**

- Create a dashboard layout or a set of visualizations that could provide actionable insights to a business stakeholder. Describe how these insights address the business problem.

**23. Presentation of Findings (1 Mark)**

- Summarize the key findings from your project, focusing on how they address the business problem. Include any recommendations or potential actions.

**24. Interpretation of Predictive Model Output (1 Mark)**

- Once you've conceptually chosen a predictive model, describe how you would interpret the model's output to derive actionable business insights.

**25. Conclusion (1 Mark)**

- Conclude your project by summarizing the key insights and their implications for the business problem. Reflect on the limitations of your analysis and potential improvements.