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Q1. A researcher is testing whether a job training program impacts earnings. The collected data shows a sample mean difference of \$450 (treatment - control) with a standard error of \$200.

a) Which of the following correctly describes the sampling distribution of the mean difference under the null hypothesis of no effect?

- ☐ It follows a normal distribution centered at \$450
- ☐ It follows a normal distribution centered at \$0
- ☐ It follows a t-distribution centered at \$450
- ☐ It follows a t-distribution centered at \$0

b) The p-value for this test is 0.028. Which statement most accurately explains what this p-value means?

- ☐ There's a 2.8% chance that the job training program has no effect
- ☐ There's a 2.8% chance that the sample mean difference is \$450
- ☐ If the job training program truly had no effect, we'd observe a difference of \$450 or more extreme 2.8% of the time
- ☐ The probability that our conclusion is wrong is 2.8%

Q2. Consider a simple linear regression model: $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \varepsilon$, where $\beta_1 = 0.75$ with standard error 0.25.

a) The interpretation of the coefficient β_1 is:

- ☐ For every one-unit increase in y, x increases by 0.75 units on average
- ☐ For every one-unit increase in x, y increases by 0.75 units on average
- ☐ When $x = 0$, y equals 0.75 on average
- ☐ 75% of the variation in y is explained by x

b) To test whether there's a statistically significant relationship between x and y, we test:

- ☐ $H_0: \beta_0 = 0$ versus $H_1: \beta_0 \neq 0$
- ☐ $H_0: \beta_1 = 0$ versus $H_1: \beta_1 \neq 0$
- ☐ $H_0: \beta_1 = 0.75$ versus $H_1: \beta_1 \neq 0.75$
- ☐ $H_0: y = 0$ versus $H_1: y \neq 0$

c) The null distribution for testing the above hypothesis follows a:

- ☐ Normal distribution with mean 0 and standard deviation 0.25
- ☐ Normal distribution with mean 0.75 and standard deviation 0.25
- ☐ t-distribution with mean 0 and standard error 0.25
- ☐ t-distribution with mean 0.75 and standard error 0.25

Q3. A researcher conducted a study on climate action, running a regression model predicting a city's carbon emission reduction (percentage points) based on renewable energy investment (millions of dollars), with the following results:

	coef	std err	t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]
intercept	2.750	0.931	2.954	0.007	0.857	4.643
investment	1.246	0.325	3.834	0.001	0.586	1.906

a) The most accurate interpretation of the intercept coefficient is:

- ☐ The average emission reduction across all cities is 2.75 percentage points
- ☐ When renewable investment is zero, the predicted emission reduction is 2.75 percentage points
- ☐ The emission reduction increases by 2.75 percentage points for each million dollars invested
- ☐ 2.75% of the variation in emission reduction is explained by renewable investment

b) The 95% confidence interval for the investment coefficient tells us that:

- ☐ We are 95% confident that renewable investment has a statistically significant effect on emission reduction
- ☐ If we took many samples, 95% of the calculated confidence intervals would contain the true investment coefficient
- ☐ 95% of cities have an investment effect between 0.586 and 1.906
- ☐ The true investment coefficient is between 0.586 and 1.906 with 95% probability

c) Which statement about the regression results is correct?

- ☐ Both the intercept and investment have statistically significant effects at $\alpha=0.05$
- ☐ The effect of the intercept is exactly 2.954 times larger than the effect of investment
- ☐ The p-value on investment indicates there's a 0.1% chance that renewable investment increases emission reduction
- ☐ We've proven that renewable investment causes emission reduction