

Quiz Chapter 21

Indicate the answer choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
a										
b										
c										
d										
e										

A CBS News/New York Times opinion poll asked 1050 adults whether they would prefer balancing the federal budget over cutting taxes; 602 of those asked said "Yes." The poll was carried out by telephone, so people without phones are always excluded from the sample.

1. Find the 95% confidence interval for the population proportion p of all adults who would prefer balancing the federal budget over cutting taxes.

- a. 0.800 ± 0.030
- b. 0.620 ± 0.030
- c. 0.573 ± 0.030

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d. 0.573 ± 0.015

In a simple random sample of 100 women from Richmond, Virginia, the average amount of money that these women spent per visit at their hair salons is \$32.43. The standard deviation from this sample is \$7.84.

2. Which of these is an approximate 95% confidence interval for the mean amount of money that all women in Richmond spend per visit at their hair salons?

- a. $\$32.43 \pm \0.784
- b. $\$32.43 \pm \1.568
- c. $\$32.43 \pm \7.84
- d. $\$7.84 \pm \3.243
- e. $\$7.84 \pm \6.486

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3. A 90% confidence interval based on this same sample would have

- a. the same center and a larger margin of error.
- b. the same center and a smaller margin of error.
- c. a larger margin of error and probably a different center.
- d. a smaller margin of error and probably a different center.
- e. the same center, but the margin of error changes randomly.

4. The margin of error for a 95% confidence interval is 2.8. If we decrease the confidence level to 90%, the margin of error will be

- a. biased.
- b. 99%.
- c. 2.8.
- d. smaller than 2.8.
- e. larger than 2.8.

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5. A member of Congress requests an 80% confidence interval estimate but with a smaller margin of error. How can we get a smaller margin of error using 80% confidence?

- a. Take a larger sample because larger samples result in smaller margins of error.
- b. Take a smaller sample because smaller samples result in smaller margins of error.
- c. Take another sample of the same size because you might get lucky and get a smaller margin of error.
- d. Take a sample of the same size from the adults in Ohio instead of the entire country. Then the population will be smaller, and this will give a smaller margin of error.

6. The _____ says that, as we take more and more observations at random from any population, the distribution of the mean of these observations eventually gets close to a Normal distribution.

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- a. Statistical inference
- b. Normal mean theorem
- c. Law of large numbers
- d. Central limit theorem

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7. Suppose that (unknown to you) 55% of all undergraduates favor eliminating supplemental fees for lab courses. If you took a very large number of simple random samples of size $n = 250$ from this population, the sampling distribution of the sample proportion p would be approximately normal with

- a. mean 0.55 and standard deviation 0.015.
- b. mean 0.60 and standard deviation 0.06.
- c. mean 0.55 and standard deviation 0.06.
- d. mean 0.60 and standard deviation 0.03.
- e. mean 0.55 and standard deviation 0.03.

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8. Another member of the city government is satisfied with 90% confidence, but she wants a smaller margin of error. How can we get a smaller margin of error, still with 90% confidence?

- a. Take a larger sample, because larger samples result in smaller margins of error.
- b. Take a smaller sample, because smaller samples result in smaller margins of error.
- c. Take another sample of the same size, and you might be lucky and get a much smaller margin of error.
- d. Take a sample of adults from a neighborhood in the county instead of from the entire county. Then, the population will be smaller, which will give a smaller margin of error.
- e. Carry out a call-in poll to get a voluntary response sample. Voluntary response samples have no margin of error.

The weights for a population of North American raccoons have a bell-shaped frequency curve with a mean of about 12 pounds and a standard deviation of about 2.5 pounds.

9. About 95% of the mean weights from samples of size 100 raccoons from this population fall between what two values?

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- a. 11.75 and 12.25
- b. 11.5 and 12.5
- c. 2.5 and 12
- d. 7 and 17
- e. 9.5 and 14.5

A surprising fact: only 56% of all teens use a password on their mobile device. If a poll chooses a simple random sample of 1000 teens and asks if they use a password on their mobile device, the percent who say “Yes” will vary if the sample is repeated. In fact, the percent “Yes” in many samples will follow a normal distribution with mean 56% and standard deviation 1.6%.

10. Which of these ranges of outcomes contains 95 percent of all the results of a large number of polls of 1,000 teens?
- a. 56 to 100 percent
 - b. 54.4 to 57.6 percent
 - c. 52.8 to 59.2 percent
 - d. 51.2 to 60.8 percent

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Answer Key

1. c

2. b

3. b

4. d

5. a

6. d

7. e

8. a

9. b

10. c