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(10 marks)

- 2 The number of telephone calls per day,  $X$ , received by Candice may be modelled by a Poisson distribution with mean 3.5.

The number of e-mails per day,  $Y$ , received by Candice may be modelled by a Poisson distribution with mean 6.0.

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$$\sum x = 1730 \quad \text{and} \quad \sum (x - \bar{x})^2 = 784$$

Using a z-test and the 1% level of significance, investigate David's claim. (8 marks)

- 4 Ten students each independently carried out the same experiment in order to measure, in  $\text{ms}^{-2}$ , the value of  $g$ , the acceleration due to gravity, with the following results:

9.75    9.72    9.71    9.69    9.66    9.70    9.72    9.71    9.69    9.65

- (a) Assuming that values from the experiment are normally distributed, with mean  $g$ , construct a 95% confidence interval for  $g$ . (6 marks)
- (b) It was subsequently discovered that the equipment used in the experiment was faulty. As a consequence, each of the values above is  $0.10 \text{ ms}^{-2}$  less than the actual value.

Use this additional information to write down a revised 95% confidence interval for  $g$ . (2 marks)

**Turn over for the next question**

- 5 A discrete random variable  $X$  has probability distribution as given in the table.

$x$	1	2	3	4
$P(X=x)$	$p$	$p$	$p$	$1 - 3p$

- (a) Show that, for this to be a valid distribution,  $0 \leq p \leq \frac{1}{3}$ . (3 marks)
- (b) (i) Find an expression, in terms of  $p$ , for  $E(X)$ . (1 mark)
- (ii) Show that  $\text{Var}(X) = 2p(7 - 18p)$ . (3 marks)
- (c) (i) Find the value of  $p$  for which  $\text{Var}(X)$  is a maximum. (2 marks)
- (ii) Find the maximum value of the standard deviation of  $X$ . (3 marks)

- 6 The continuous random variable  $X$  has the probability density function given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 3x^2 & 0 < x \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Determine:
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- 4 Students are each asked to measure the distance between two points to the nearest tenth of a metre.

- (a) Given that the rounding error,  $X$  metres, in these measurements has a rectangular distribution, explain why its probability density function is

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 10 & -0.05 < x \leq 0.05 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (3 \text{ marks})$$

- (b) Calculate  $P(-0.01 < X < 0.02)$ . (2 marks)

- (c) Find the mean and the standard deviation of  $X$ . (2 marks)

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- 5 Members of a residents' association are concerned about the speeds of cars travelling through their village. They decide to record the speed, in mph, of each of a random sample of 10 cars travelling through their village, with the following results:

33    27    34    30    48    35    34    33    43    39

- (a) Construct a 99% confidence interval for  $\mu$ , the mean speed of cars travelling through the village, stating any assumption that you make. *(7 marks)*
- (b) Comment on the claim that a 30 mph speed limit is being adhered to by most motorists. *(3 marks)*

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- 7 On a multiple choice examination paper, each question has five alternative answers given, only one of which is correct. For each question, candidates gain 4 marks for a correct answer but lose 1 mark for an incorrect answer.

(a) James guesses the answer to each question.

- (i) Copy and complete the following table for the probability distribution of  $X$ , the number of marks obtained by James for each question.

$x$	4	-1
$P(X=x)$		

(1 mark)

(ii) Hence find  $E(X)$ .

(2 marks)

- (b) Karen is able to eliminate two of the incorrect answers from the five alternative answers given for each question before guessing the answer from those remaining.

Given that the examination paper contains 24 questions, calculate Karen's expected total mark.

(4 marks)

- 8 A jam producer claims that the mean weight of jam in a jar is 230 grams.

- (a) A random sample of 8 jars is selected and the weight of jam in each jar is determined. The results, in grams, are

220    228    232    219    221    223    230    229

Assuming that the weight of jam in a jar is normally distributed, test, at the 5% level of significance, the jam producer's claim.

(9 marks)

- (b) It is later discovered that the mean weight of jam in a jar is indeed 230 grams.

Indicate whether a Type I error, a Type II error or neither has occurred in carrying out the hypothesis test in part (a). Give a reason for your answer.

(2 marks)

**END OF QUESTIONS**



Practice 3

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1.	A string $AB$ of length 5cm is cut, in a random place $C$ , into two pieces. The random variable $X$ is the length of $AC$ .	
(a)	Write down the name of the probability distribution of $X$ and sketch the graph of its probability density function.	(3)
(b)	Find the values of $E(X)$ and $Var(X)$ .	(3)
(c)	Find $P(X>3)$ .	(1)
(d)	Write down the probability that $AC$ is 3 cm long.	(1)

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Q3

4. A bag contains a large number of coins:

75% are 10p coins,

25% are 5p coins.

A random sample of 3 coins is drawn from the bag.  
Find the sampling distribution for the median of the values of the 3 selected coins.

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**Q4**



- A call centre routes incoming telephone calls to agents who have specialist knowledge to deal with the call. The probability of the caller being connected to the wrong agent is 0.01

- The call centre receives 1000 calls each day.

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**Q5**

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- You may assume that the number of times a taxi is late in a week has a Binomial distribution.

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**Q6**

- (ii) Write down the mean and variance of this normal approximation in terms of  $n$  and  $p$ . (2)

(b) Using a normal approximation, estimate the probability that at least 40 faulty DVDs are produced in one day.

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(c) Find the expected profit made by the factory per day. (3)

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**Q7**

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8. The continuous random variable  $X$  has probability density function given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{6}x & 0 < x \leq 3 \\ 2 - \frac{1}{2}x & 3 < x < 4 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Sketch the probability density function of  $X$ .

(3)
- (b) Find the mode of  $X$ .

(1)
- (c) Specify fully the cumulative distribution function of  $X$ .

(7)
- (d) Using your answer to part (c), find the median of  $X$ .

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**Q8**

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- 1 A random sample of observations of a random variable  $X$  is summarised by

$$n = 100, \quad \Sigma x = 4830.0, \quad \Sigma x^2 = 249\,509.16.$$

- (i) Obtain unbiased estimates of the mean and variance of  $X$ . [4]
- (ii) The sample mean of 100 observations of  $X$  is denoted by  $\bar{X}$ . Explain whether you would need any further information about the distribution of  $X$  in order to estimate  $P(\bar{X} > 60)$ . [You should not attempt to carry out the calculation.] [2]
- 2 It is given that on average one car in forty is yellow. Using a suitable approximation, find the probability that, in a random sample of 130 cars, exactly 4 are yellow. [5]
- 3 The proportion of adults in a large village who support a proposal to build a bypass is denoted by  $p$ . A random sample of size 20 is selected from the adults in the village, and the members of the sample are asked whether or not they support the proposal.
- (i) Name the probability distribution that would be used in a hypothesis test for the value of  $p$ . [1]
- (ii) State the properties of a random sample that explain why the distribution in part (i) is likely to be a good model. [2]
- 4  $X$  is a continuous random variable.
- (i) State two conditions needed for  $X$  to be well modelled by a normal distribution. [2]
- (ii) It is given that  $X \sim N(50.0, 8^2)$ . The mean of 20 random observations of  $X$  is denoted by  $\bar{X}$ . Find  $P(\bar{X} > 47.0)$ . [4]
- 5 The number of system failures per month in a large network is a random variable with the distribution  $Po(\lambda)$ . A significance test of the null hypothesis  $H_0 : \lambda = 2.5$  is carried out by counting  $R$ , the number of system failures in a period of 6 months. The result of the test is that  $H_0$  is rejected if  $R > 23$  but is not rejected if  $R \leq 23$ .
- (i) State the alternative hypothesis. [1]
- (ii) Find the significance level of the test. [3]
- (iii) Given that  $P(R > 23) < 0.1$ , use tables to find the largest possible actual value of  $\lambda$ . You should show the values of any relevant probabilities. [3]
- 6 In a rearrangement code, the letters of a message are rearranged so that the frequency with which any particular letter appears is the same as in the original message. In ordinary German the letter  $e$  appears 19% of the time. A certain encoded message of 20 letters contains one letter  $e$ .
- (i) Using an exact binomial distribution, test at the 10% significance level whether there is evidence that the proportion of the letter  $e$  in the language from which this message is a sample is less than in German, i.e., less than 19%. [8]
- (ii) Give a reason why a binomial distribution might not be an appropriate model in this context. [1]



- 7 Two continuous random variables  $S$  and  $T$  have probability density functions as follows.

$$S : \quad f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} & -1 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$T : \quad g(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{3}{2}x^2 & -1 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- (i) *Sketch* on the same axes the graphs of  $y = f(x)$  and  $y = g(x)$ . [You should not use graph paper or attempt to plot points exactly.] [3]
- (ii) Explain in everyday terms the difference between the two random variables. [2]
- (iii) Find the value of  $t$  such that  $P(T > t) = 0.2$ . [5]
- 8 A random variable  $Y$  is normally distributed with mean  $\mu$  and variance 12.25. Two statisticians carry out significance tests of the hypotheses  $H_0 : \mu = 63.0$ ,  $H_1 : \mu > 63.0$ .
- (i) Statistician  $A$  uses the mean  $\bar{Y}$  of a sample of size 23, and the critical region for his test is  $\bar{Y} > 64.20$ . Find the significance level for  $A$ 's test. [4]
- (ii) Statistician  $B$  uses the mean of a sample of size 50 and a significance level of 5%.
- (a) Find the critical region for  $B$ 's test. [3]
- (b) Given that  $\mu = 65.0$ , find the probability that  $B$ 's test results in a Type II error. [4]
- (iii) Given that, when  $\mu = 65.0$ , the probability that  $A$ 's test results in a Type II error is 0.1365, state with a reason which test is better. [2]
- 9 (a) The random variable  $G$  has the distribution  $B(n, 0.75)$ . Find the set of values of  $n$  for which the distribution of  $G$  can be well approximated by a normal distribution. [3]
- (b) The random variable  $H$  has the distribution  $B(n, p)$ . It is given that, using a normal approximation,  $P(H \geq 71) = 0.0401$  and  $P(H \leq 46) = 0.0122$ .
- (i) Find the mean and standard deviation of the approximating normal distribution. [6]
- (ii) Hence find the values of  $n$  and  $p$ . [4]

Answer **all** questions.

- 1 It is thought that the incidence of asthma in children is associated with the volume of traffic in the area where they live.

Two surveys of children were conducted: one in an area where the volume of traffic was heavy and the other in an area where the volume of traffic was light.

For each area, the table shows the number of children in the survey who had asthma and the number who did not have asthma.

	Asthma	No asthma	Total
Heavy traffic	52	58	110
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Total	80	120	200

- (a) Use a  $\chi^2$  test, at the 5% level of significance, to determine whether the incidence of asthma in children is associated with the volume of traffic in the area where they live. (8 marks)
- (b) Comment on the number of children in the survey who had asthma, given that they lived in an area where the volume of traffic was heavy. (1 mark)

- 2 (a) The number of genuine telephone calls,  $X$ , made to the emergency services each hour may be modelled by a Poisson distribution with mean 6.5.

Determine the probability that, in a given hour, there will be fewer than 6 genuine telephone calls made to the emergency services. (2 marks)

- (b) The number of bogus telephone calls,  $Y$ , made to the emergency services each hour may be modelled by a Poisson distribution with mean 1.5.

Calculate the probability that, in a given hour, there will be at least 1 bogus telephone call made to the emergency services. (3 marks)

- (c) Assuming that  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent Poisson variables, find:

(i)  $P(X + Y = 6)$ ; (3 marks)

(ii)  $P(Y \geq 1 | X < 6)$ . (1 mark)

- 3 Alan's company produces packets of crisps. The standard deviation of the weight of a packet of crisps is known to be 2.5 grams.

Alan believes that, due to the extra demand on the production line at a busy time of the year, the mean weight of packets of crisps is not equal to the target weight of 34.5 grams.

In an experiment set up to investigate Alan's belief, the weights of a random sample of 50 packets of crisps were recorded. The mean weight of this sample is 35.1 grams.

Investigate Alan's belief at the 5% level of significance. (6 marks)

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Pat conducted an experiment in which she measured the weight of fat,  $x$  grams, in each of a random sample of 10 digestive biscuits, with the following results:

$$\sum x = 31.9 \quad \text{and} \quad \sum (x - \bar{x})^2 = 1.849$$

- (a) (i) Construct a 99% confidence interval for the mean weight of fat in digestive biscuits. (5 marks)
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The number of text messages,  $Y$ , that Peter is charged for each month has the following probability distribution:

$y$	5	15	25	35
$P(Y = y)$	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4

- (i) Calculate the mean and the standard deviation of  $Y$ . (4 marks)
- (ii) The Goodtime phone company makes a total charge for text messages,  $C$  pence, each month given by

$$C = 10Y + 5$$

Calculate  $E(C)$ . (1 mark)

- (b) The number of text messages,  $X$ , sent by Joanne each month on her mobile phone is such that

$$E(X) = 8.35 \quad \text{and} \quad E(X^2) = 75.25$$

The Newtime phone company makes a total charge for text messages,  $T$  pence, each month given by

$$T = 0.4X + 250$$

Calculate  $\text{Var}(T)$ . (4 marks)

7 The continuous random variable  $X$  has cumulative distribution function

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < -1 \\ \frac{x+1}{k+1} & -1 \leq x \leq k \\ 1 & x > k \end{cases}$$

where  $k$  is a positive constant.

(a) Find, in terms of  $k$ , an expression for  $P(X < 0)$ . (2 marks)

(b) (i) Show that the probability density function of  $X$  is defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{k+1} & -1 \leq x \leq k \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (2 \text{ marks})$$

(ii) Sketch the graph of  $f$ . (2 marks)

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- (i) Write down the value of  $\lambda$ . (1 mark)
- (ii) Determine  $P(Y > \lambda)$ . (2 marks)
- (c) (i) Assuming that  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent Poisson variables, write down the distribution of the **total** number of telephone calls received per hour for Dr Able and Dr Bracken. (1 mark)
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- 4 The delay, in hours, of certain flights from Australia may be modelled by the continuous random variable  $T$ , with probability density function

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{15}t & 0 \leq t \leq 3 \\ 1 - \frac{1}{5}t & 3 \leq t \leq 5 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Sketch the graph of  $f$ . (3 marks)

- (b) Calculate:

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- (ii) The Goodtime phone company makes a total charge for text messages,  $C$  pence, each month given by

$$C = 10Y + 5$$

Calculate  $E(C)$ . (1 mark)

- (b) The number of text messages,  $X$ , sent by Joanne each month on her mobile phone is such that

$$E(X) = 8.35 \quad \text{and} \quad E(X^2) = 75.25$$

The Newtime phone company makes a total charge for text messages,  $T$  pence, each month given by

$$T = 0.4X + 250$$

Calculate  $\text{Var}(T)$ . (4 marks)



8 The continuous random variable  $X$  has cumulative distribution function

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < -1 \\ \frac{x+1}{k+1} & -1 \leq x \leq k \\ 1 & x > k \end{cases}$$

where  $k$  is a positive constant.

(a) Find, in terms of  $k$ , an expression for  $P(X < 0)$ . (2 marks)

(b) Determine an expression, in terms of  $k$ , for the lower quartile,  $q_1$ . (3 marks)

(c) Show that the probability density function of  $X$  is defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{k+1} & -1 \leq x \leq k \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (2 \text{ marks})$$

(d) Given that  $k = 11$ :

(i) sketch the graph of  $f$ ; (2 marks)

(ii) determine  $E(X)$  and  $\text{Var}(X)$ ; (2 marks)

(iii) show that  $P(q_1 < X < E(X)) = 0.25$ . (2 marks)

**END OF QUESTIONS**