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FINAL EXAMINATION 2024/2025



**Duration: Two Hours.**

**Date: 23.11.2024**

**Time: 9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.**

**Instructions**

- This question paper consists of two parts: Part A and Part B. Part A is **compulsory**. Part B consists of five (05) essay type questions of which **three (03) are to be answered**.

**PART A (Question 1 is compulsory)**

- (1) The school administration conducted a study to analyze factors affecting student performance in a high school. They collected data on the following variables for each student:

$W_1$ : Study time per day coded as

a: Less than 1 hour    b: 1-3 hours    c: More than 3 hours

$W_2$ : Mode of transportation to school coded as

a: Walking    b: Public transport    c: School bus    d: Personal vehicle

$W_3$ : Number of absent days term

$W_4$ : Final exam score (out of per 100)

$W_5$ : Participation in extracurricular activities coded as

a: Active participation    b: Occasional participation    c: No participation

$W_6$ : Temperature of the classroom during final exams (in Celsius)

- Classify the variables as qualitative or quantitative.
- Classify the above variables quantitative variables as discrete or continuous.
- Classify the scale of measurements as nominal, ordinal, interval or ratio.

- (iv) State whether each of the following statements is true or false. In each case, give reasons for your answer.
- A bar chart is appropriate to compare the average final exam scores ( $W_4$ ) across different hours of study per day ( $W_1$ ).
  - A stacked bar chart is suitable for visualizing the distribution of final exam scores ( $W_4$ ) based on the number of absent days ( $W_3$ ).
  - A histogram is suitable to display the frequency distribution of students' final exam scores ( $W_4$ ).
  - A pie chart is appropriate to illustrate the proportion of students using each type of transportation ( $W_2$ ).
  - A line graph is suitable for comparing the final exam scores ( $W_4$ ) of students in different transportation categories ( $W_2$ ).

**PART B** (Answer 3 questions only)

- (2) A hotel management is concerned about the reliability of its lift. They keep a weekly record of the number of times it breaks down over 20 weeks. The collected data is summarized in the following table.

Number of breakdowns	Frequency of breakdowns ( $f$ ):
0-1	3
2-3	6
4-5	4
6-7	2
8-9	5

- Estimate the mean number of breakdowns and interpret it in relation to this study.
- Estimate the median number of breakdowns.
- Calculate the Inter Quartile Range (IQR) and Inter Quartile Deviation (IQD) of breakdowns.
- Construct a suitable graph that can be used to find the distribution of frequency of breakdowns.
- Clearly describe all the findings from the graph constructed in part (iv).

(3) The probability that a child in a school has blue eyes is 0.27 and the probability he/she has blonde hair is 0.35. The probability that the child will have blonde hair or blue eyes, or both is 0.45. A child is chosen at random from the school.

- (i) Find the probability that the child has blonde hair and blue eyes.
- (ii) What is the probability that the child has blonde hair but not blue eyes.
- (iii) Find the probability that the child has neither feature.
- (iv) Let  $A$  be the event that the child has blue eyes. Let  $B$  be the event that the child has blonde hair.
  - a) Are  $A$  and  $B$  independent? Justify your answer.
  - b) Are  $A$  and  $B$  exhaustive events? Justify your answer.

(4)

(i) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be any two events and  $A'$  and  $B'$  be the complementary events of  $A$  and  $B$  respectively. Show that  $P(A' \cap B) = P(A')P(B)$ .

(ii) Show that If  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  are any three events then,

$$P(A \cup B \cup C) = P(A) + P(B) + P(C) - P(A \cap B) - P(A \cap C) - P(B \cap C) + P(A \cap B \cap C).$$

(iii) Let  $C$  and  $D$  are two events and  $P(C|D) = \frac{1}{3}$ ,  $P(C|D') = \frac{1}{5}$  and  $P(D) = \frac{1}{4}$ .

- a) Find  $P(C \cap D)$ ,
- b) Find  $P(C \cap D')$ ,
- c) Find  $P(D'|C)$ .

(5) In a factory, machines  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  are all producing metal rods of the same length. Machine  $A$  produces 35% of the rods, machine  $B$  produces 25% and the rest are produced by machine  $C$ . Of their production of rods, machines  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  produce 3%, 6% and 5% defective rods respectively.

- (i) Draw a tree diagram to represent the above information.
- (ii) Find the probability that the randomly selected rod is produced by machine  $A$  and is defective.
- (iii) Find the probability that the randomly selected rod is defective.
- (iv) Given that a randomly selected rod is defective, find the probability that it was produced by the machine  $C$ .

(6) Consider a random variable  $X$  that represents the outcome of drawing a number from a box with four slips of paper, each labeled with the numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4. The probability of drawing each number is given by:

$$P_X(x) = \frac{(3x - 1)}{26} ; x = 1, 2, 3, 4.$$

- (i) Create a Probability Distribution Table that shows each possible value of  $x$  and the corresponding probability  $p(x)$ .
- (ii) Find the probability that the number drawn is at least two.
- (iii) Calculate the expected value  $E(X)$  of the number you are likely to draw.
- (iv) Show that the variance  $Var(X) = 0.92$  of the number you drawn.
- (v) If a new rule changes the number on each slip to  $Y = 1 - 3X$ , find the variance  $Var(Y)$  for this new setup.

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