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MATHEMATICS

9709/61

Paper 6 Probability & Statistics 2

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1 hour 15 minutes

You must answer on the question paper.

You will need: List of formulae (MF19)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen. You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.
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- You should use a calculator where appropriate.
- You must show all necessary working clearly; no marks will be given for unsupported answers from a calculator.
- Give non-exact numerical answers correct to 3 significant figures, or 1 decimal place for angles in degrees, unless a different level of accuracy is specified in the question.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

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- 1 The heights of a certain species of deer are known to have standard deviation 0.35 m. A zoologist takes a random sample of 150 of these deer and finds that the mean height of the deer in the sample is 1.42 m.

(a) Calculate a 96% confidence interval for the population mean height. [3]

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(b) Bubay says that 96% of deer of this species are likely to have heights that are within this confidence interval.

Explain briefly whether Bubay is correct. [1]

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- 3 The times, T minutes, taken by a random sample of 75 students to complete a test were noted. The results were summarised by $\sum t = 230$ and $\sum t^2 = 930$.

(a) Calculate unbiased estimates of the population mean and variance of T . [3]

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You should now assume that your estimates from part (a) are the true values of the population mean and variance of T .

- (b) The times taken by another random sample of 75 students were noted, and the sample mean, $\bar{T}$, was found.

Find the value of a such that $P(\bar{T} > a) = 0.234$. [3]

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4 A random variable X has probability density function f defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{a}{x^2} - \frac{18}{x^3} & 2 \leq x \leq 3, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where a is a constant.

(a) Show that $a = \frac{27}{2}$. [3]

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(b) Show that $E(X) = \frac{27}{2} \ln \frac{3}{2} - 3$. [3]

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6 The numbers of customers arriving at service desks A and B during a 10-minute period have the independent distributions $Po(1.8)$ and $Po(2.1)$ respectively.

(a) Find the probability that during a randomly chosen 15-minute period more than 2 customers will arrive at desk A . [2]

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(b) Find the probability that during a randomly chosen 5-minute period the total number of customers arriving at both desks is less than 4. [3]

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- Find the minimum time for which she should wait, giving your answer correct to the nearest minute. [4]

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- (a) Calculate the probability of a Type I error. [4]

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- (b) Given that $X = 2$, carry out the test. [3]

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- (c) The council decides to carry out another similar test at the 5% significance level using the same hypotheses and two different randomly chosen years.

Given that the true value of λ is 0.6, calculate the probability of a Type II error. [3]

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- (d) Using $\lambda = 0.6$ and a suitable approximating distribution, find the probability that there will be more than 10 accidents in 30 years. [4]

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