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Paper 6 Probability & Statistics 2

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

(b) Show that $E(X) = \frac{27}{2} \ln \frac{3}{2} - 3$. [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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- Given that the true value of λ is 0.6, calculate the probability of a Type II error. [3]

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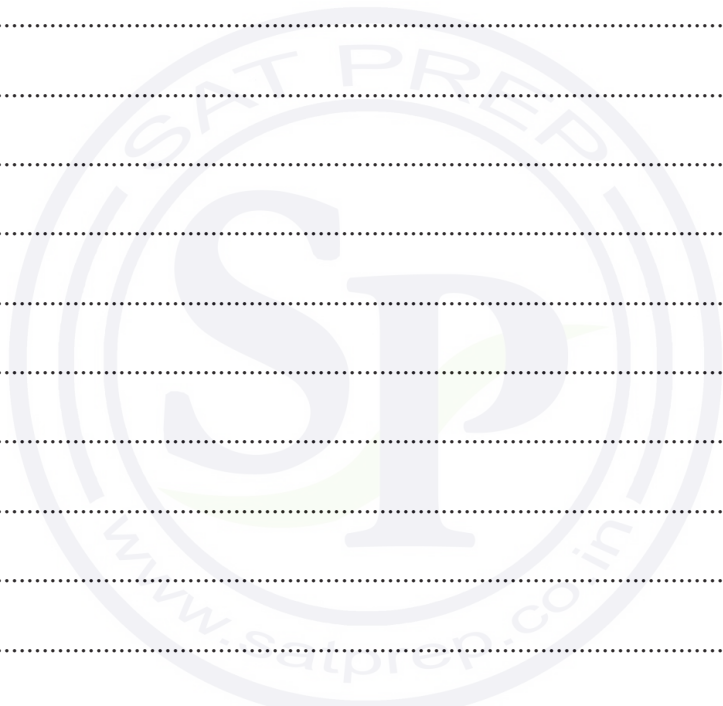
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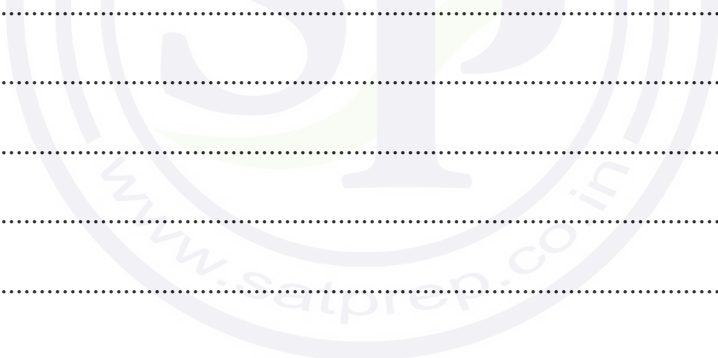
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(a) Find $P(\bar{X} > 36)$. [3]

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(b) It is given that $P(\bar{X} < a) = 0.986$. Find the value of a . [3]

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- 5 A machine puts sweets into bags at random. The numbers of lemon and orange sweets in a bag have the independent distributions $Po(3.7)$ and $Po(2.6)$ respectively.

A bag of sweets is chosen at random.

- (a) Find the probability that the number of lemon sweets in the bag is more than 2 but not more than 5. [2]

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- 6 The time, X hours, taken by a large number of people to complete a challenge is modelled by the probability density function given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x^2} & a \leq x \leq b, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where a and b are constants.

- (a) State what the constants a and b represent in this context. [1]

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- (b)** Show that $a = \frac{b}{b+1}$. [3]



It is given that $E(X) = \ln 3$.

- (c) Show that $b = 2$ and find the value of a . [4]

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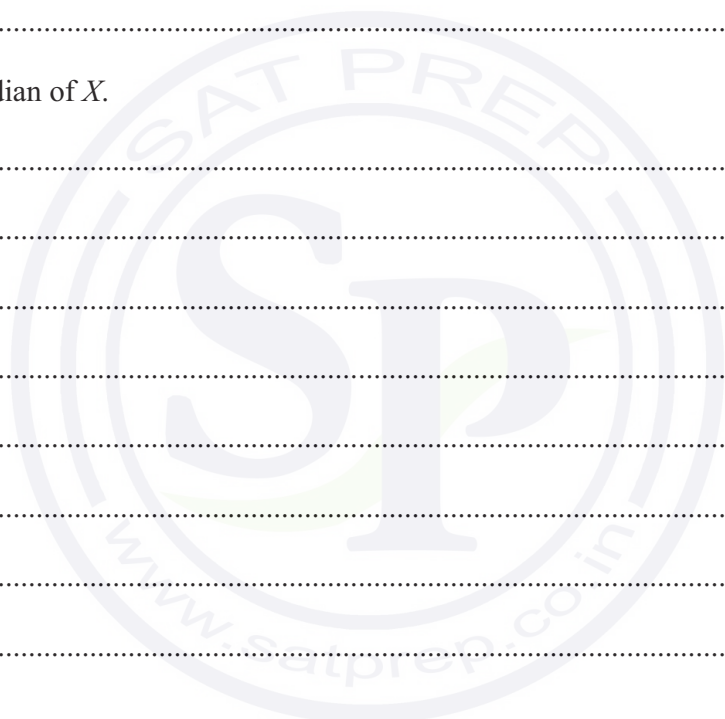
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- (a) Find the probability that during a randomly chosen 15-minute period more than 2 customers will arrive at desk A . [2]

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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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- (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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- 1 A bus station has exactly four entrances. In the morning the numbers of passengers arriving at these entrances during a 10-second period have the independent distributions $\text{Po}(0.4)$, $\text{Po}(0.1)$, $\text{Po}(0.2)$ and $\text{Po}(0.5)$.

Find the probability that the total number of passengers arriving at the four entrances to the bus station during a randomly chosen 1-minute period in the morning is more than 3. [3]

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- 2 The random variable X has the distribution $N(31.2, 10.4^2)$. Two independent random values of X , denoted by X_1 and X_2 , are chosen.

Find $P(X_1 > 3X_2)$.

[5]

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- 3 The time taken in minutes for a certain daily train journey has a normal distribution with standard deviation 5.8 . For a random sample of 20 days the journey times were noted and the mean journey time was found to be 81.5 minutes.

(a) Calculate a 98% confidence interval for the population mean journey time. [3]

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A student was asked for the meaning of this confidence interval. The student replied as follows.

‘The times for 98% of these journeys are likely to be within the confidence interval.’

(b) Explain briefly whether this statement is true or not. [1]

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Two independent 98% confidence intervals are found.

(c) Given that at least one of these intervals contains the population mean, find the probability that both intervals contain the population mean. [2]

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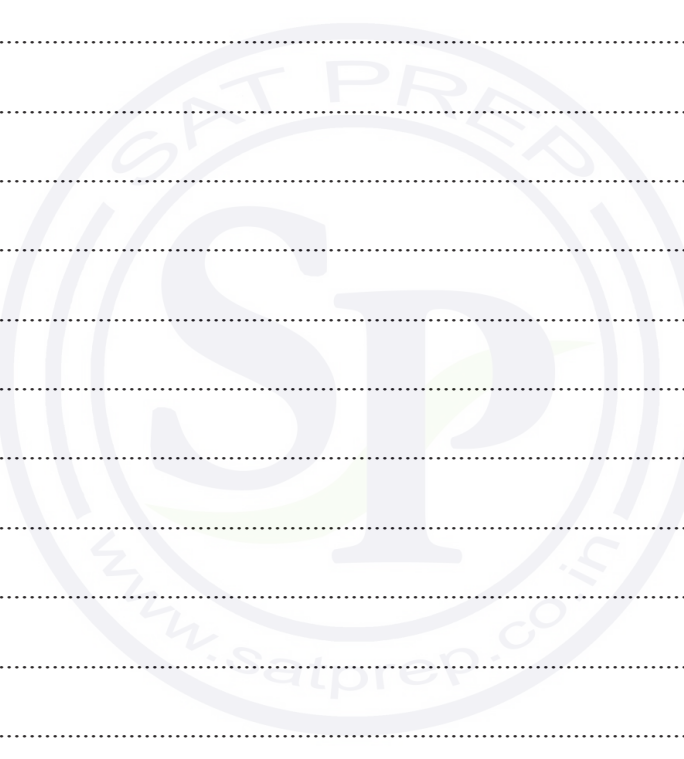
- 4 (a) A random sample of 8 boxes of cereal from a certain supplier was taken. Each box was weighed and the masses in grams were as follows.

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Find unbiased estimates of the population mean and variance.

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(a) State one further condition that must be satisfied for the number of sales in a certain time period to be well modelled by a Poisson distribution. [1]

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Assume now that a Poisson distribution is a suitable model.

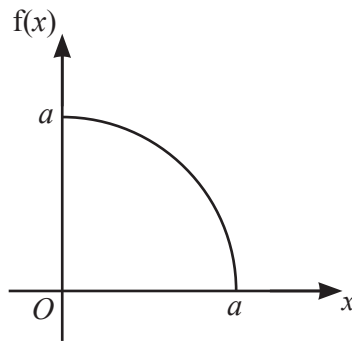
(b) Find the probability that the number of sales during a randomly chosen 12-hour period will be more than 12 and less than 16. [3]



- (c) Use a suitable approximating distribution to find the probability that the number of sales during a randomly chosen 1-month period (140 hours) will be less than 150. [4]

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The diagram shows the graph of the probability density function, f , of a random variable X . The graph is a quarter circle entirely in the first quadrant with centre $(0,0)$ and radius a , where a is a positive constant. Elsewhere $f(x) = 0$.

- (a) Show that $a = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}}$. [2]

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- (b) Show that $f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{4}{\pi} - x^2}$. [2]

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(c) Show that $E(X) = \frac{8}{3\sqrt{\pi^3}}$.

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- Data from previous years suggests that $p = 0.3$, but in 2022 Rita suspected that the value of p had been reduced. She decided to carry out a hypothesis test.

(a) Use the binomial distribution to test at the 5% significance level whether Rita's suspicion is justified. [5]

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(b) Calculate the probability of a Type I error. [2]

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(c) (i) Use a suitable approximating distribution to find $P(Y = 4)$. [3]

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- 2 Henri wants to choose a random sample from the 804 students at his college. He numbers the students from 1 to 804 and then uses random numbers generated by his calculator. The first 20 random digits produced by his calculator are as follows.

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Henri's first two student numbers are 567 and 109.

- (a) Use Henri's digits to find the numbers of the next two students in the sample. [2]

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There were 30 students in Henri's sample. He asked each of them how much time, X hours, they spent on social media each week, on average. He summarised the results as follows.

$$n = 30 \qquad \Sigma x = 610 \qquad \Sigma x^2 = 12405$$

- (b)** Use this information to calculate an unbiased estimate of the mean of X and show that an unbiased estimate of the variance of X is less than 0.1 . [3]



- (c) Henri's friend claims that Henri has probably made a mistake in his calculation of Σx or Σx^2 .

Use your answer to part (b) to comment on this claim. [1]

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- Find α correct to the nearest integer. [4]

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- 4 A random variable X has the distribution $N(10, 12)$. Two independent values of X , denoted by X_1 and X_2 , are chosen at random.

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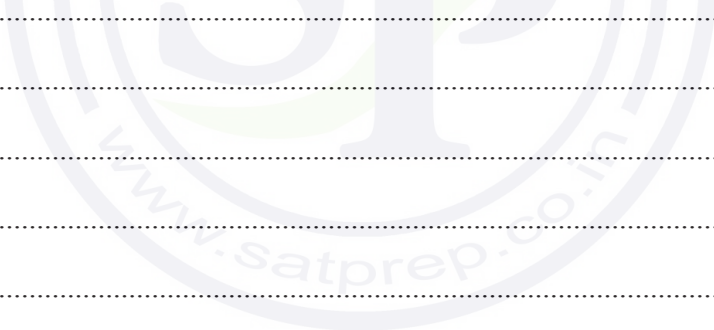
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- (a) Find $P(X < 4)$. [2]

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- (b)** Find the probability that, in a randomly chosen match, the team scores at least 5 goals. [3]



- (c) Given that the team scores a total of 5 goals in a randomly chosen match, find the probability that they score exactly 3 goals in the first half. [4]

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- 6 The masses of cereal boxes filled by a certain machine have mean 510 grams. An adjustment is made to the machine and an inspector wishes to test whether the mean mass of cereal boxes filled by the machine has decreased.

After the adjustment is made, he chooses a random sample of 120 cereal boxes. The mean mass of these boxes is found to be 508 grams.

Assume that the standard deviation of the masses is 10 grams.

- (a) Test at the 2.5% significance level whether the mean mass of cereal boxes filled by the machine has decreased. [5]

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- 7 The probability density function, f , of a random variable X is given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} k(1 + \cos x) & 0 \leq x \leq \pi, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where k is a constant.

- (a) Show that $k = \frac{1}{\pi}$. [3]

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- (b) Verify that the median of X lies between 0.83 and 0.84 . [3]

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- Using this sample, an approximate 95% confidence interval for the population mean of the widths in centimetres was found to be $[3.01, 3.23]$.

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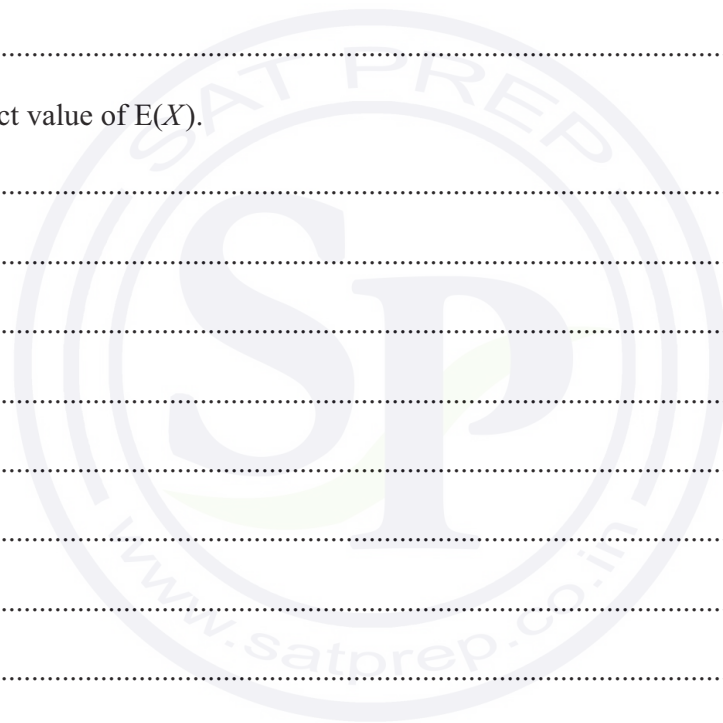
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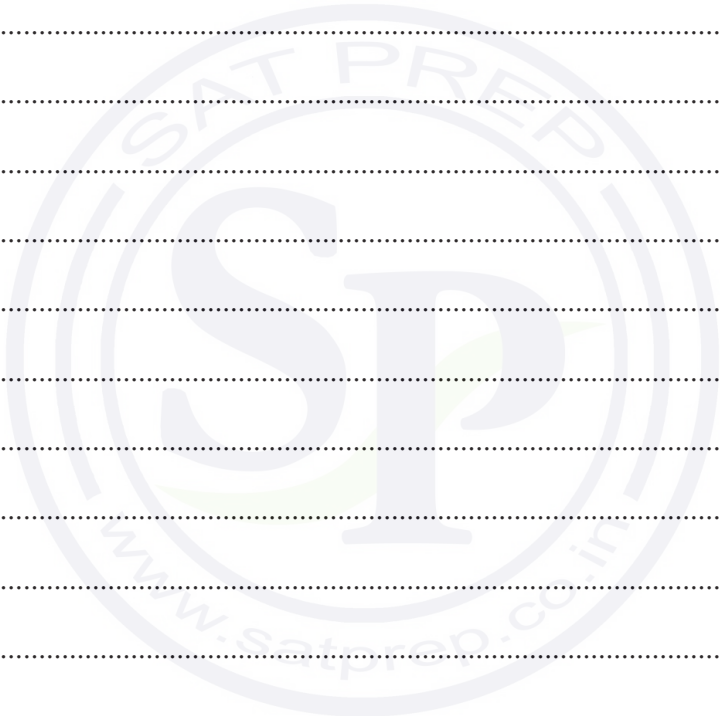




6 The numbers of green sweets in 200 randomly chosen packets of Frutos are summarised in the table.

Number of green sweets	0	1	2	3	> 3
Number of packets	32	50	97	21	0

- (a) Calculate an unbiased estimate for the population mean of the number of green sweets in a packet of Frutos, and show that an unbiased estimate of the population variance is 0.783 correct to 3 significant figures. [3]



The manufacturers of Frutos claim that the mean number of green sweets in a packet is 1.65 .

Anji believes that the true value of the mean, μ , is less than 1.65 . She uses the results from the 200 randomly chosen packets to test the manufacturers' claim.

- (b) State suitable null and alternative hypotheses for the test. [1]

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Explain how this shows that the significance level that Anji used in her test was not 1%.

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(a) Find $P(X + Y < 4)$. [3]

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$$n = 100 \qquad \Sigma x = 36.8 \qquad \Sigma x^2 = 17.34$$

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- (b)** State a necessary condition for the estimates found in part **(a)** to be reliable. [1]

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(c) It is given that the values of $P(G = r)$ and $P(B = r)$ for $r \geq 3$ are very small and can be ignored.

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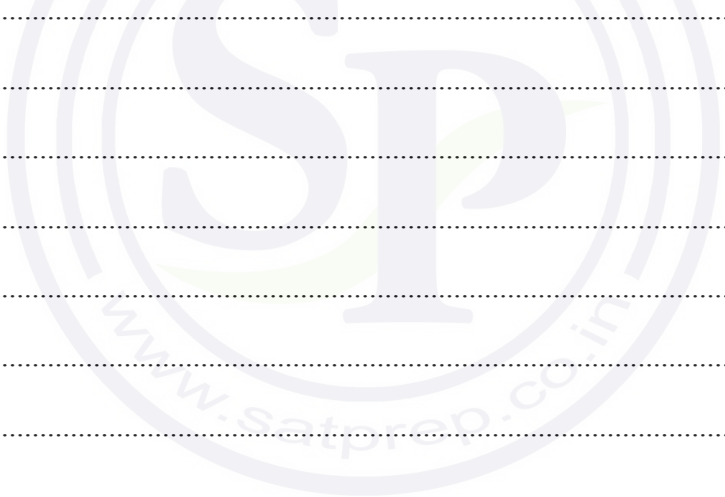
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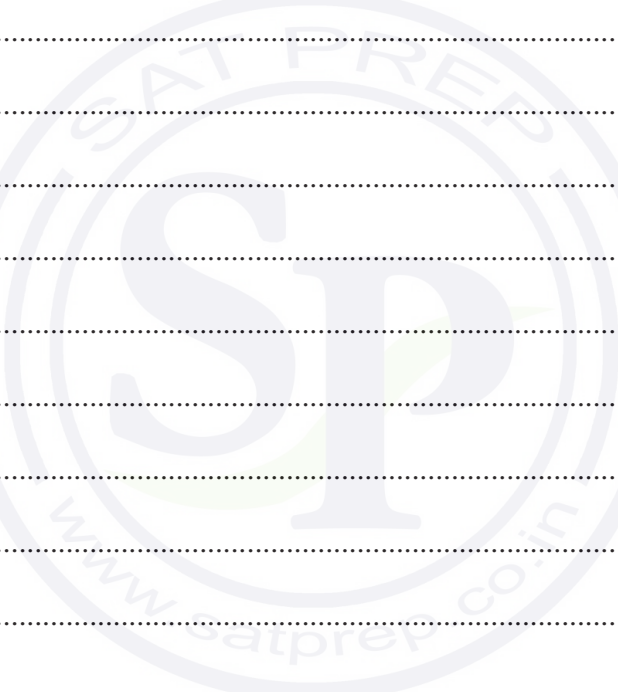
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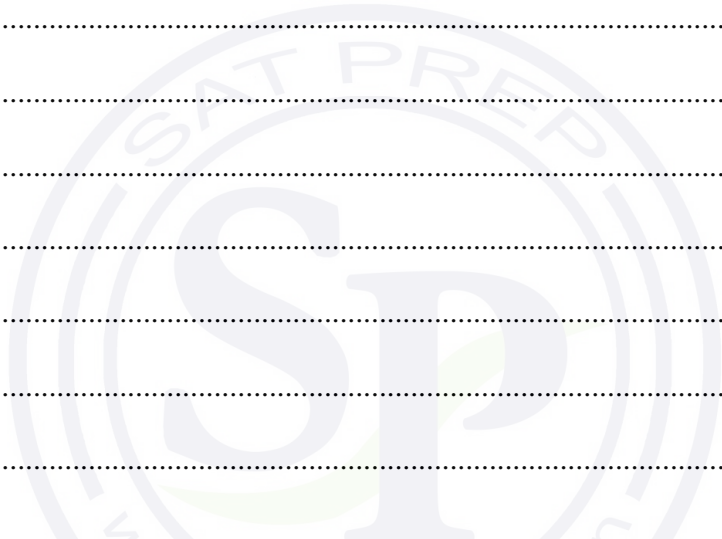
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- 2 The length, in minutes, of mathematics lectures at a certain college has mean μ and standard deviation 8.3.

(a) The total length of a random sample of 85 lectures was 4590 minutes.

Calculate a 95% confidence interval for μ . [3]

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The length, in minutes, of history lectures at the college has mean m and standard deviation s .

- (b) Using a random sample of 100 history lectures, a 95% confidence interval for m was found to have width 2.8 minutes.

Find the value of s . [2]

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- The researcher disagrees with this claim. She believes that boys of this age are equally likely to choose either colour. In order to test her belief, the researcher carried out a hypothesis test at the 5% significance level. She offered a green cube and an orange cube to each of 10 randomly chosen boys aged 1 to 3, and recorded the number, X , of boys who chose the green cube.

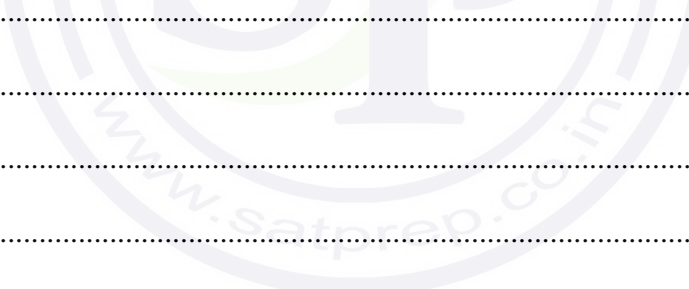
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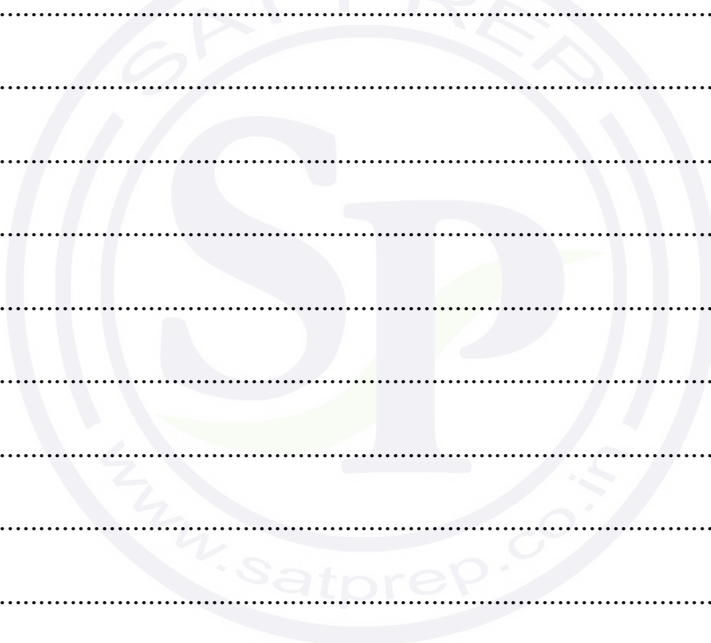
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- 4 The height H , in metres, of mature trees of a certain variety is normally distributed with standard deviation 0.67. In order to test whether the population mean of H is greater than 4.23, the heights of a random sample of 200 trees are measured.

(a) Write down suitable null and alternative hypotheses for the test. [1]

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The sample mean height, $\bar{h}$ metres, of the 200 trees is found and the test is carried out. The result of the test is to reject the null hypothesis at the 5% significance level.

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Explain whether you agree with Ajit. [1]

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where a and b are positive constants.

- (a)** It is given that $E(X) = \ln 2$.

Show that $b = 2a$.

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(b) Show that $a = \frac{1}{2}$.

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(c) Find the median of X .

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- Dried yeast costs \$13.50 per kilogram and flour costs \$0.90 per kilogram. For making one batch of bread the total of all other costs is \$55. The factory sells each batch of bread for \$200.

Find the probability that the profit made on one randomly chosen batch of bread is greater than \$40. [7]

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(a) Find $P(2 \leq X < 4)$.

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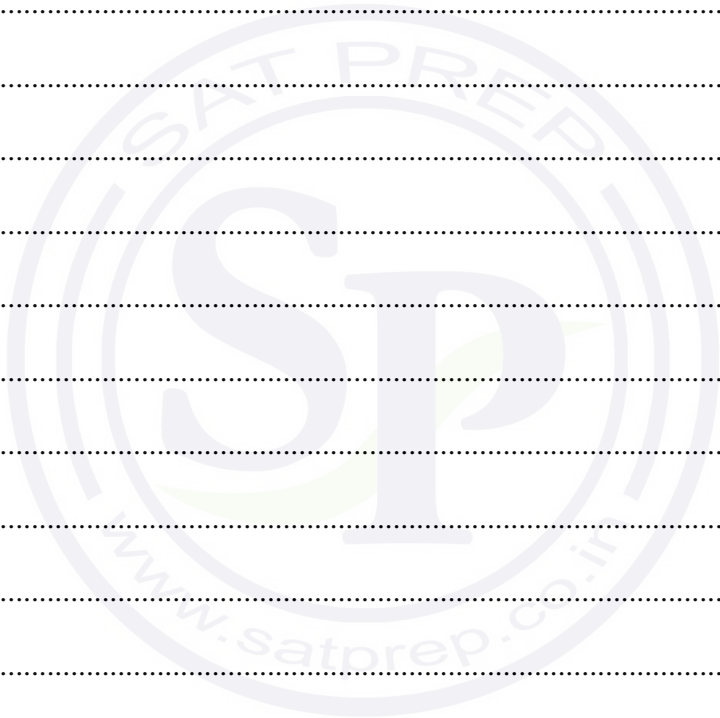
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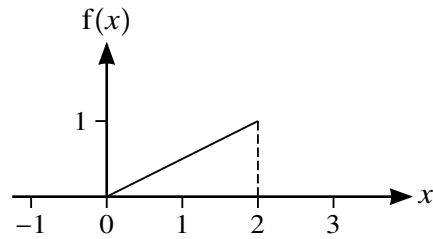
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The graph of the function f is a straight line segment from $(0, 0)$ to $(2, 1)$.

Show that f could be a probability density function.

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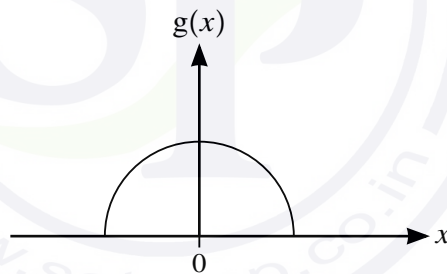
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The graph of the function g is a semicircle, centre $(0, 0)$, entirely above the x -axis.

Given that g is a probability density function, find the radius of the semicircle.

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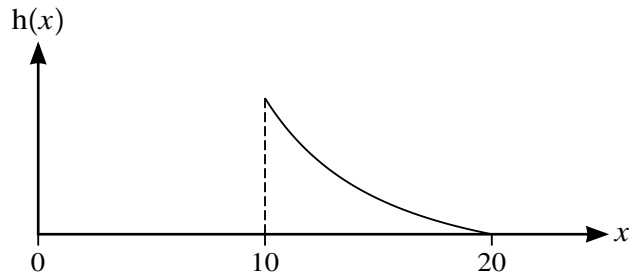
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The time, X minutes, taken by a large number of students to complete a test has probability density function h , as shown in the diagram.

- (i) Without calculation, use the diagram to explain how you can tell that the median time is less than 15 minutes. [1]

[illegible]

It is now given that

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{40}{x^2} - \frac{1}{10} & 10 \leq x \leq 20, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

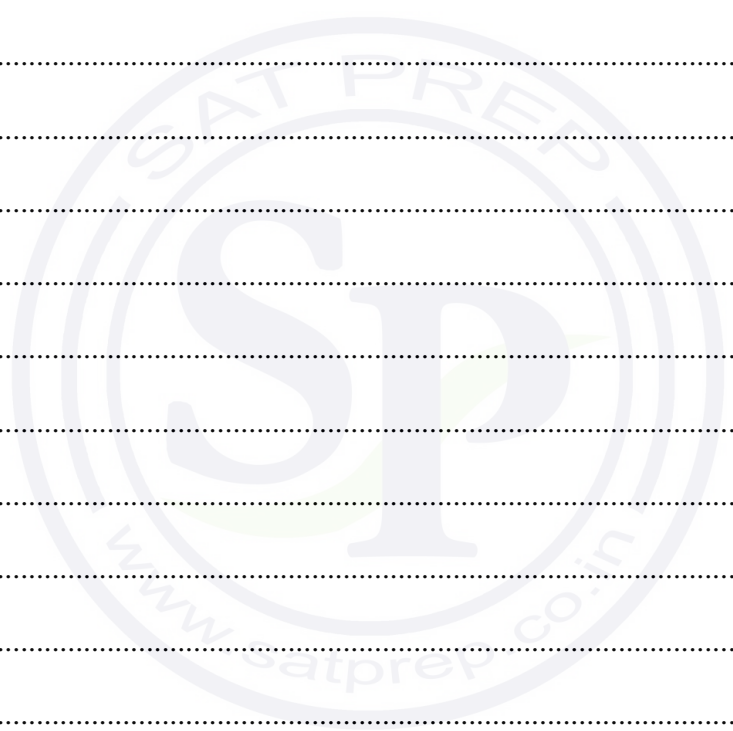
- (ii) Find the mean time. [3]

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- 3** In the past, the annual amount of wheat produced per farm by a large number of similar sized farms in a certain region had mean 24.0 tonnes and standard deviation 5.2 tonnes. Last summer a new fertiliser was used by all the farms, and it was expected that the mean amount of wheat produced per farm would be greater than 24.0 tonnes. In order to test whether this was true, a scientist recorded the amounts of wheat produced by a random sample of 50 farms last summer. He found that the value of the sample mean was 25.8 tonnes.

Stating a necessary assumption, carry out the test at the 1% significance level.

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- 4** A certain train journey takes place every day throughout the year. The time taken, in minutes, for the journey is normally distributed with variance 11.2.

- (a) The mean time for a random sample of n of these journeys was found. A 94% confidence interval for the population mean time was calculated and was found to have a width of 1.4076 minutes, correct to 4 decimal places.

Find the value of n .

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- (b) A passenger noted the times for 50 randomly chosen journeys in January, February and March.

Give a reason why this sample is unsuitable for use in finding a confidence interval for the population mean time.

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- (c) A researcher took 4 random samples and a 94% confidence interval for the population mean was found from each sample.

Find the probability that exactly 3 of these confidence intervals contain the true value of the population mean.

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- 5** Large packets of rice are packed in cartons, each containing 20 randomly chosen packets. The masses of these packets are normally distributed with mean 1010 g and standard deviation 3.4 g. The masses of the cartons, when empty, are independently normally distributed with mean 50 g and standard deviation 2.0 g.

(a) Find the variance of the masses of full cartons. [2]

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Small packets of rice are packed in boxes. The total masses of full boxes are normally distributed with mean 6730 g and standard deviation 15.0 g. The masses of the boxes and cartons are distributed independently of each other.

(b) Find the probability that the mass of a randomly chosen full carton is more than three times the mass of a randomly chosen full box. [5]

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- where $a > 0$.

Given that an unbiased estimate of the variance of X calculated from this sample is $\frac{11}{2}$, find the value of a . [3]

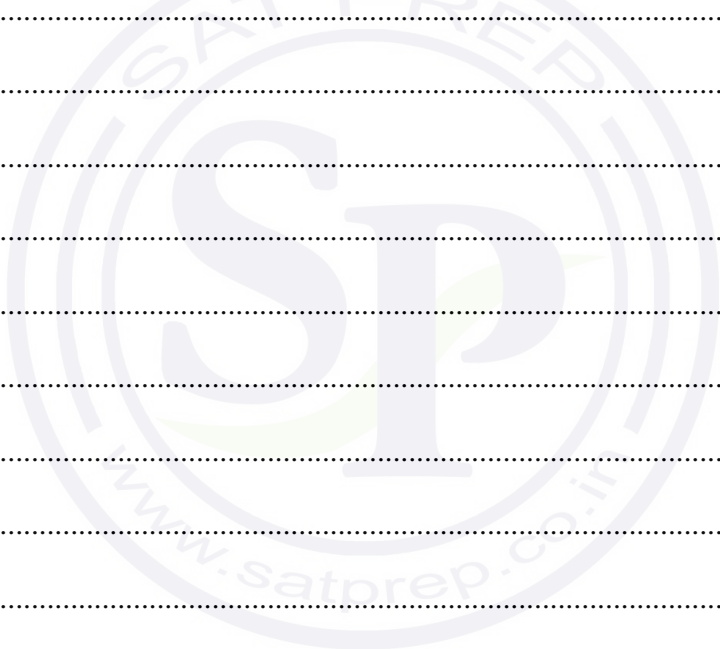
- (a) State suitable null and alternative hypotheses for the test. [1]

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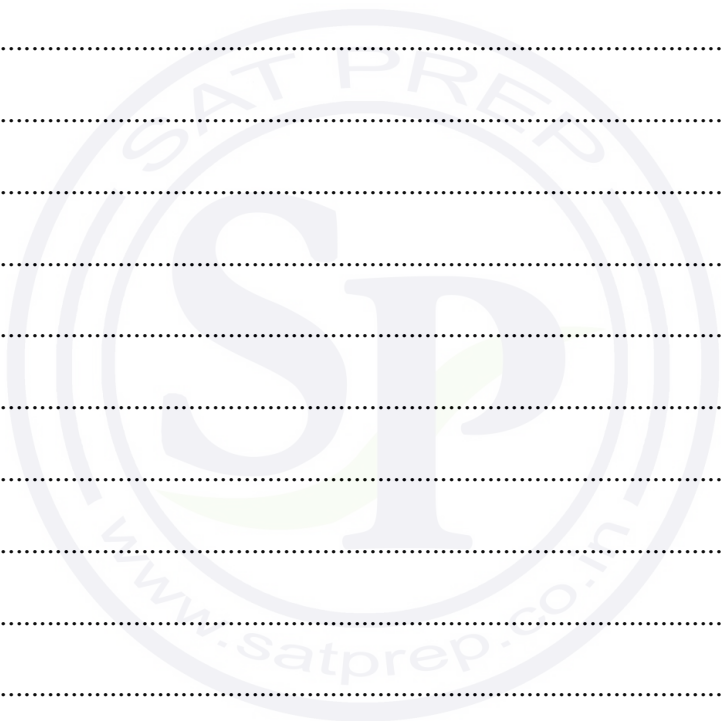
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- State the conclusion that the manager should reach. Give a reason for your answer. [2]

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- 1 In a survey of 200 randomly chosen students from a certain college, 23% of the students said that they owned a car.

Calculate an approximate 93% confidence interval for the proportion of students from the college who own a car. [3]

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- (b) The random variable X has the distribution $B(n, p)$. Jyothi wishes to use a Poisson distribution as an approximate distribution for X .

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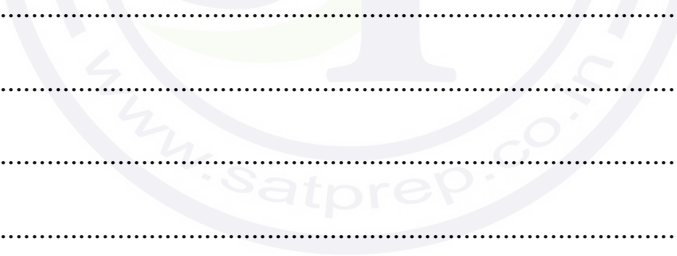
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- 3 The masses, in kilograms, of newborn babies in country A are represented by the random variable X , with mean μ and variance σ^2 . The masses of a random sample of 500 newborn babies in this country were found and the results are summarised below.

$$n = 500 \quad \Sigma x = 1625 \quad \Sigma x^2 = 5663.5$$

- (a) Calculate unbiased estimates of μ and σ^2 . [3]

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A researcher wishes to test whether the mean mass of newborn babies in a neighbouring country, B , is different from that in country A . He chooses a random sample of 60 newborn babies in country B and finds that their sample mean mass is 2.95 kg.

Assume that your unbiased estimates in part (a) are the correct values for μ and σ^2 . Assume also that the variance of the masses of newborn babies in country B is the same as in country A .

(b) Carry out the test at the 1% significance level. [5]

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- (a)** State, in context, one condition for X to be modelled by a Poisson distribution. [1]

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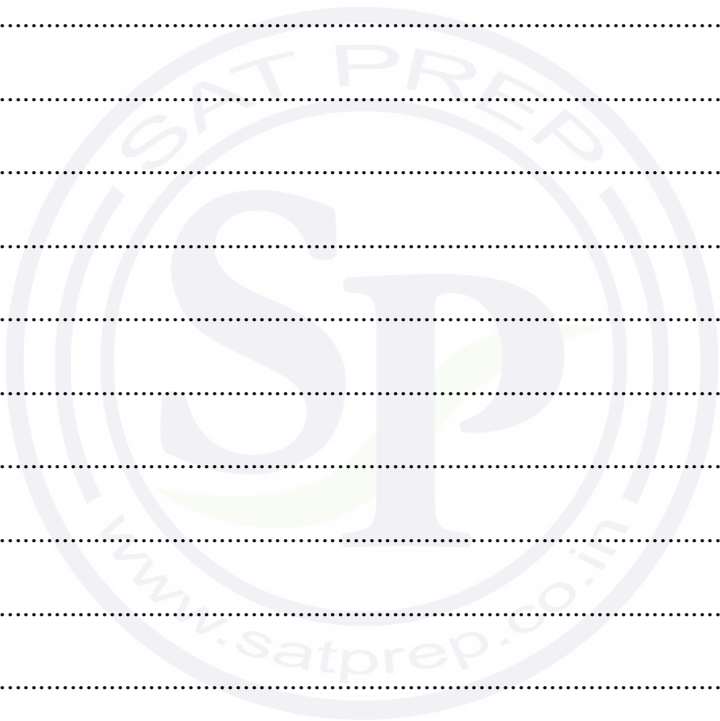
Use the normal approximating distribution to find the probability that the number of successes is less than 10 in a 30-day period.

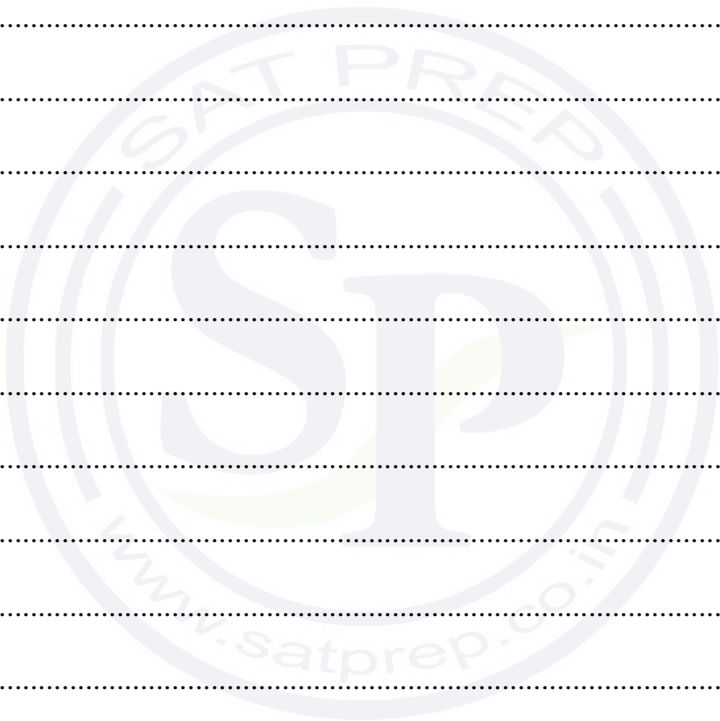
- (b) Find the probability that exactly 10 books are received in a 3-day period. [2]

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- (c) Use a suitable approximating distribution to find the probability that more than 180 books are received in a 30-day period. [4]



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- 5** (a) Two random variables X and Y have the independent distributions $N(7, 3)$ and $N(6, 2)$ respectively. A random value of each variable is taken.

Find the probability that the two values differ by more than 2.

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- (i)** A pass is awarded to candidates whose overall score is at least 90.

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- 6 When a child completes an online exercise called a Mathlit, they might be awarded a medal. The publishers claim that the probability that a randomly chosen child who completes a Mathlit will be awarded a medal is $\frac{1}{3}$. Asha wishes to test this claim. She decides that if she is awarded no medals while completing 10 Mathlits, she will conclude that the true probability is less than $\frac{1}{3}$.

(a) Use a binomial distribution to find the probability of a Type I error. [2]

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The true probability of being awarded a medal is denoted by p .

(b) Given that the probability of a Type II error is 0.8926, find the value of p . [3]

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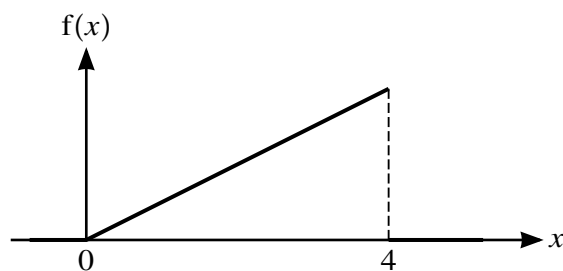
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7 (a)



The diagram shows the graph of the probability density function, f , of a random variable X which takes values between 0 and 4 only. Between these two values the graph is a straight line.

- (i) Show that $f(x) = kx$ for $0 \leq x \leq 4$, where k is a constant to be determined. [2]

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- (ii) Hence, or otherwise, find $E(X)$. [3]

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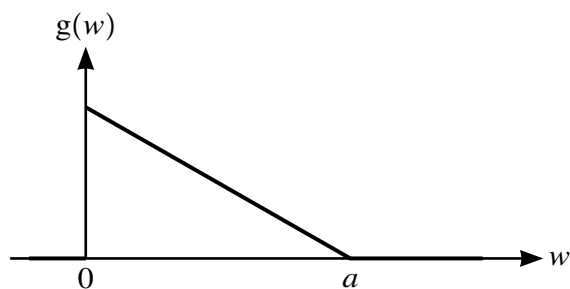
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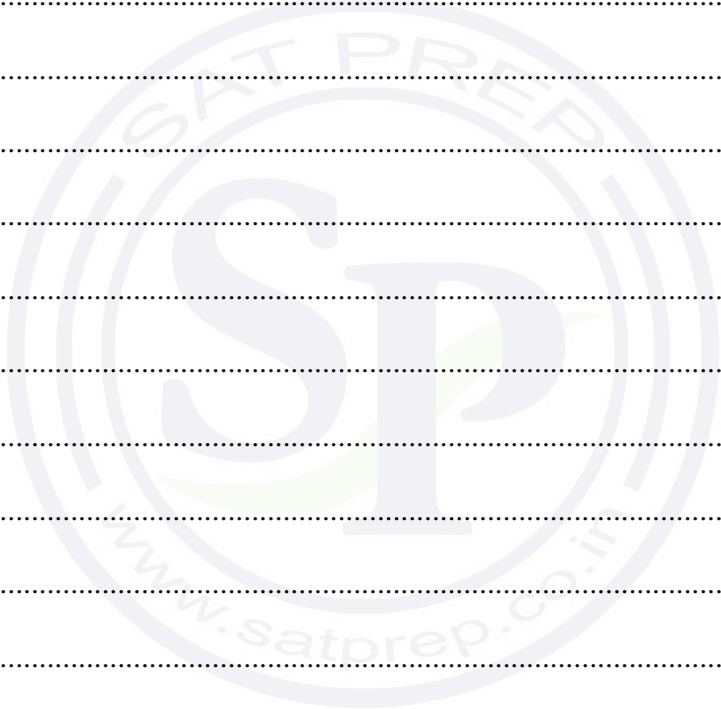
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Given that the median of W is 1, find the value of a . [3]

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- Find
- $E(X)$
- . [3]

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

Find $E(X)$.

[3]

- 2 A club has 264 members, numbered from 1 to 264. Donash wants to choose a random sample of members for a survey. In order to choose the members for the sample he uses his calculator to generate random digits. His first 20 random digits are as follows.

10612 11801 21473 22759

- (a) The numbers of the first two members in the sample are 106 and 121.

Write down the numbers of the next two members in the sample.

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- (b) To obtain the numbers for members after the 4th member, Donash starts with the second random digit, 0, and obtains the numbers 061 and 211.

Explain why this method will not produce a random sample.

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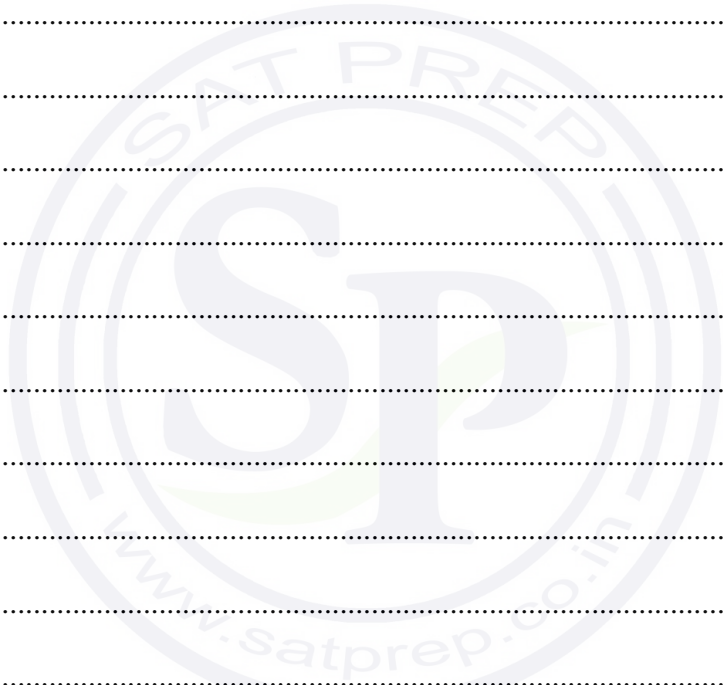
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- (a) Find the two possible values of x . [4]

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(b) Find the probability that neither of the two confidence intervals contains the true value of p . [1]

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- 4 The mass, in tonnes, of steel produced per day at a factory is normally distributed with mean 65.2 and standard deviation 3.6. It can be assumed that the mass of steel produced each day is independent of other days. The factory makes \$50 profit on each tonne of steel produced.

Find the probability that the total profit made in a randomly chosen 7-day week is less than \$22 000.

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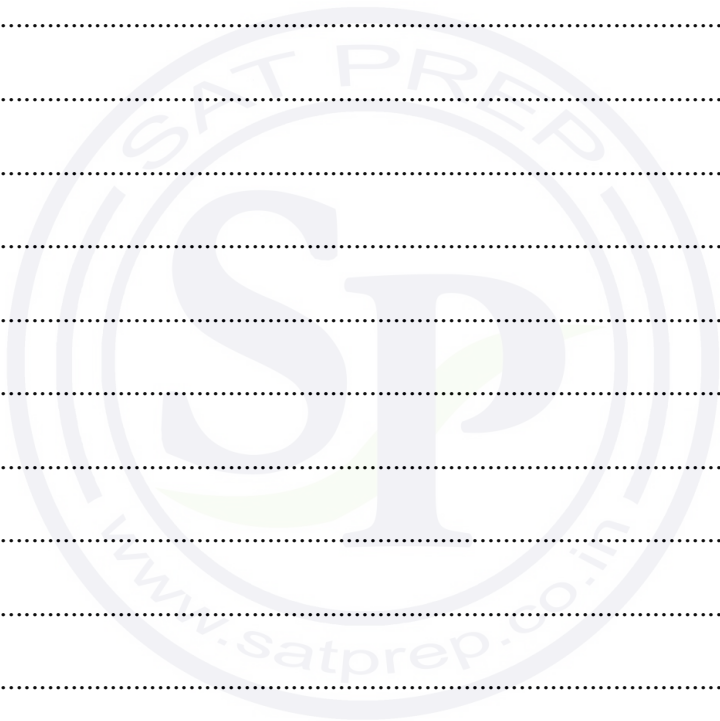
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- 5 Last year the mean time for pizza deliveries from Pete's Pizza Pit was 32.4 minutes. This year the time, t minutes, for pizza deliveries from Pete's Pizza Pit was recorded for a random sample of 50 deliveries. The results were as follows.

$$n = 50 \qquad \Sigma t = 1700 \qquad \Sigma t^2 = 59\,050$$

- (a) Find unbiased estimates of the population mean and variance. [3]

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- (b) Test, at the 2% significance level, whether the mean delivery time has changed since last year. [5]

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- (c) Under what circumstances would it **not** be necessary to use the Central Limit Theorem in answering (b)? [1]

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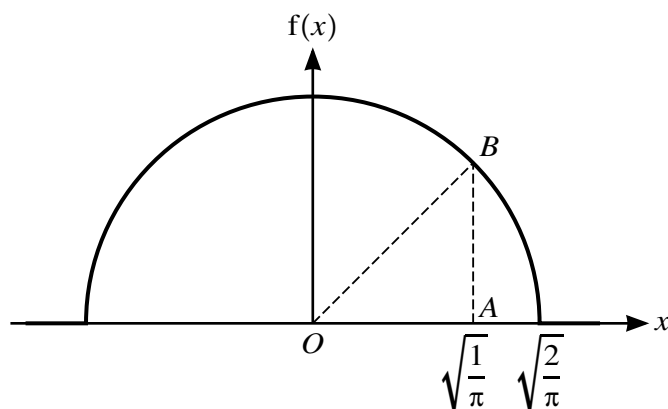
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- (a) Use an appropriate approximating distribution to find $P(X \leq 3)$. [3]

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A random variable X has probability density function f , where the graph of $y = f(x)$ is a semicircle with centre $(0, 0)$ and radius $\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}}$, entirely above the x -axis. Elsewhere $f(x) = 0$ (see diagram).

- (a) Verify that f can be a probability density function. [2]

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A and B are the points where the line $x = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\pi}}$ meets the x -axis and the semicircle respectively.

- (b) Show that angle AOB is $\frac{1}{4}\pi$ radians and hence find $P\left(X > \sqrt{\frac{1}{\pi}}\right)$. [6]

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- 8 A new light was installed on a certain footpath. A town councillor decided to use a hypothesis test to investigate whether the number of people using the path in the evening had increased.

Before the light was installed, the mean number of people using the path during any 20-minute period during the evening was 1.01.

After the light was installed, the total number, n , of people using the path during 3 randomly chosen 20-minute periods during the evening was noted.

- (a) Given that the value of n was 6, use a Poisson distribution to carry out the test at the 5% significance level. [6]

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- (c) State what is meant by a Type I error in this context. [1]

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- 2 The number of orders arriving at a shop during an 8-hour working day is modelled by the random variable X with distribution $Po(25.2)$.

(a) State **two** assumptions that are required for the Poisson model to be valid in this context. [2]

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(b) (i) Find the probability that the number of orders that arrive in a randomly chosen 3-hour period is between 3 and 5 inclusive. [3]

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(ii) Find the probability that, in two randomly chosen 1-hour periods, exactly 1 order will arrive in one of the 1-hour periods, and at least 2 orders will arrive in the other 1-hour period. [4]

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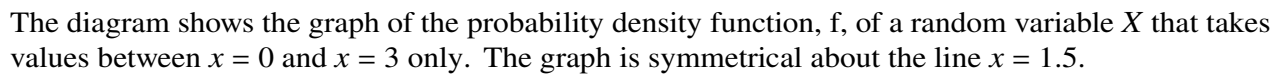
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- Use a suitable approximating distribution to find the probability that, in a randomly chosen 36-hour period, there will be too many orders for the shop to deal with. [4]

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- Find $P(0.6 < X < 1.8)$ in terms of a and b .



(b) It is now given that the equation of the probability density function of X is

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

where k is a constant.

(i) Show that $k = \frac{10}{81}$. [3]

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(ii) Find $\text{Var}(X)$. [3]

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- 4** The number of accidents per 3-month period on a certain road has the distribution $\text{Po}(\lambda)$. In the past the value of λ has been 5.7. Following some changes to the road, the council carries out a hypothesis test to determine whether the value of λ has decreased. If there are fewer than 3 accidents in a randomly chosen 3-month period, the council will conclude that the value of λ has decreased.

(a) Find the probability of a Type I error.

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(b) Find the probability of a Type II error if the mean number of accidents per 3-month period is now actually 0.9. [3]

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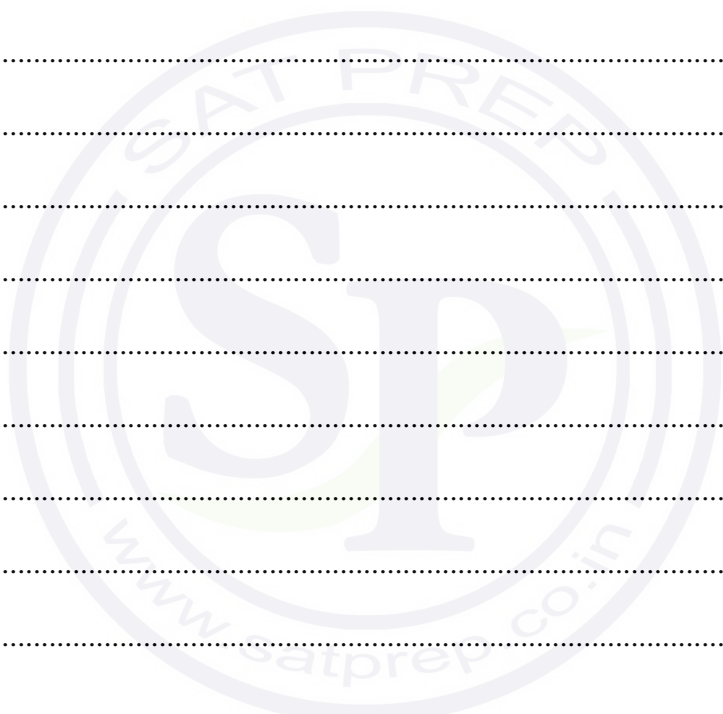
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(b) Find the probability that a randomly chosen box contains packets with a total mass of more than 4080 grams. [6]

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- 6 Last year, the mean time taken by students at a school to complete a certain test was 25 minutes. Akash believes that the mean time taken by this year's students was less than 25 minutes. In order to test this belief, he takes a large random sample of this year's students and he notes the time taken by each student. He carries out a test, at the 2.5% significance level, for the population mean time, μ minutes. Akash uses the null hypothesis $H_0: \mu = 25$.

- (a) Give a reason why Akash should use a one-tailed test. [1]

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Akash finds that the value of the test statistic is $z = -2.02$.

- (b) Explain what conclusion he should draw. [2]

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In a different one-tailed hypothesis test the z -value was found to be 2.14.

- (c) Given that this value would lead to a rejection of the null hypothesis at the $\alpha\%$ significance level, find the set of possible values of α . [3]

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(d) Find the value of m . [3]

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(b) Use a binomial distribution to find the largest value of r that lies in the rejection region for the test at the 5% significance level. [3]

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- (a) The masses of size A stones have standard deviation 6 grams. The mean mass of a random sample of 200 size A stones is 45 grams.

Find a 95% confidence interval for the population mean mass of size A stones. [3]

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- (b) The masses of size B stones have standard deviation 11 grams. Using a random sample of size 200, an $\alpha\%$ confidence interval for the population mean mass is found to have width 4 grams.

Find α . [4]

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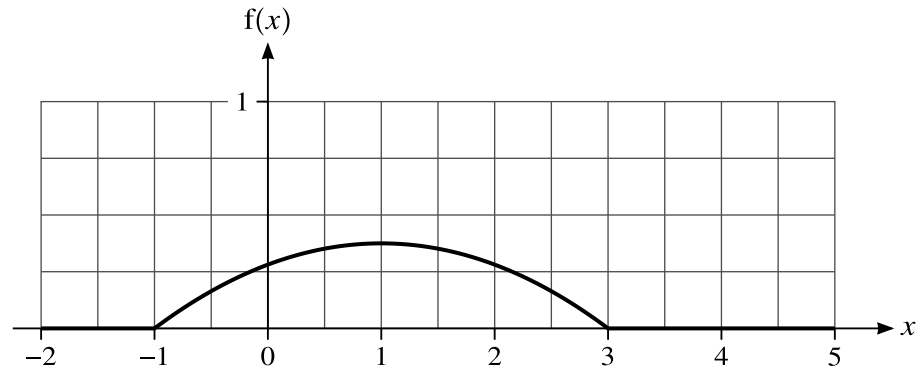
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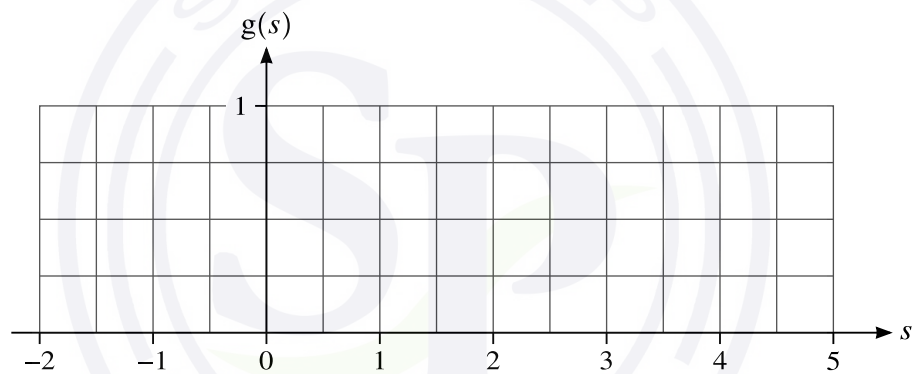
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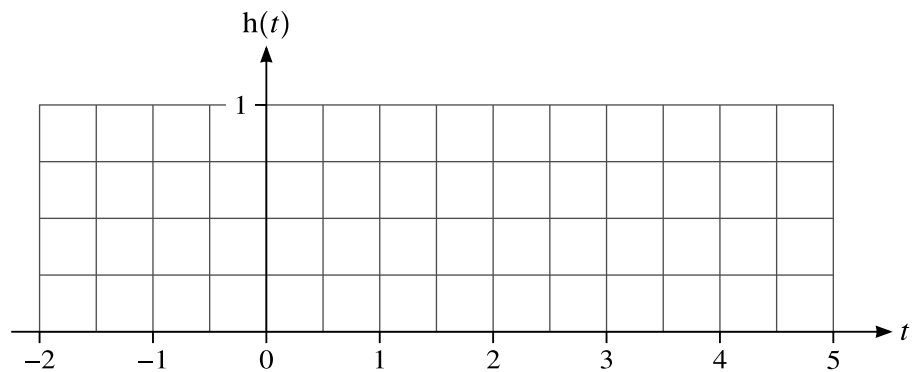
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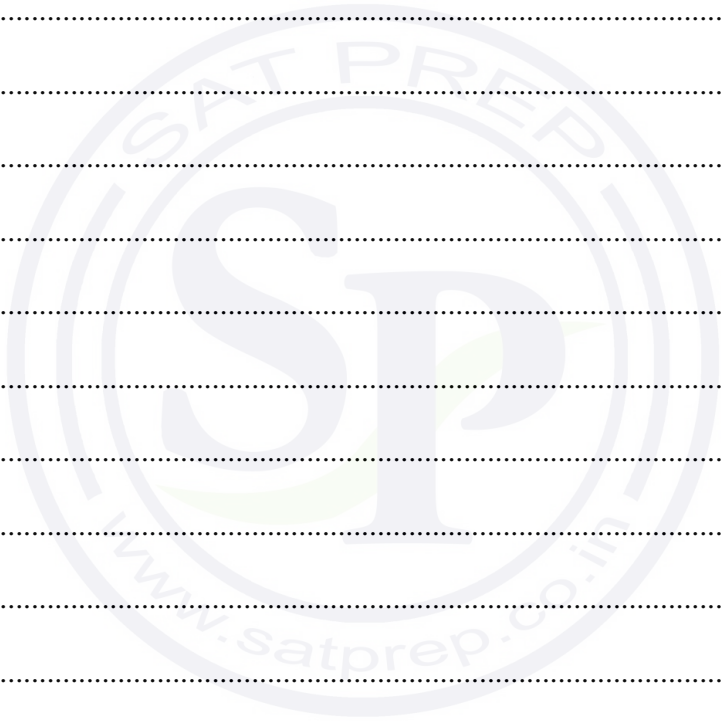
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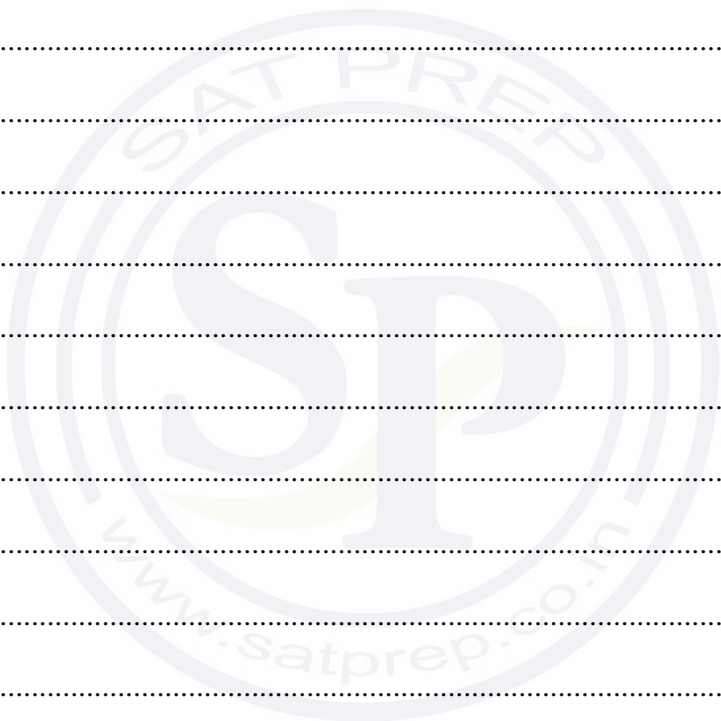
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(b) Given that the population mean is now 31.5, find the probability of a Type II error. [5]





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- 1 Each of a random sample of 80 adults gave an estimate, h metres, of the height of a particular building. The results were summarised as follows.

$$n = 80 \quad \Sigma h = 2048 \quad \Sigma h^2 = 52\,760$$

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

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- (b) Using this sample, the upper boundary of an $\alpha\%$ confidence interval for the population mean is 26.0.

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- Assuming that the standard deviation remains at 2.6 cm, carry out a test at the 2% significance level of whether the mean length has decreased. [5]

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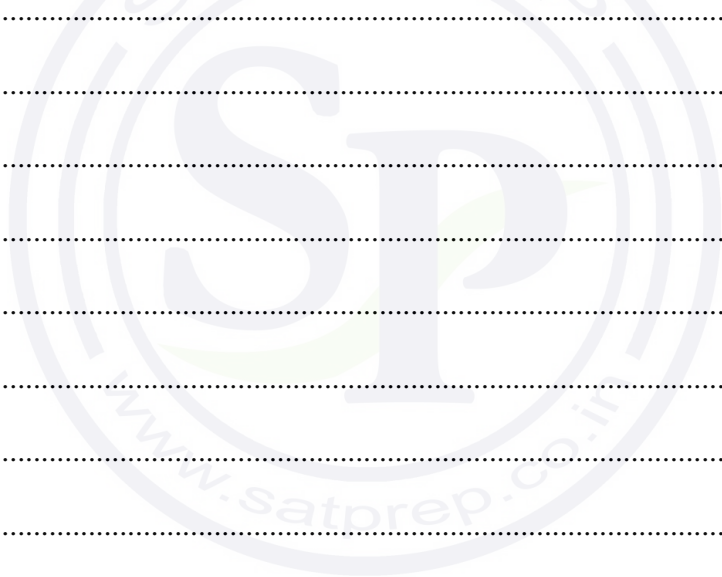
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Exactly 3 faults are found in the randomly selected 30 m^2 of cloth.

- (c) Carry out the test at the 5% significance level. [2]

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Later a similar test was carried out at the 5% significance level, using another randomly selected 30 m^2 of cloth.

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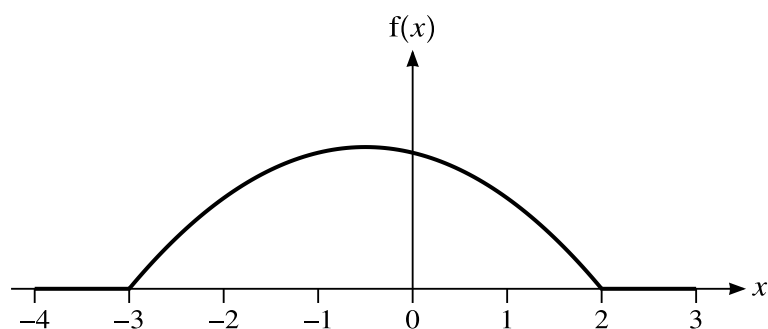
- 5** X is a random variable with distribution $B(10, 0.2)$. A random sample of 160 values of X is taken.

(a) Find the approximate distribution of the sample mean, including the values of the parameters. [3]

(b) Hence find the probability that the sample mean is less than 1.8. [3]

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- (b) It is now given that the probability density function shown in the diagram is given by

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

where a and b are positive constants.

- (i) Show that $30a - 55b = 6$. [3]

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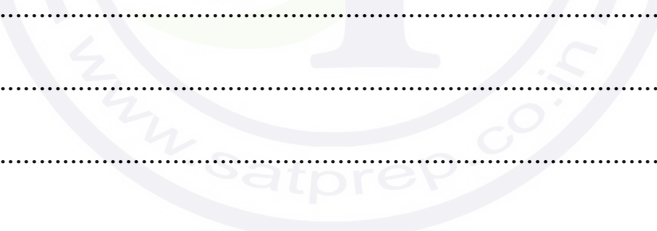
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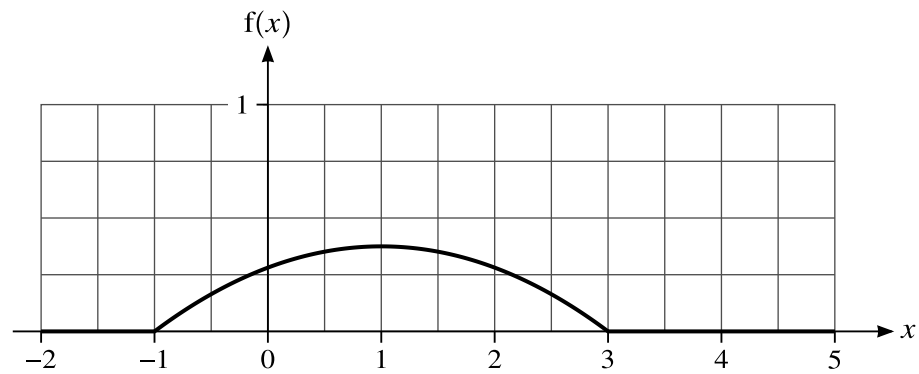
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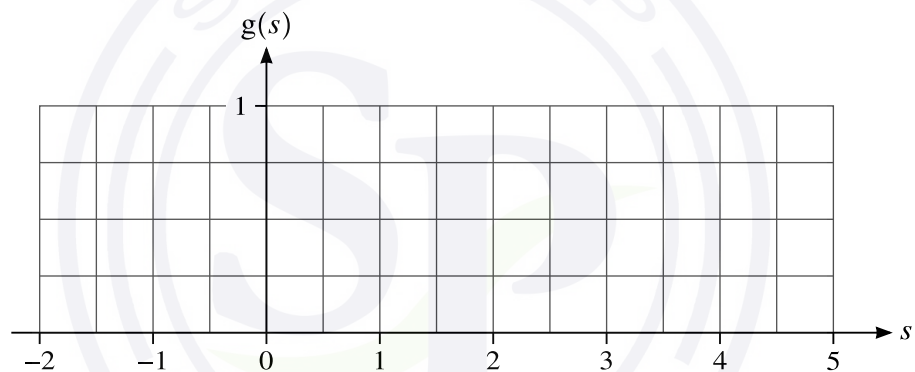
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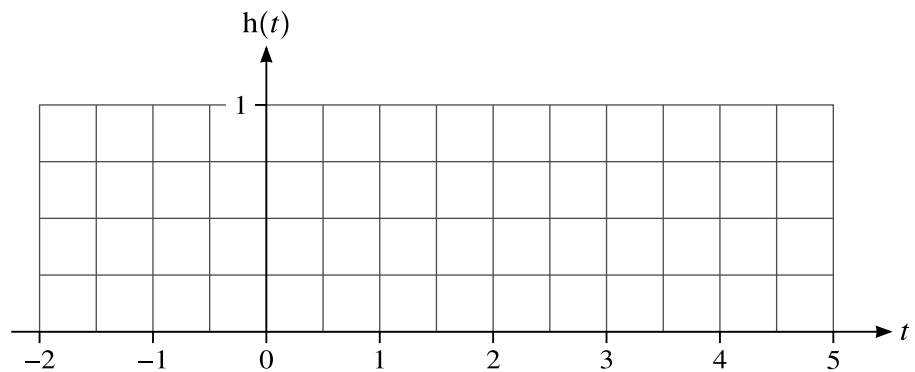
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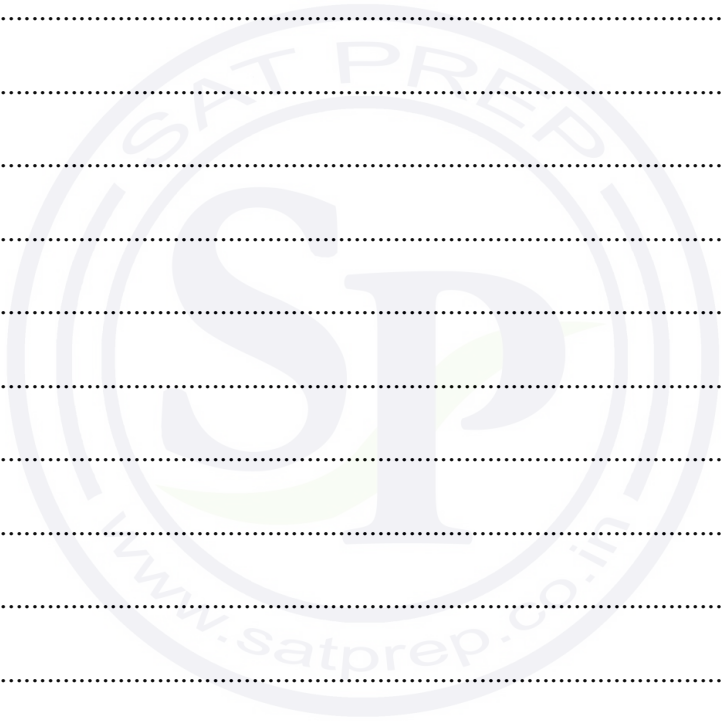
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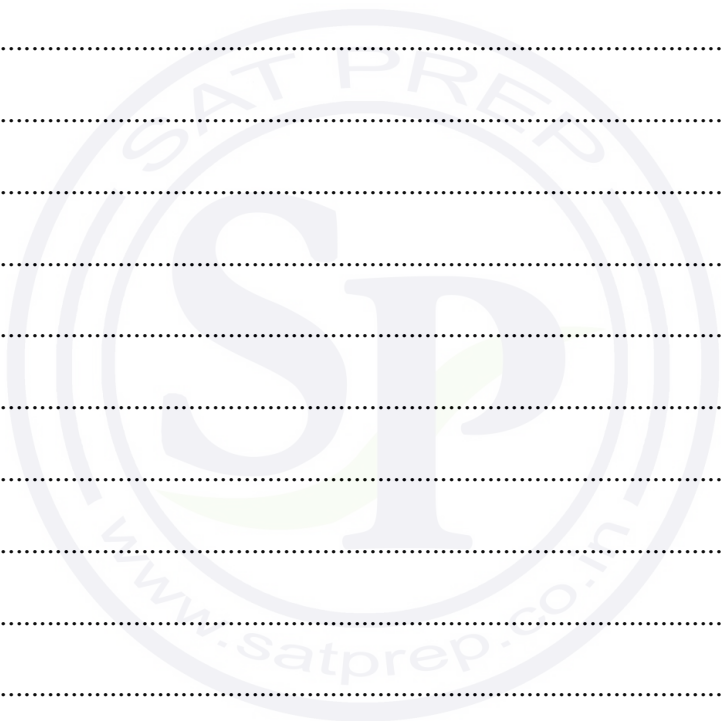
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- (a) Calculate a 95% confidence interval for the population mean diameter. [6]

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- How many of these 40 confidence intervals would be expected to include the true value of the population mean diameter? [1]

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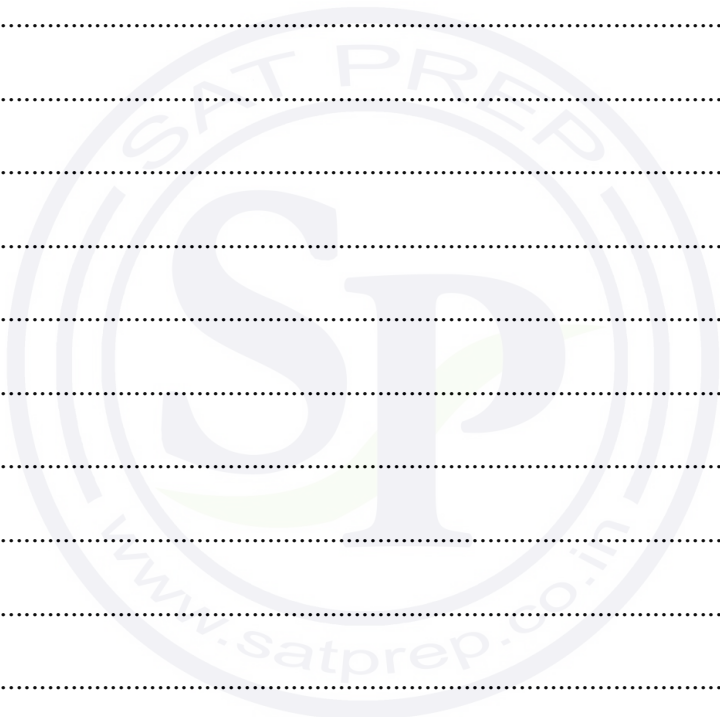
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- Test Arvind's claim at the 10% significance level. [5]

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- 3 The lengths, in centimetres, of two types of insect, A and B , are modelled by the random variables $X \sim N(6.2, 0.36)$ and $Y \sim N(2.4, 0.25)$ respectively.

Find the probability that the length of a randomly chosen type A insect is greater than the sum of the lengths of 3 randomly chosen type B insects. [5]

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- 4 The independent random variables X and Y have distributions $\text{Po}(2)$ and $\text{B}(20, \frac{1}{4})$ respectively.

(a) Find the mean and standard deviation of $X - 3Y$.

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(b) Find $P(Y = 15X)$.

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5 Cars arrive at a fuel station at random and at a constant average rate of 13.5 per hour.

- (a)** Find the probability that more than 4 cars arrive during a 20-minute period. [3]

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- (b)** Use an approximating distribution to find the probability that the number of cars that arrive during a 12-hour period is between 150 and 160 inclusive. [4]

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- 6** A random variable X has probability density function f . The graph of $f(x)$ is a straight line segment parallel to the x -axis from $x = 0$ to $x = a$, where a is a positive constant.

(a) State, in terms of a , the median of X . [1]

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(b) Find $P(X > \frac{3}{4}a)$. [1]

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(c) Show that $\text{Var}(X) = \frac{1}{12}a^2$. [5]

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- (d) Given that $P(X < b) = p$, where $0 < b < \frac{1}{2}a$, find $P(\frac{1}{3}b < X < a - \frac{1}{3}b)$ in terms of p . [2]

- 7 In the past, the mean time for Jenny's morning run was 28.2 minutes. She does some extra training and she wishes to test whether her mean time has been reduced. After the training Jenny takes a random sample of 40 morning runs. She decides that if the sample mean run time is less than 27 minutes she will conclude that the training has been effective. You may assume that, after the training, Jenny's run time has a standard deviation of 4.0 minutes.

- (a) State suitable null and alternative hypotheses for Jenny's test. [1]

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- (b) Find the probability that Jenny will make a Type I error. [3]

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- (c) Jenny found that the sample mean run time was 27.2 minutes.

Explain briefly whether it is possible for her to make a Type I error or a Type II error or both. [2]

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- Find a 92% confidence interval for the population mean length of throws by this athlete. [3]

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- Comment on this method. [1]

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- Carry out a test at the 2.5% significance level of whether the mean height of plants treated with fertiliser is greater than 2.3 m. [5]

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- (a) Use a suitable approximating distribution to find the probability that there are fewer than 3 children in the sample who have not been vaccinated against measles. [4]

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- (b) Justify your approximating distribution. [2]

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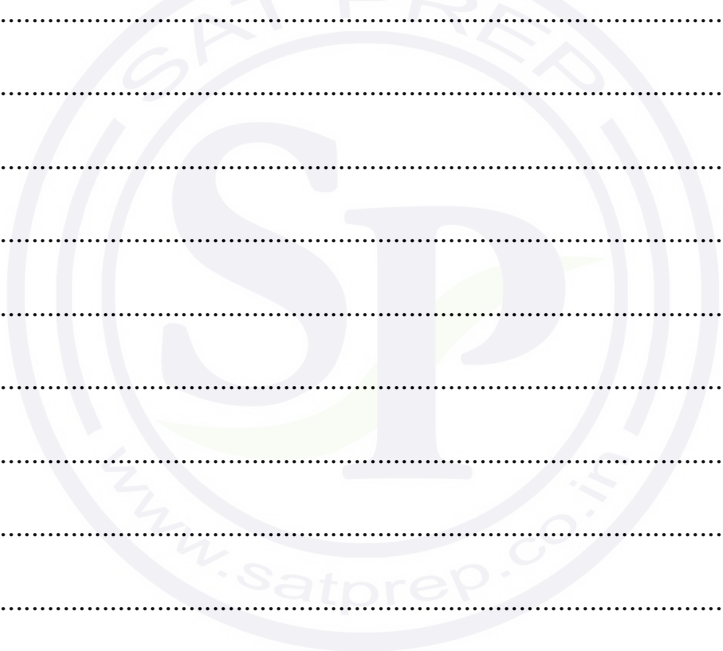
- (a) State suitable null and alternative hypotheses for the test. [1]

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(c) Carry out the test. [2]

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(e) Use a suitable approximating distribution to find the probability that more than 300 cars will arrive at this junction in an hour. [3]

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- 5 A random variable X has probability density function given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{3}{16}(4x - x^2) & 2 \leq x \leq 4, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Show that $E(X) = \frac{11}{4}$. [3]

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- (b) Find $\text{Var}(X)$. [3]

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- (b)** A lift can safely carry a maximum mass of 1000 kg.

Find the probability that the lift can safely carry 12 randomly chosen large sacks and 25 randomly chosen small sacks. [5]



- 7 X is a random variable with distribution $\text{Po}(2.90)$. A random sample of 100 values of X is taken.

Find the probability that the sample mean is less than 2.88.

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Paper 6 Probability & Statistics 2

May/June 2022

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- Find the probability that the mean number of characters in a random sample of 100 emails sent by the company is more than 1300. [3]

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- 2 Anton believes that 10% of students at his college are left-handed. Aliya believes that this is an underestimate. She plans to carry out a hypothesis test of the null hypothesis $p = 0.1$ against the alternative hypothesis $p > 0.1$, where p is the actual proportion of students at the college that are left-handed. She chooses a random sample of 20 students from the college. She will reject the null hypothesis if at least 5 of these students are left-handed.

- (a) Explain what is meant by a Type I error in this context. [1]

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- (b) Find the probability of a Type I error in the test. [3]

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- (c) Given that the true value of p is 0.3, find the probability of a Type II error in the test. [2]

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- (a) Give a reason for using a sample rather than the whole population in carrying out this test. [1]

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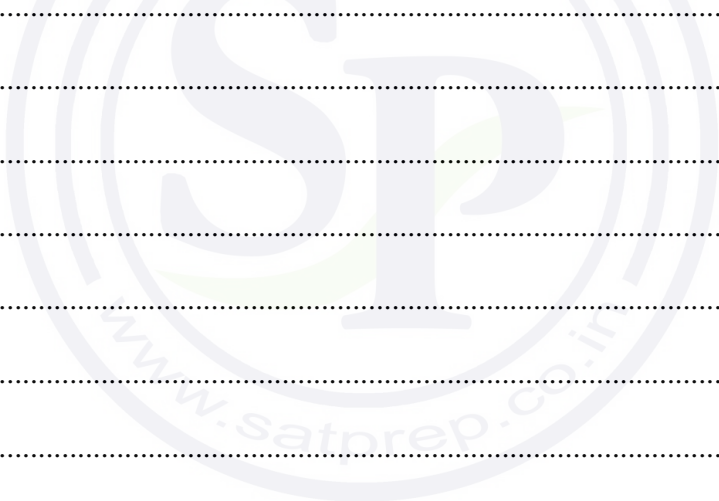
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(b) Test, at the 2% significance level, whether type *B* batteries have a shorter mean life than type *A* batteries. [5]



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- (b) Find the probability that the weight of seeds in the box is less than 1.4 times the weight of raisins in the box. [5]

- 5** The number of clients who arrive at an information desk has a Poisson distribution with mean 2.2 per 5-minute period.

- (a) Find the probability that, in a randomly chosen 15-minute period, exactly 6 clients arrive at the desk. [3]

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- (b) If more than 4 clients arrive during a 5-minute period, they cannot all be served.

Find the probability that, during a randomly chosen 5-minute period, not all the clients who arrive at the desk can be served. [2]

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(a) Find an expression, in terms of a , for the mean of these values. [1]

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It is given that an unbiased estimate of the population variance of X , using these values, is 4. It is also given that a is positive.

(b) Find and simplify a quadratic equation in terms of a and hence find the value of a . [3]

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- 7 The random variables X and W have probability density functions f and g defined as follows:

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

$$g(w) = \begin{cases} q(a^2 - w^2) & -a \leq w \leq a, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where a , p and q are constants.

- (a) (i) Write down the value of $P(X \geq 0)$. [1]

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- (ii) Write down the value of $P(W \geq 0)$. [1]

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- (iii) Write down an expression for q in terms of p only. [1]

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- (b) Given that $E(X) = 3$, find the value of a .

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

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(b) Give a statistical reason why these estimates may not be reliable. [1]

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- 2 Harry has a five-sided spinner with sectors coloured blue, green, red, yellow and black. Harry thinks the spinner may be biased. He plans to carry out a hypothesis test with the following hypotheses.

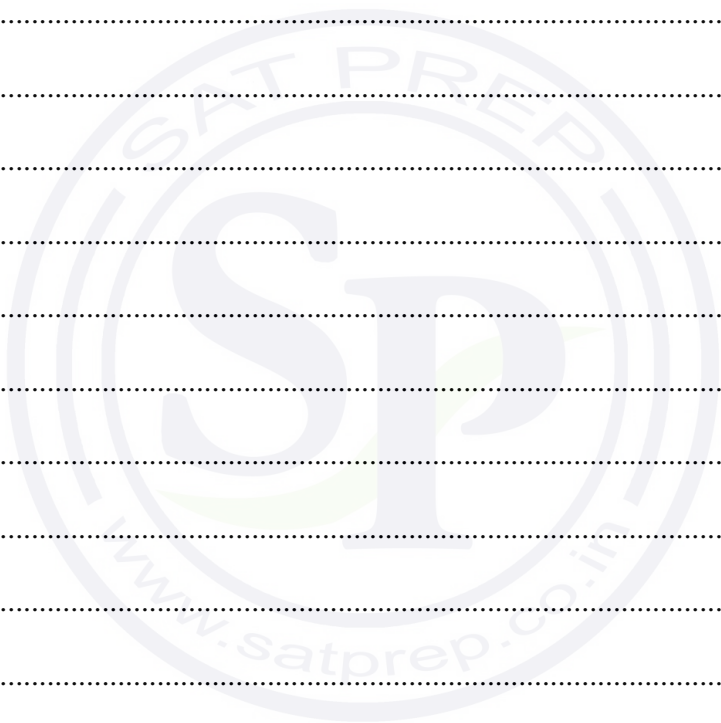
$$H_0: P(\text{the spinner lands on blue}) = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$H_1: P(\text{the spinner lands on blue}) \neq \frac{1}{5}$$

Harry spins the spinner 300 times. It lands on blue on 45 spins.

Use a suitable approximation to carry out Harry's test at the 5% significance level.

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- 3** A random sample of 500 households in a certain town was chosen. Using this sample, a confidence interval for the proportion, p , of all households in that town that owned two or more cars was found to be $0.355 < p < 0.445$.

Find the confidence level of this confidence interval. Give your answer correct to the nearest integer.

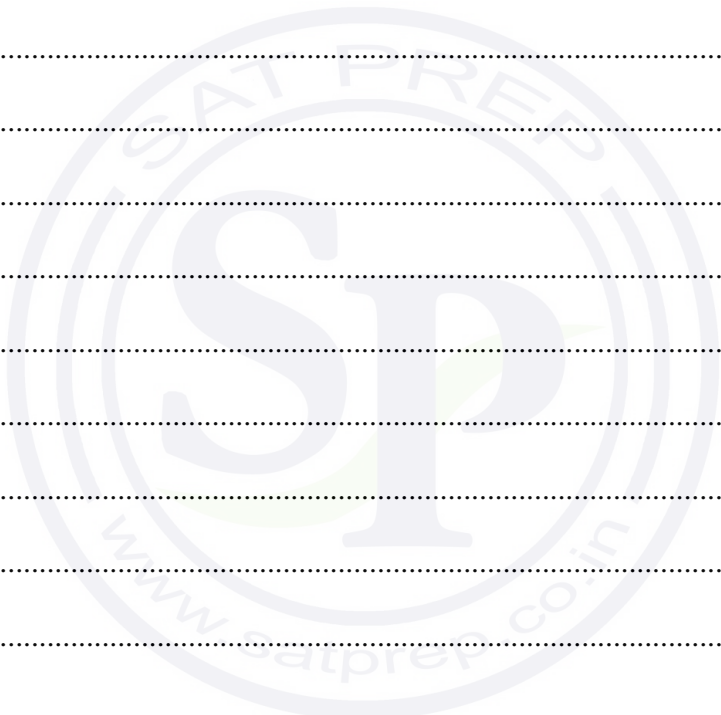
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- (a) Assuming that the standard deviation of the time for the new challenge is 5.2 minutes, test at the 1% significance level whether the population mean time for the new challenge is less than 25.5 minutes. [5]

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- 5 The heights of buildings in a large city are normally distributed with mean 18.3 m and standard deviation 2.5 m.
- (a) Find the probability that the total height of 5 randomly chosen buildings in the city is more than 95 m. [4]

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- (b)** Find the probability that the difference between the heights of two randomly chosen buildings in the city is less than 1 m. [5]

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- 6 In a game a ball is rolled down a slope and along a track until it stops. The distance, in metres, travelled by the ball is modelled by the random variable X with probability density function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -k(x-1)(x-3) & 1 \leq x \leq 3, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where k is a constant.

- (a) Without calculation, explain why $E(X) = 2$. [1]

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- (b) Show that $k = \frac{3}{4}$. [3]

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(c) Find $\text{Var}(X)$.

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One turn consists of rolling the ball 3 times and noting the largest value of X obtained. If this largest value is greater than 2.5, the player scores a point.

(d) Find the probability that on a particular turn the player scores a point.

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- 7 (a) Two ponds, A and B , each contain a large number of fish. It is known that 2.4% of fish in pond A are carp and 1.8% of fish in pond B are carp. Random samples of 50 fish from pond A and 60 fish from pond B are selected.

Use appropriate Poisson approximations to find the following probabilities.

- (i) The samples contain at least 2 carp from pond A and at least 2 carp from pond B . [3]

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- (ii) The samples contain at least 4 carp altogether. [3]

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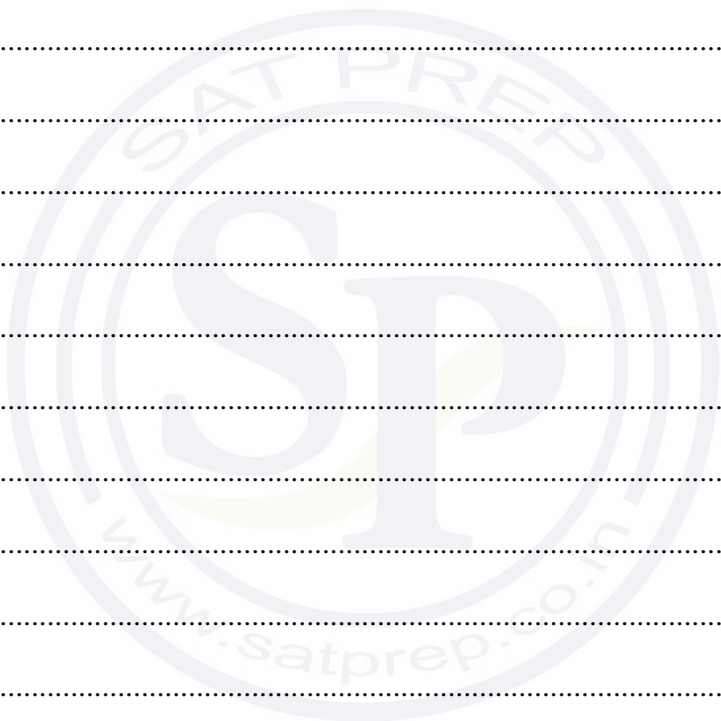
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- (a) State the distribution of $\bar{H}$, giving the values of any parameters. [2]

(b) Find $P(12 < \bar{H} < 13)$. [3]

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- Use a suitable approximating distribution to find the probability that, on a randomly chosen day, the customer service desk cannot deal with all the enquiries that are received. [4]

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- 3 A random sample of 75 students at a large college was selected for a survey. 15 of these students said that they owned a car. From this result an approximate $\alpha\%$ confidence interval for the proportion of all students at the college who own a car was calculated. The width of this interval was found to be 0.162.

Calculate the value of α correct to 2 significant figures.

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- 4** A random variable X has probability density function given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{18}(9 - x^2) & 0 \leq x \leq 3, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (a)** Find $P(X < 1.2)$. [3]

[illegible]

- (b)** Find $E(X)$. [3]

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The median of X is m .

(c) Show that $m^3 - 27m + 27 = 0$.

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- (i) State, with a justification, a suitable approximating distribution for X , giving the values of any parameters. [2]

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- Use a binomial distribution to test the researcher's suspicion at the 2% significance level. [5]

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- 6** The random variable T denotes the time, in seconds, for 100 m races run by Tania. T is normally distributed with mean μ and variance σ^2 . A random sample of 40 races run by Tania gave the following results.

$$n = 40 \qquad \Sigma t = 560 \qquad \Sigma t^2 = 7850$$

- (a) Calculate unbiased estimates of μ and σ^2 . [3]

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(b) Using your answers to part **(a)**, find the probability that, in a randomly chosen 100 m race, Suki's time will be at least 0.1 s more than Tania's time. [5]

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- 1** The mass, in kilograms, of a block of cheese sold in a supermarket is denoted by the random variable M . The masses of a random sample of 40 blocks are summarised as follows.

$$n = 40 \quad \Sigma m = 20.50 \quad \Sigma m^2 = 10.7280$$

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

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- (b)** The price, $\$P$, of a block of cheese of mass M kg is found using the formula $P = 11M + 0.50$. Find estimates of the population mean and variance of P . [3]

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- Give a reason why this method is unsatisfactory. [1]

(b) Jessica decides to use another method. She numbers all the students in the college from 1 to 256. Then she uses her calculator and generates the following random numbers.

From these numbers, she obtains six student numbers. The first three of her student numbers are 204, 162 and 7.



- (a) Find an approximate 96% confidence interval for p . [3]

[illegible]

(b) Find the probability that exactly two of these confidence intervals contain the true value of p . [3]

[illegible]

- 4** A certain kind of firework is supposed to last for 30 seconds, on average, after it is lit. An inspector suspects that the fireworks actually last a shorter time than this, on average. He takes a random sample of 100 fireworks of this kind. Each firework in the sample is lit and the time it lasts is noted.

- (a) Give a reason why it is necessary to take a sample rather than testing all the fireworks of this kind. [1]

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It is given that the population standard deviation of the times that fireworks of this kind last is 5 seconds.

- (b) The mean time lasted by the 100 fireworks in the sample is found to be 29 seconds.

Test the inspector's suspicion at the 1% significance level. [5]

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- (c) State with a reason whether the Central Limit theorem was needed in the solution to part (b). [1]

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- (a)** Find the probability that there are fewer than 3 typing errors in 10 randomly chosen pages. [2]

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- (b)** Use an approximating distribution to find the probability that there are more than 50 typing errors in 200 randomly chosen pages. [4]

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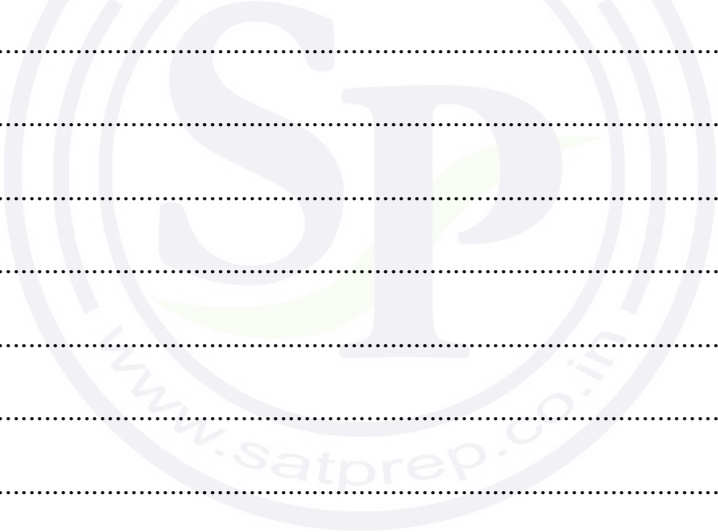
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It is now given that the machine actually produces a 0 once in every 40 digits, on average.

- (d) Find the probability of a Type II error. [3]

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where k is a constant.

- (i) Show that $k = \frac{3}{16}$. [3]

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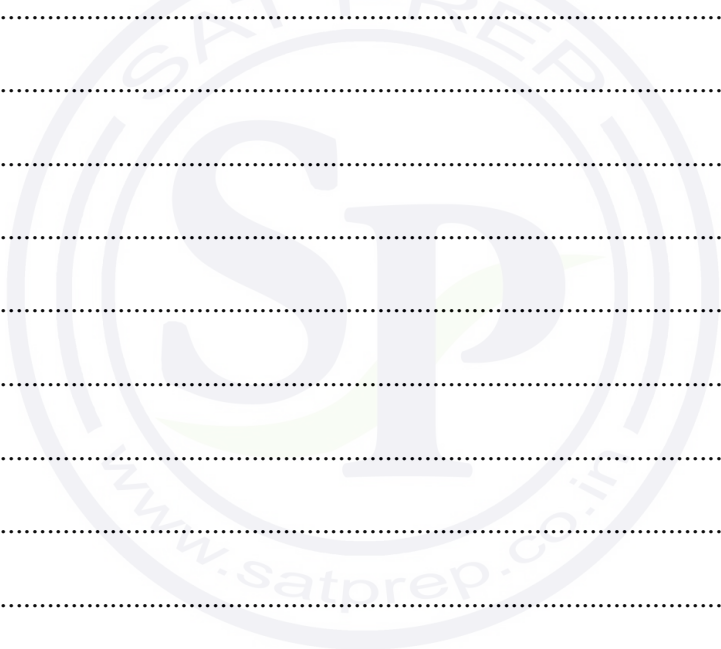
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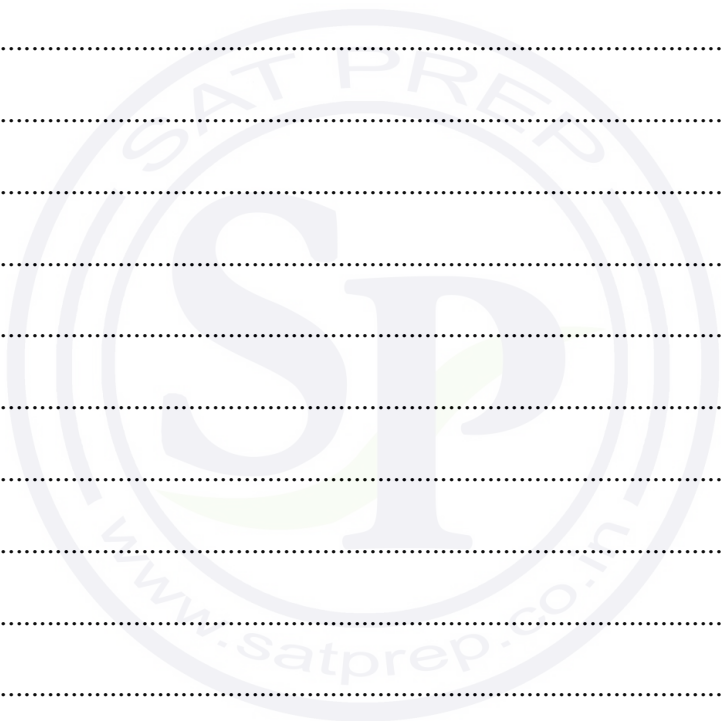
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- Y takes values between 0 and 5 only.
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- 2 The number of enquiries received per day at a customer service desk has a Poisson distribution with mean 45.2. If more than 60 enquiries are received in a day, the customer service desk cannot deal with them all.

Use a suitable approximating distribution to find the probability that, on a randomly chosen day, the customer service desk cannot deal with all the enquiries that are received. [4]

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- 3 A random sample of 75 students at a large college was selected for a survey. 15 of these students said that they owned a car. From this result an approximate $\alpha\%$ confidence interval for the proportion of all students at the college who own a car was calculated. The width of this interval was found to be 0.162.

Calculate the value of α correct to 2 significant figures.

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4 A random variable X has probability density function given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{18}(9 - x^2) & 0 \leq x \leq 3, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

(a) Find $P(X < 1.2)$. [3]

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(b) Find $E(X)$. [3]

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The median of X is m .

(c) Show that $m^3 - 27m + 27 = 0$.

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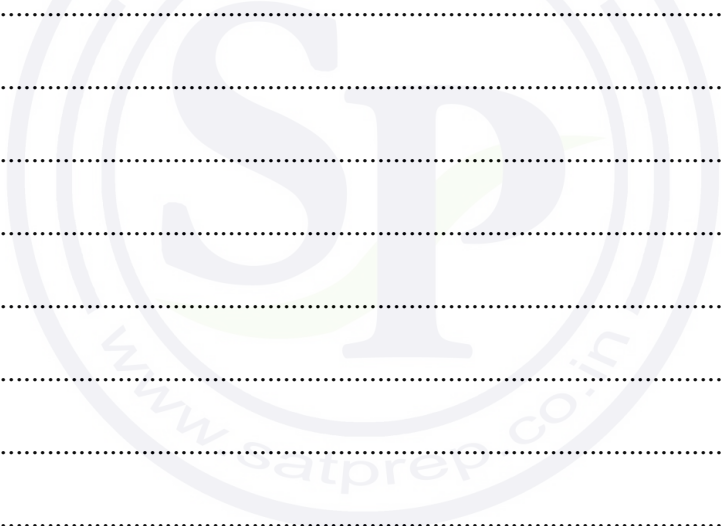
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- (i) State, with a justification, a suitable approximating distribution for X , giving the values of any parameters. [2]

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- 6** The random variable T denotes the time, in seconds, for 100 m races run by Tania. T is normally distributed with mean μ and variance σ^2 . A random sample of 40 races run by Tania gave the following results.

$$n = 40 \qquad \Sigma t = 560 \qquad \Sigma t^2 = 7850$$

- (a) Calculate unbiased estimates of μ and σ^2 . [3]

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(b) Using your answers to part **(a)**, find the probability that, in a randomly chosen 100 m race, Suki's time will be at least 0.1 s more than Tania's time. [5]

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- (b)** Later another test of the same hypotheses at the 2.5% significance level, with another random sample of 100 apples from the same farm, is carried out.

Given that the value of μ is in fact 62.7, calculate the probability of a Type II error. [5]

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- Find the probability that the total number of accidents in the two factories during a 2-month period is more than 3. [4]

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- 4** 100 randomly chosen adults each throw a ball once. The length, l metres, of each throw is recorded. The results are summarised below.

$$n = 100 \qquad \Sigma l = 3820 \qquad \Sigma l^2 = 182\,200$$

Calculate a 94% confidence interval for the population mean length of throws by adults. [6]

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- 5** On average, 1 in 75 000 adults has a certain genetic disorder.
- (a)** Use a suitable approximating distribution to find the probability that, in a random sample of 10 000 people, at least 1 has the genetic disorder. [3]

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- 6** The probability density function, f , of a random variable X is given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} k(6x - x^2) & 0 \leq x \leq 6, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where k is a constant.

State the value of $E(X)$ and show that $\text{Var}(X) = \frac{9}{5}$. [6]

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- Find the probability that the boat can carry safely 3 randomly chosen large sacks of flour and 6 randomly chosen small sacks of flour. [5]

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- (b) Find the probability that the mass of a randomly chosen large sack of flour is greater than the total mass of two randomly chosen small sacks of flour. [5]



- 8** At a certain large school it was found that the proportion of students not wearing correct uniform was 0.15. The school sent a letter to parents asking them to ensure that their children wear the correct uniform. The school now wishes to test whether the proportion not wearing correct uniform has been reduced.

(a) It is suggested that a random sample of the students in Grade 12 should be used for the test.

Give a reason why this would not be an appropriate sample.

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A suitable sample of 50 students is selected and the number not wearing correct uniform is noted. This figure is used to carry out a test at the 5% significance level.

(b) State suitable null and alternative hypotheses.

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(c) Use a binomial distribution to find the probability of a Type I error. You must justify your answer fully.

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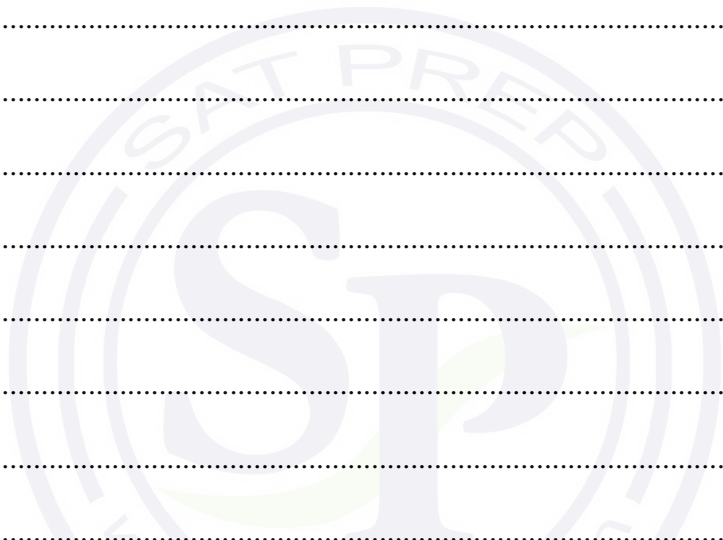
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- (e) State, with a reason, which of the errors, Type I or Type II, may have been made.

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- 1 In a game, a ball is thrown and lands in one of 4 slots, labelled A , B , C and D . Raju wishes to test whether the probability that the ball will land in slot A is $\frac{1}{4}$.

(a) State suitable null and alternative hypotheses for Raju's test.

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The ball is thrown 100 times and it lands in slot A 15 times.

(b) Use a suitable approximating distribution to carry out the test at the 2% significance level. [5]

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2 The random variable X has the distribution $B(400, 0.01)$.

(a) Find $\text{Var}(4X + 2)$. [3]

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(b) (i) State an appropriate approximating distribution for X , giving the values of any parameters. Justify your choice of approximating distribution. [2]

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(ii) Use your approximating distribution to find $P(2 \leq X \leq 5)$. [2]

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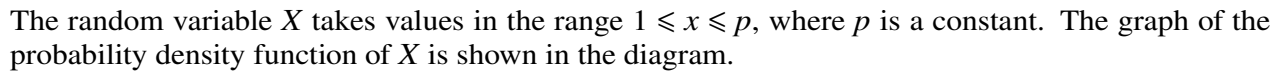
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- 4** Wendy's journey to work consists of three parts: walking to the train station, riding on the train and then walking to the office. The times, in minutes, for the three parts of her journey are independent and have the distributions $N(15.0, 1.1^2)$, $N(32.0, 3.5^2)$ and $N(8.6, 1.2^2)$ respectively.

- (a)** Find the mean and variance of the total time for Wendy's journey. [2]

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If Wendy's journey takes more than 60 minutes, she is late for work.

- (b)** Find the probability that, on a randomly chosen day, Wendy will be late for work. [3]

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- (c)** Find the probability that the mean of Wendy's journey times over 15 randomly chosen days will be less than 54.5 minutes. [3]

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- (a)** State what is meant by a Type I error in this context. [1]

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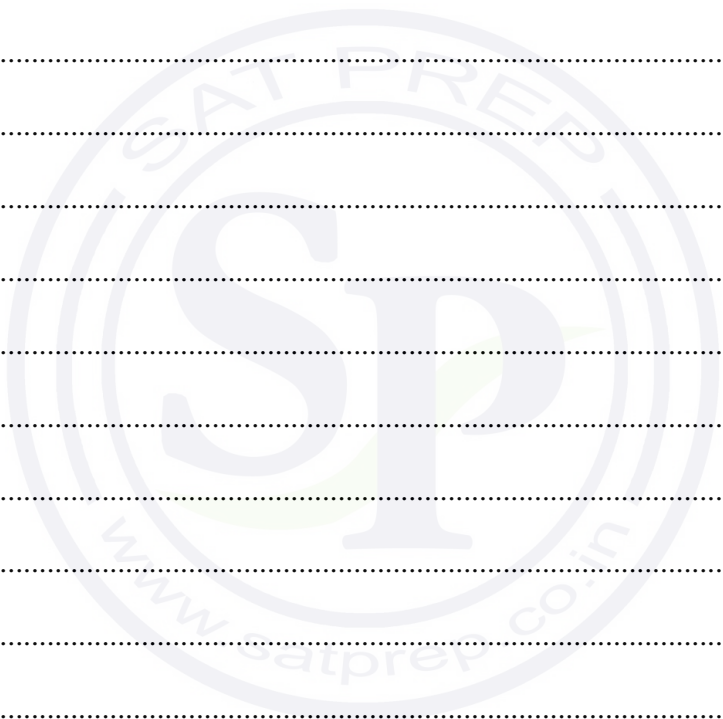
- Test at the 2.5% significance level whether the value of μ has changed. [5]

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- 6 The heights, h centimetres, of a random sample of 100 fully grown animals of a certain species were measured. The results are summarised below.

$$n = 100 \qquad \Sigma h = 7570 \qquad \Sigma h^2 = 588\,050$$

- (a) Find unbiased estimates of the population mean and variance. [3]

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- (b) Calculate a 99% confidence interval for the mean height of animals of this species. [3]

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Four random samples were taken and a 99% confidence interval for the population mean, μ , was found from each sample.

- (c) Find the probability that all four of these confidence intervals contain the true value of μ . [2]

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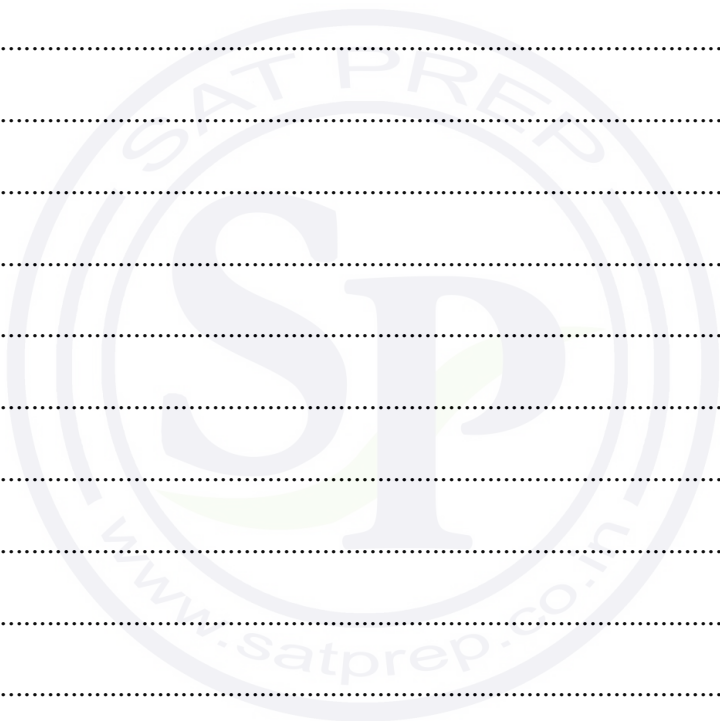
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- (a) Find the probability that exactly 4 customers arrive during a 10-minute interval. [2]

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- 1 The number of goals scored by a team in a match is independent of other matches, and is denoted by the random variable X , which has a Poisson distribution with mean 1.36. A supporter offers to make a donation of \$5 to the team for each goal that they score in the next 10 matches.

Find the expectation and standard deviation of the amount that the supporter will pay. [5]

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- 2 In the past, the time, in hours, for a particular train journey has had mean 1.40 and standard deviation 0.12. Following the introduction of some new signals, it is required to test whether the mean journey time has decreased.

(a) State what is meant by a Type II error in this context. [1]

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(b) The mean time for a random sample of 50 journeys is found to be 1.36 hours.

Assuming that the standard deviation of journey times is still 0.12 hours, test at the 2.5% significance level whether the population mean journey time has decreased. [5]

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(c) State, with a reason, which of the errors, Type I or Type II, might have been made in the test in part (b). [2]

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- 3** The local council claims that the average number of accidents per year on a particular road is 0.8. Jane claims that the true average is greater than 0.8. She looks at the records for a random sample of 3 recent years and finds that the total number of accidents during those 3 years was 5.

(a) Assume that the number of accidents per year follows a Poisson distribution.

(i) State null and alternative hypotheses for a test of Jane's claim. [1]

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(ii) Test at the 5% significance level whether Jane's claim is justified. [4]

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(b) Jane finds that the number of accidents per year has been gradually increasing over recent years.

State how this might affect the validity of the test carried out in part **(a)(ii)**. [1]

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- 4** The masses, m kilograms, of flour in a random sample of 90 sacks of flour are summarised as follows.

$$n = 90 \quad \Sigma m = 4509 \quad \Sigma m^2 = 225\,950$$

- (a) Find unbiased estimates of the population mean and variance. [3]

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- (d)** Find the probability that the confidence interval found in part **(b)** is wholly above the true value of the population mean. [2]

- 5** Most plants of a certain type have three leaves. However, it is known that, on average, 1 in 10 000 of these plants have four leaves, and plants with four leaves are called ‘lucky’. The number of lucky plants in a random sample of 25 000 plants is denoted by X .

(a) State, with a justification, an approximating distribution for X , giving the values of any parameters. [2]

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Use your approximating distribution to answer parts (b) and (c).

(b) Find $P(X \leq 3)$. [2]

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- (c) Given that $P(X = k) = 2P(X = k + 1)$, find k . [2]

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The number of lucky plants in a random sample of n plants, where n is large, is denoted by Y .

- (d) Given that $P(Y \geq 1) = 0.963$, correct to 3 significant figures, use a suitable approximating distribution to find the value of n . [3]

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- (a) Find the probability that the train is more than 10 minutes late on each of two randomly chosen days. [4]

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(b) Find $E(X)$.

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- (d)** State one way in which Alethia's model may be unrealistic.

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- 1** A construction company notes the time, t days, that it takes to build each house of a certain design. The results for a random sample of 60 such houses are summarised as follows.

$$\Sigma t = 4820 \quad \Sigma t^2 = 392\,050$$

- (a) Calculate a 98% confidence interval for the population mean time. [6]

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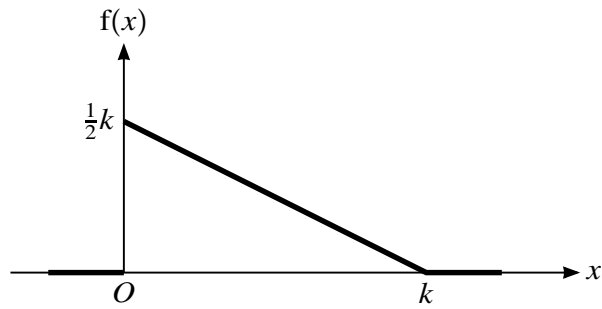
- (b)** Explain why it was necessary to use the Central Limit theorem in part **(a)**. [1]

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The diagram shows the graph of the probability density function, f , of a random variable X .

- (a) Find the value of the constant k . [2]

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- (b) Using this value of k , find $f(x)$ for $0 \leq x \leq k$ and hence find $E(X)$. [3]

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- (c) Find the value of p such that $P(p < X < 1) = 0.25$.

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- 3** An architect wishes to investigate whether the buildings in a certain city are higher, on average, than buildings in other cities. He takes a large random sample of buildings from the city and finds the mean height of the buildings in the sample. He calculates the value of the test statistic, z , and finds that $z = 2.41$.

(a) Explain briefly whether he should use a one-tail test or a two-tail test. [1]

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(b) Carry out the test at the 1% significance level. [3]

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- 4** On average, 1 in 400 microchips made at a certain factory are faulty. The number of faulty microchips in a random sample of 1000 is denoted by X .

(a) State the distribution of X , giving the values of any parameters. [1]

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(b) State an approximating distribution for X , giving the values of any parameters. [2]

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- (i) $P(X = 4)$.

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- 5 The volumes, in litres, of juice in large and small bottles have the distributions $N(5.10, 0.0102)$ and $N(2.51, 0.0036)$ respectively.
- (a) Find the probability that the total volume of juice in 3 randomly chosen large bottles and 4 randomly chosen small bottles is less than 25.5 litres. [5]

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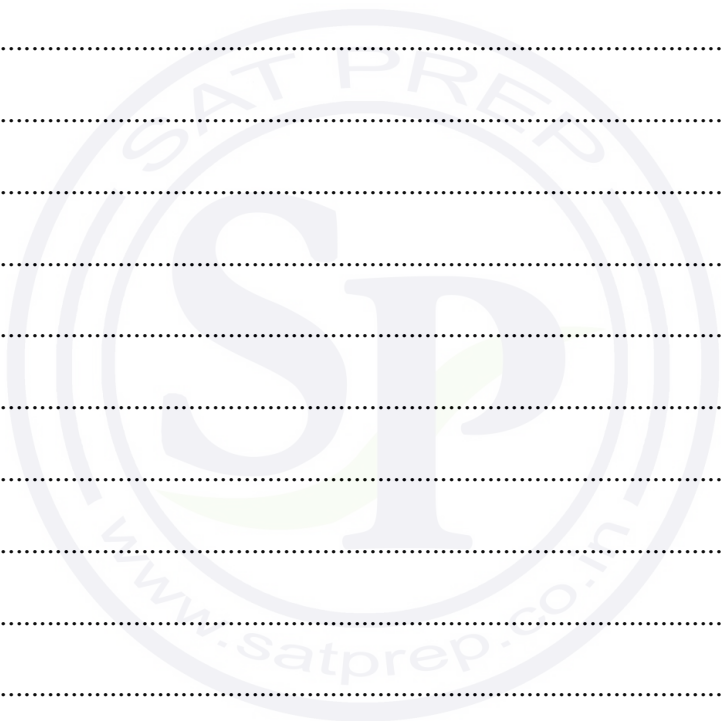
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The probability that a randomly chosen flower of another kind is white is 0.02. A random sample of 150 of these flowers is selected.

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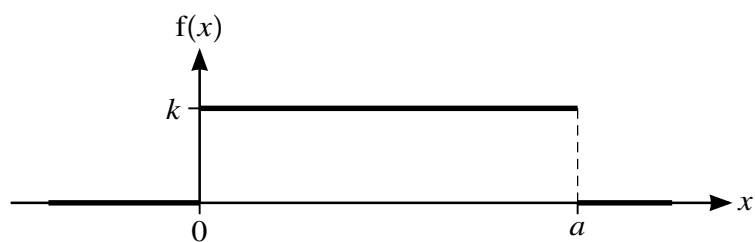
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Find the probability that a randomly chosen female has a mass that is less than half the mass of a randomly chosen male. [6]





(a) Express k in terms of a . [1]

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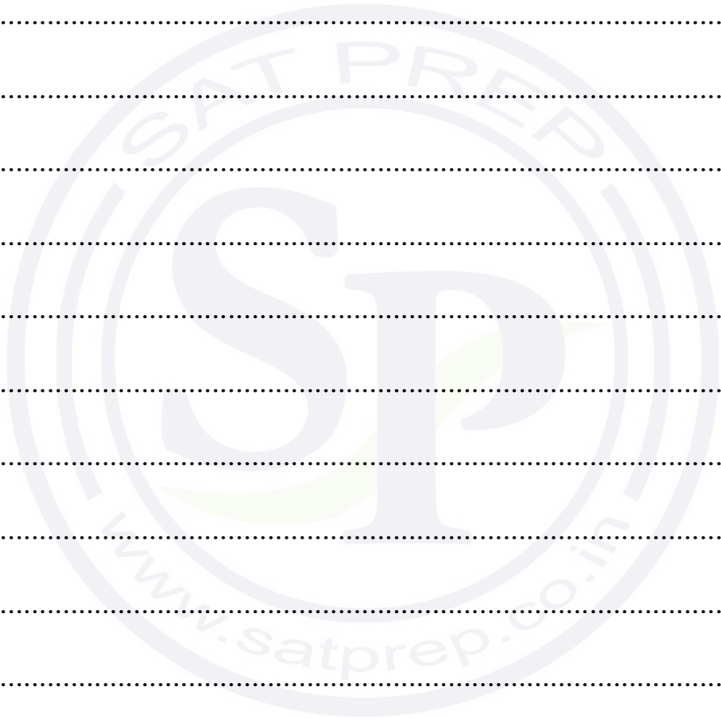
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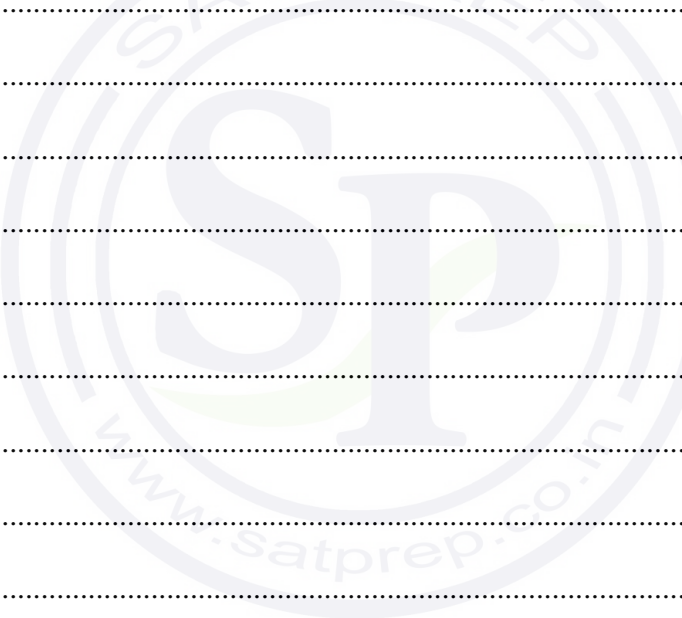
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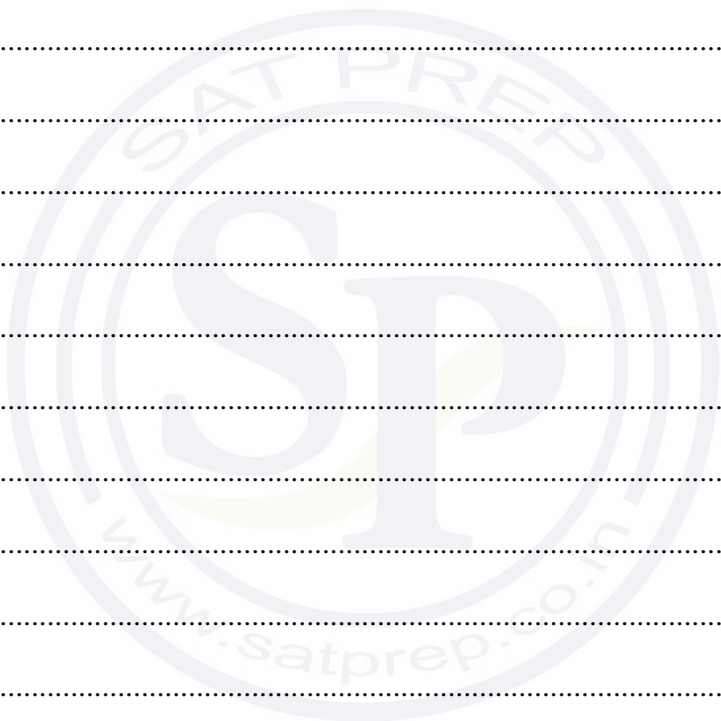
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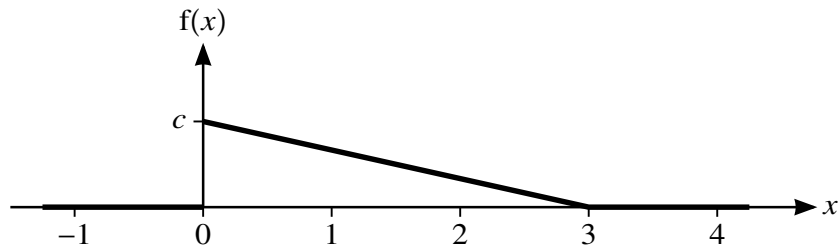
Use a suitable approximating distribution to find the probability that more than 2 people in a random sample of 150 000 have the gene. [3]

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A random variable X takes values between 0 and 3 only and has probability density function as shown in the diagram, where c is a constant.

- (a) Show that $c = \frac{2}{3}$. [1]

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- (b)** Find $P(X > 2)$. [2]



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(c) Calculate $E(X)$.

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- 4 The areas, X cm², of petals of a certain kind of flower have mean μ cm². In the past it has been found that $\mu = 8.9$. Following a change in the climate, a botanist claims that the mean is no longer 8.9. The areas of a random sample of 200 petals from this kind of flower are measured, and the results are summarized by

$$\Sigma x = 1850, \quad \Sigma x^2 = 17\,850.$$

Test the botanist's claim at the 2.5% significance level.

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5 Customers arrive at a shop at a constant average rate of 2.3 per minute.

- (a) State another condition for the number of customers arriving per minute to have a Poisson distribution. [1]

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It is now given that the number of customers arriving per minute has the distribution $Po(2.3)$.

- (b) Find the probability that exactly 3 customers arrive during a 1-minute period. [2]

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- (d) Five 1-minute periods are chosen at random. Find the probability that no customers arrive during exactly 2 of these 5 periods. [3]

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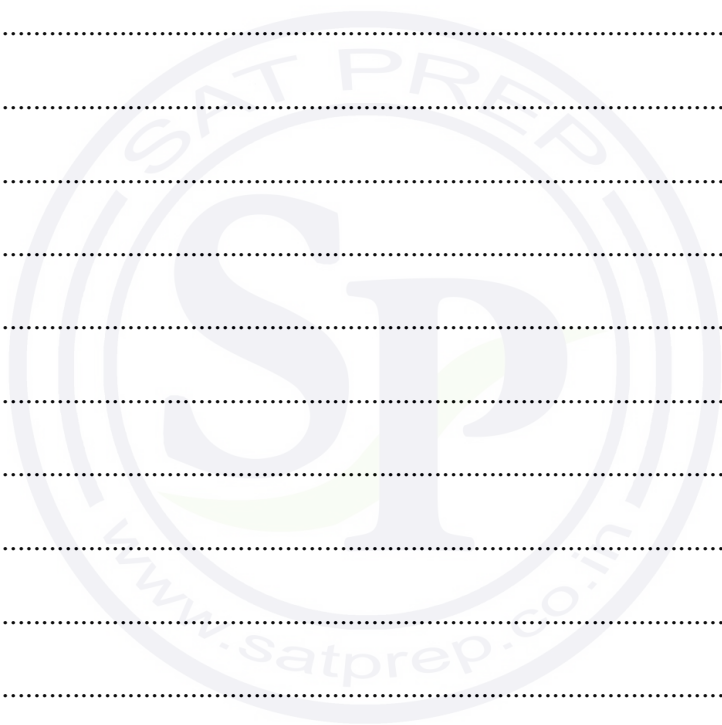
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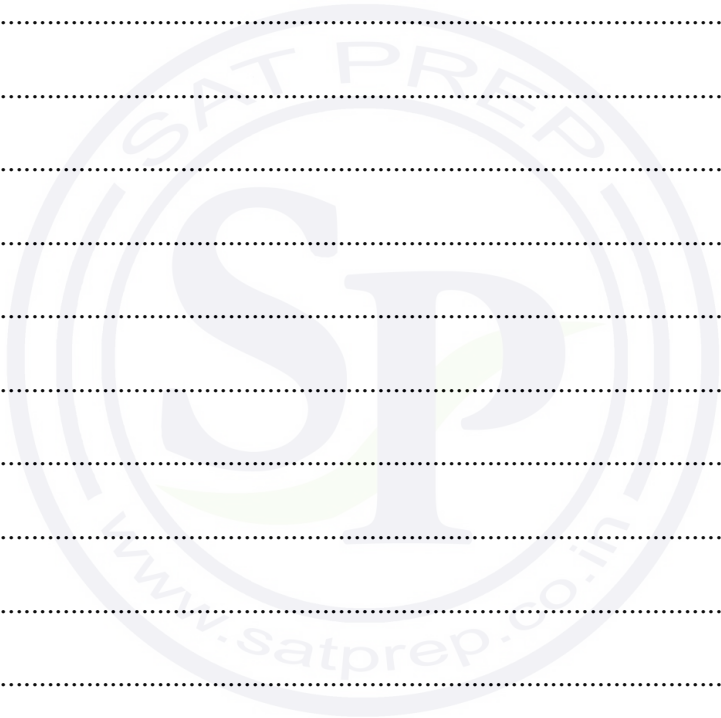
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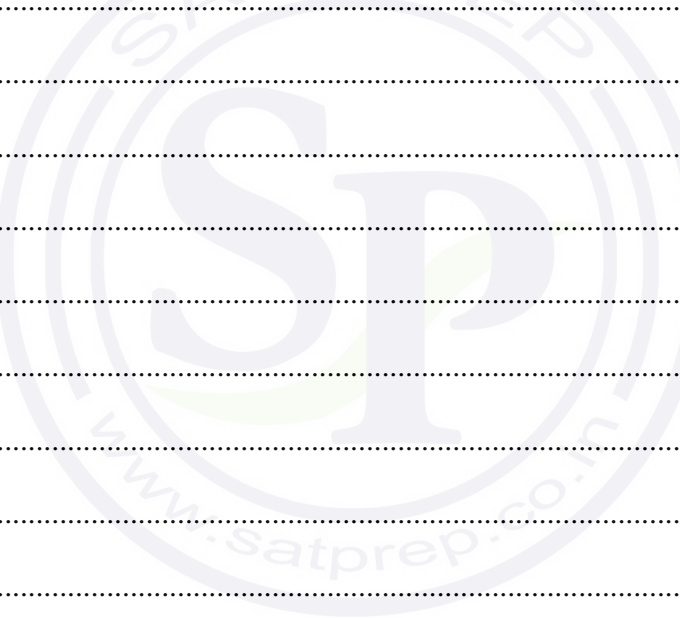
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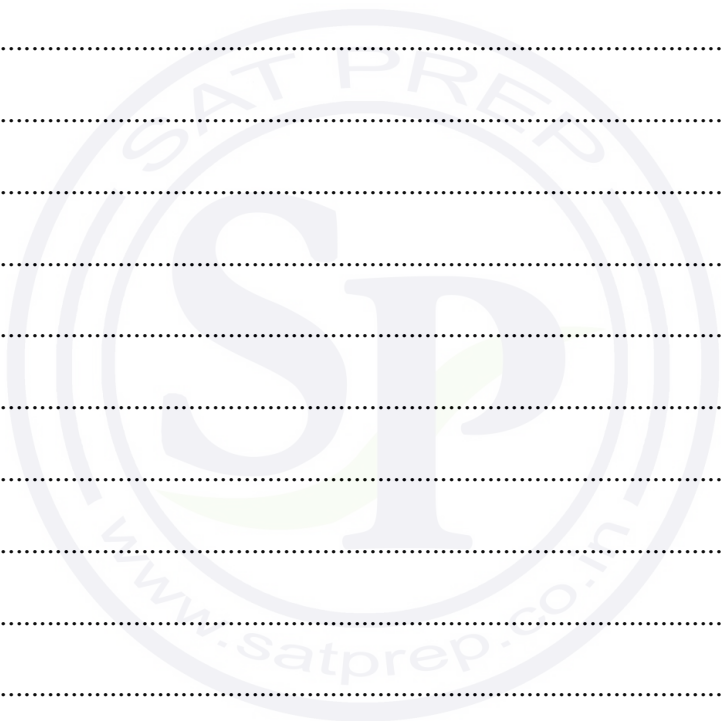
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- (a)** Calculate unbiased estimates of the population mean and variance of X . [3]

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It is now given that the true value of the population variance of X is 0.55, and that X has a normal distribution.

- (b)** Find a 95% confidence interval for the population mean of X . [3]

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- 2 In the past the yield of a certain crop, in tonnes per hectare, had mean 0.56 and standard deviation 0.08. Following the introduction of a new fertilizer, the farmer intends to test at the 2.5% significance level whether the mean yield has increased. He finds that the mean yield over 10 years is 0.61 tonnes per hectare.

(a) State two assumptions that are necessary for the test. [2]

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- (b) Find the probability that the mass of a randomly chosen large sack of flour is less than 4 times the mass of a randomly chosen small sack of flour. [6]

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- 4** A fair spinner has five sides numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. The score on one spin is denoted by X .

(a) Show that $\text{Var}(X) = 2$.

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Fiona has another spinner, also with five sides numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. She suspects that it is biased so that the expected score is less than 3. In order to test her suspicion, she plans to spin her spinner 40 times. If the mean score is less than 2.6 she will conclude that her spinner is biased in this way.

(b) Find the probability of a Type I error.

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- 5** Each week a sports team plays one home match and one away match. In their home matches they score goals at a constant average rate of 2.1 goals per match. In their away matches they score goals at a constant average rate of 0.8 goals per match. You may assume that goals are scored at random times and independently of one another.

(a) A week is chosen at random.

- (i)** Find the probability that the team scores a total of 4 goals in their two matches. [2]

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- (ii)** Find the probability that the team scores a total of 4 goals, with more goals scored in the home match than in the away match. [3]

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- 6 The length of time, T minutes, that a passenger has to wait for a bus at a certain bus stop is modelled by the probability density function given by

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{3}{4000}(20t - t^2) & 0 \leq t \leq 20, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Sketch the graph of $y = f(t)$. [1]

- (b) Hence explain, without calculation, why $E(T) = 10$. [1]

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- (c) Find $\text{Var}(T)$. [3]

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- (d) It is given that $P(T < 10 + a) = p$, where $0 < a < 10$.

Find $P(10 - a < T < 10 + a)$ in terms of p . [2]

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- (e) Find $P(8 < T < 12)$. [3]

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- (f) Give one reason why this model may be unrealistic. [1]

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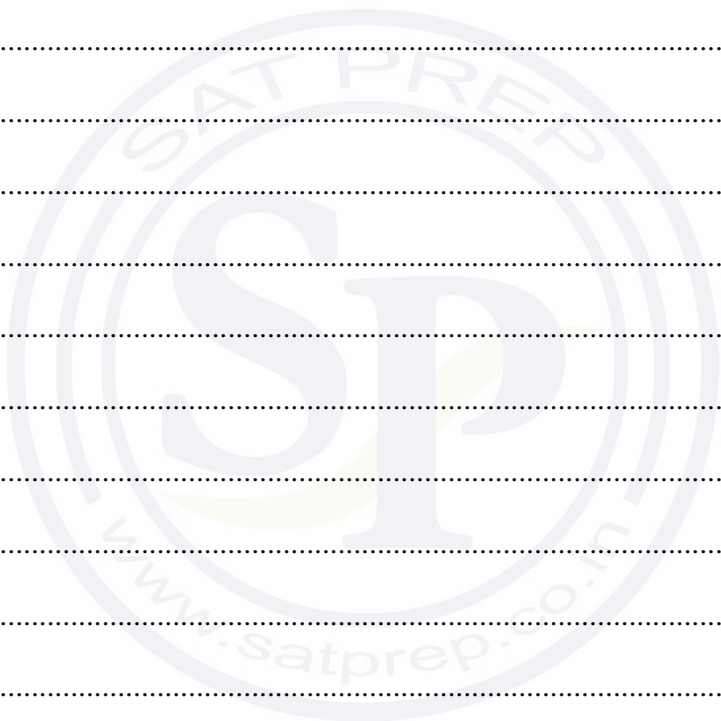
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- Find the percentage of bags that are rejected.

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- 2 A shop obtains apples from a certain farm. It has been found that 5% of apples from this farm are Grade A. Following a change in growing conditions at the farm, the shop management plan to carry out a hypothesis test to find out whether the proportion of Grade A apples has increased. They select 25 apples at random. If the number of Grade A apples is more than 3 they will conclude that the proportion has increased.

(a) State suitable null and alternative hypotheses for the test. [1]

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(b) Find the probability of a Type I error. [3]

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In fact 2 of the 25 apples were Grade A.

(c) Which of the errors, Type I or Type II, is possible? Justify your answer. [2]

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3 In the data-entry department of a certain firm, it is known that 0.12% of data items are entered incorrectly, and that these errors occur randomly and independently.

(a) A random sample of 3600 data items is chosen. The number of these data items that are incorrectly entered is denoted by X .

(i) State the distribution of X , including the values of any parameters. [1]

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(ii) State an appropriate approximating distribution for X , including the values of any parameters.

Justify your choice of approximating distribution. [3]

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(iii) Use your approximating distribution to find $P(X > 2)$. [2]

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- (b) Another large random sample of n data items is chosen. The probability that the sample contains no data items that are entered incorrectly is more than 0.1.

Use an approximating distribution to find the largest possible value of n . [3]

- (a) Show that $\text{Var}(X) = 1.2$. [2]

x	0	1	2	3	4
$P(X = x)$	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.1

- (a) Show that $\text{Var}(X) = 1.2$. [2]

The spinner is spun 200 times. The score on each spin is noted and the mean, $\bar{X}$, of the 200 scores is found.

- (b) Given that $P(\bar{X} > a) = 0.1$, find the value of a . [4]

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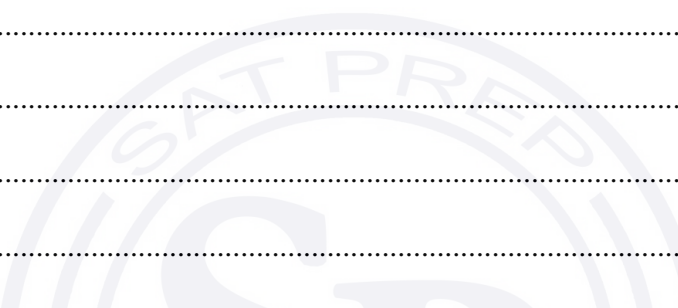
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(ii) Find λ .

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(iii) Find $P(4 \leq X \leq 6)$.

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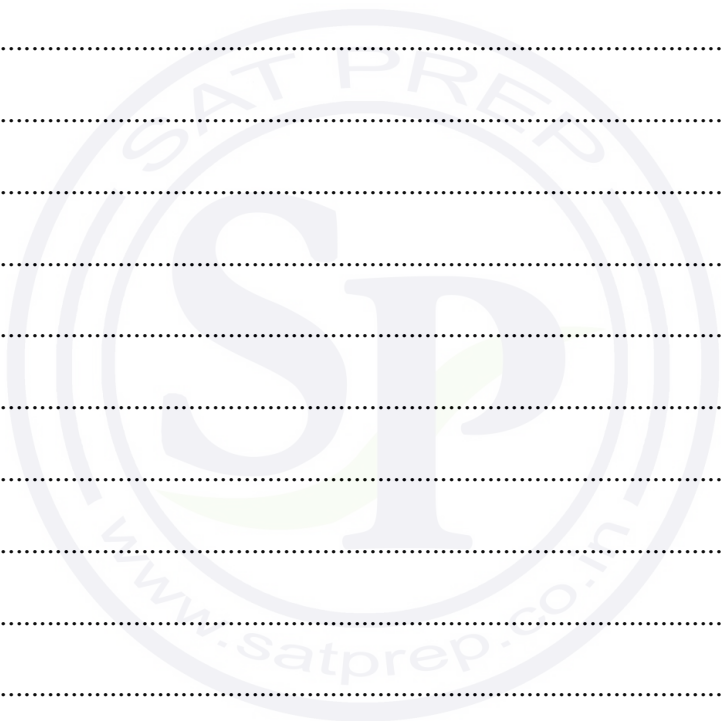
Find μ .

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- (c) Find the 60th percentile of X in terms of a .

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Paper 6 Probability & Statistics 2

May/June 2020

1 hour 15 minutes

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- 1** A random sample of 100 values of a variable X is taken. These values are summarised below.

$$n = 100 \quad \Sigma x = 1556 \quad \Sigma x^2 = 29\,004$$

Calculate unbiased estimates of the population mean and variance of X . [3]

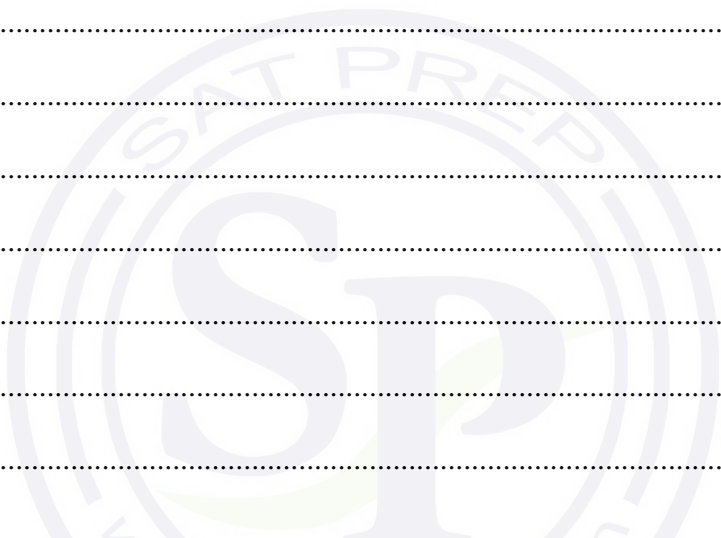
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- 3** The number of customers who visit a particular shop between 9.00 am and 10.00 am has the distribution $Po(\lambda)$. In the past the value of λ was 5.2. Following some new advertising, the manager wishes to test whether the value of λ has increased. He chooses a random sample of 20 days and finds that the total number of customers who visited the shop between 9.00 am and 10.00 am on those days is 125.

Use an approximating distribution to test at the 2.5% significance level whether the value of λ has increased. [6]

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- (a) Find $P(A_1 + A_2 < 2)$. [3]

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- (b)** Given that $A_1 + A_2 < 2$, find $P(A_1 = 1)$. [4]

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- (a) Calculate an approximate 99% confidence interval for p . [4]

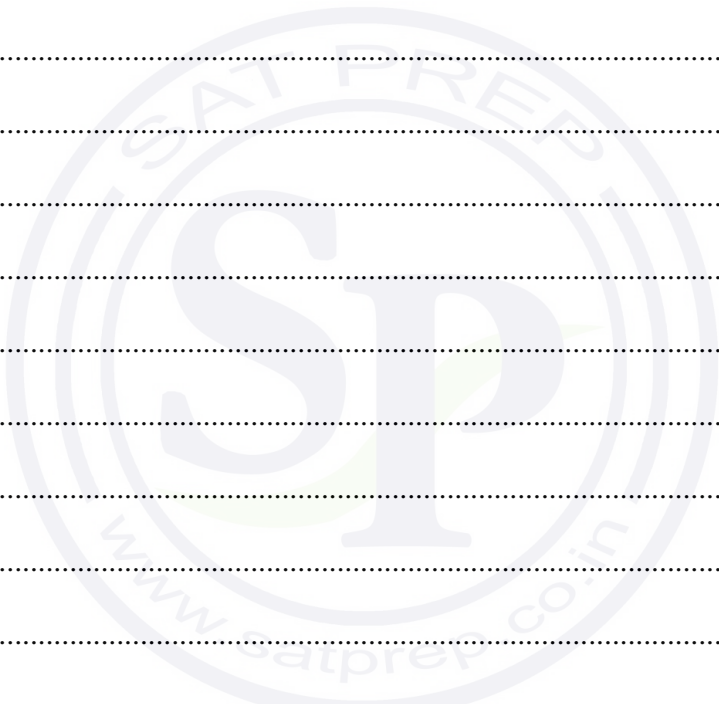


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- (c) Sunita uses the result of her 500 throws to calculate an $\alpha\%$ confidence interval for p . This interval has width 0.04.

Find the value of α .

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- (a)** State the value of $E(X)$. [1]

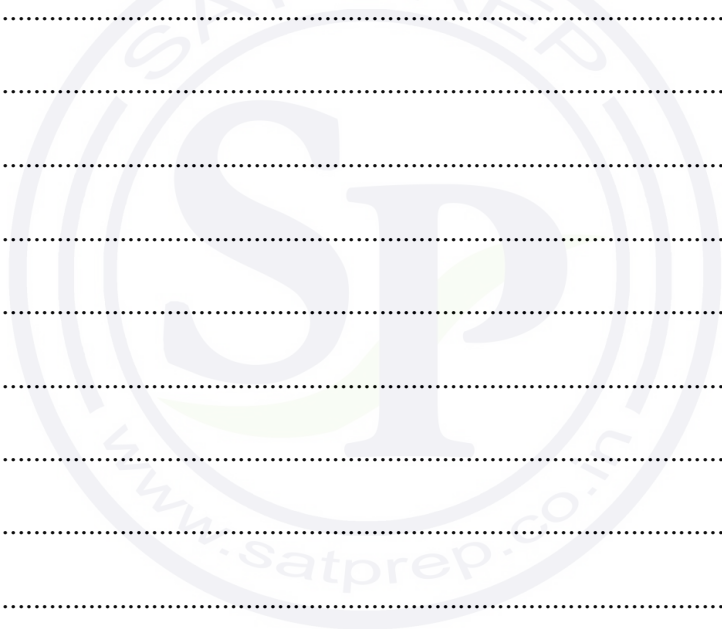
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- (b)** Find $\text{Var}(X)$. [3]



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- 7 A market researcher is investigating the length of time that customers spend at an information desk. He plans to choose a sample of 50 customers on a particular day.

(a) He considers choosing the first 50 customers who visit the information desk.

Explain why this method is unsuitable.

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The actual lengths of time, in minutes, that customers spend at the information desk may be assumed to have mean μ and variance 4.8. The researcher knows that in the past the value of μ was 6.0. He wishes to test, at the 2% significance level, whether this is still true. He chooses a random sample of 50 customers and notes how long they each spend at the information desk.

(b) State the probability of making a Type I error and explain what is meant by a Type I error in this context.

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- (d)** Give a reason why it was necessary to use the Central Limit theorem in your answer to part (c). [1]

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Paper 6 Probability & Statistics 2

February/March 2020

1 hour 15 minutes

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- 2 Lengths of a certain species of lizard are known to be normally distributed with standard deviation 3.2 cm. A naturalist measures the lengths of a random sample of 100 lizards of this species and obtains an $\alpha\%$ confidence interval for the population mean. He finds that the total width of this interval is 1.25 cm.

Find α .

[5]

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4 The number of accidents on a certain road has a Poisson distribution with mean 0.4 per 50-day period.

(a) Find the probability that there will be fewer than 3 accidents during a year (365 days). [3]

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(b) The probability that there will be no accidents during a period of n days is greater than 0.95.

Find the largest possible value of n . [4]

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- $$p^3 - 300p + 1000 = 0. \quad [4]$$

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- (a) Find the rejection region for the test. [4]

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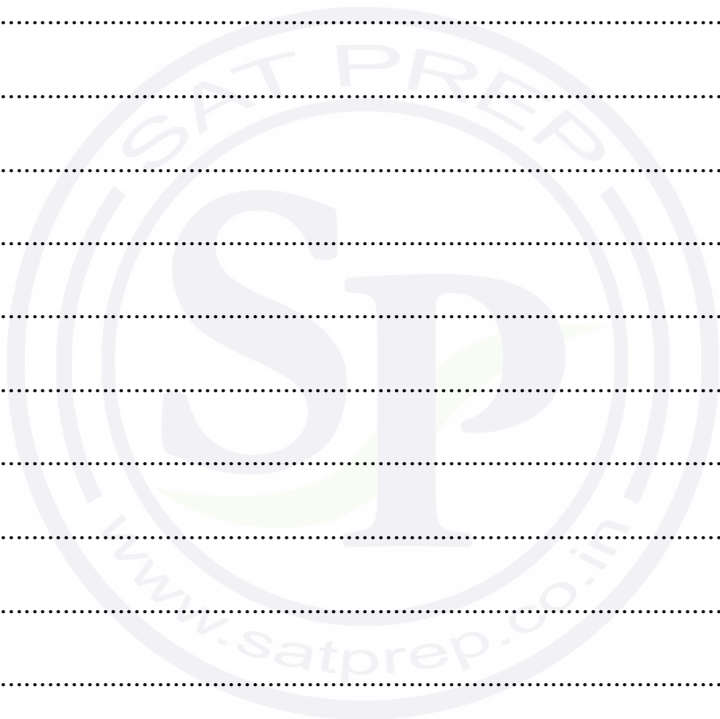
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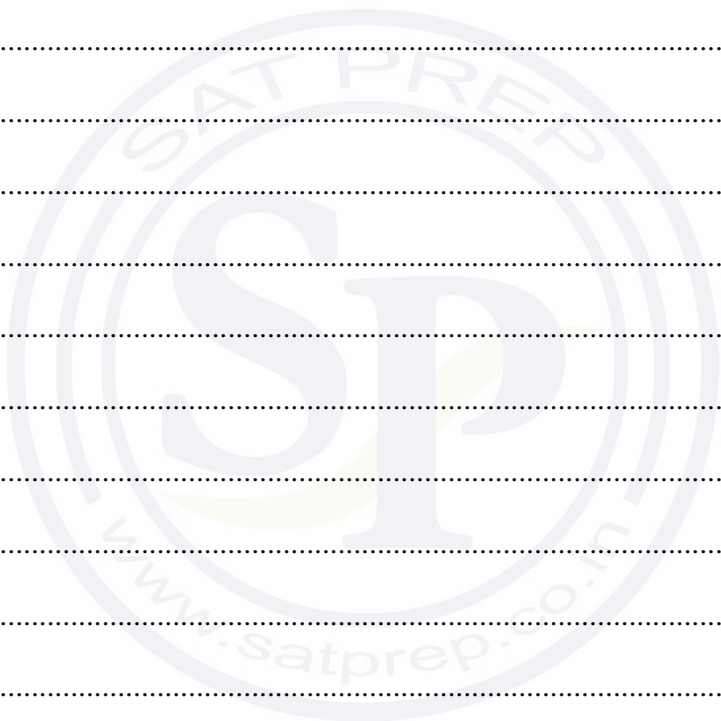
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MATHEMATICS

9709/72

Paper 7 Probability & Statistics 2 **(S2)**

October/November 2019

1 hour 15 minutes

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

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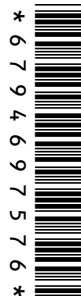
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- (i) Describe fully the distribution of X . [2]

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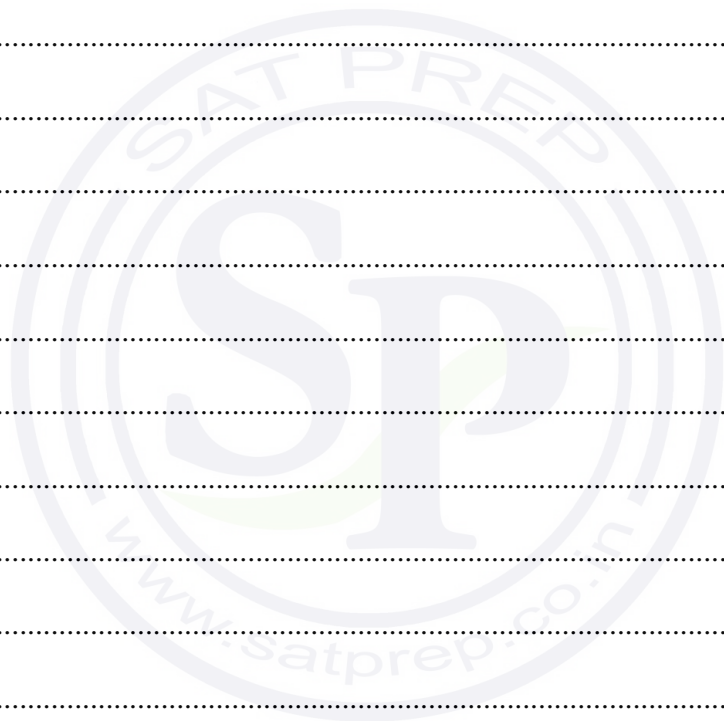
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- (i) She finds that the value of the test statistic z is -2.182 , correct to 3 decimal places.

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- (b)** Carry out the hypothesis test at the 4% significance level.

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- (ii) Explain why it was necessary to use the Central Limit theorem in carrying out the test.

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(ii) Without calculation, state whether this confidence interval will be wider or narrower than the confidence interval found in part (i). Give a reason for your answer. [1]

- 4 A random variable X has probability density function given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}x & 0 \leq x \leq a, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where a is a constant.

- (i) Find a .

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- (ii) Show that $E(X) = \frac{4}{3}$.

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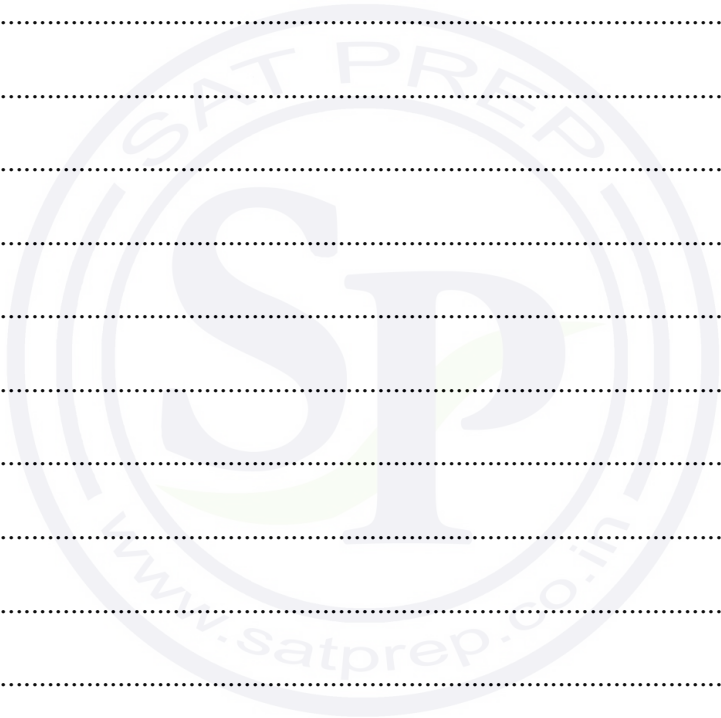
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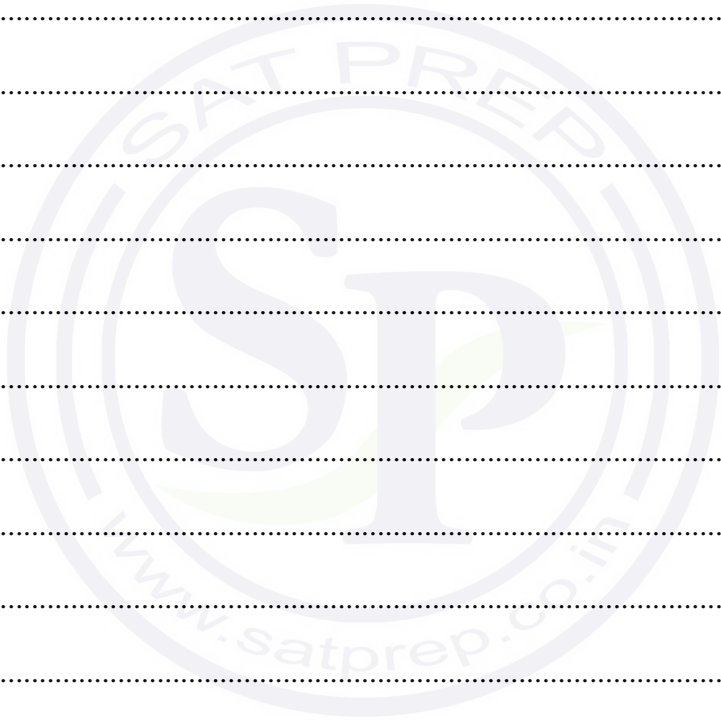
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- (ii)** Find the probability that the mass of a randomly chosen large box of chocolates is more than twice the mass of a randomly chosen small box of chocolates. [5]

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MATHEMATICS

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Paper 7 Probability & Statistics 2 **(S2)**

October/November 2019

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- (i) The random variable Y is the sum of four independent values of X . Find the mean and variance of Y . [2]

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- variable Z is defined by $Z = 4X - 3$. Find the mean and v

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- 2 Cars arrive at a filling station randomly and at a constant average rate of 2.4 cars per minute.

(i) Calculate the probability that fewer than 4 cars arrive in a 2-minute period. [2]

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(ii) Use a suitable approximating distribution to calculate the probability that at least 140 cars arrive in a 1-hour period. [4]

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- (i) Stating a necessary assumption, calculate a 97% confidence interval for μ . [5]

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- 4 A train company claims that 92% of trains on a particular line arrive on time. Sanjeep suspects that the true percentage is less than 92%. He chooses a random sample of 20 trains on this line and finds that exactly 16 of them arrive on time. Making an assumption that should be stated, test at the 5% significance level whether Sanjeep's suspicion is justified. [6]

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- (ii)** The random variable Y has the distribution $\text{Po}(\lambda)$, and $P(Y = 0) = P(Y = 2)$. Find λ . [2]

(iii) The random variable Z has the distribution $\text{Po}(5.2)$ and it is given that $P(Z = n) < P(Z = n + 1)$.

(a) Write down an inequality in n . [1]

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(b) Hence or otherwise find the largest possible value of n . [2]

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- 6 A random variable X has probability density function given by

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

- (i) Show that $k = \frac{2}{9}$. [3]

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- (ii) Find $P(1 \leq X \leq 2)$. [2]

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(iii) Find $\text{Var}(X)$.

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- (i) Test at the 2.5% significance level whether Bob's mean weekly income has increased. [5]

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MATHEMATICS

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Paper 7 Probability & Statistics 2 **(S2)**

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- 1** At an internet café, the charge for using a computer is 5 cents per minute. The number of minutes for which people use a computer has mean 23 and standard deviation 8.

(i) Find, in cents, the mean and standard deviation of the amount people pay when using a computer. [2]

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(ii) Each day, 15 people use computers independently. Find, in cents, the mean and standard deviation of the total amount paid by 15 people. [3]

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- 2 The time, in minutes, that John takes to travel to work has a normal distribution. Last year the mean and standard deviation were 26.5 and 4.8 respectively. This year John uses a different route and he finds that the mean time for his first 150 journeys is 27.5 minutes.

- (i) Stating a necessary assumption, test at the 1% significance level whether the mean time for his journey to work has increased. [6]

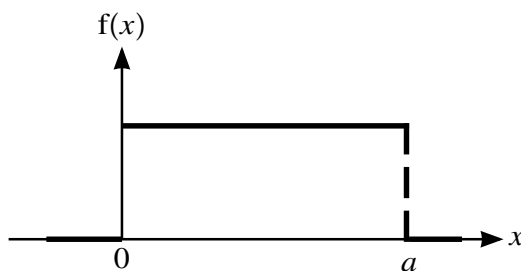
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- (ii) State, with a reason, whether it was necessary to use the Central Limit theorem in your answer to part (i). [1]

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- (ii) Later, Sumitra repeats the test at the 5% significance level by throwing the die 30 times again. Find the probability of a Type I error in this second test. [2]

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The diagram shows the graph of the probability density function, f , of a random variable X , where a is a constant greater than 0.5. The graph between $x = 0$ and $x = a$ is a straight line parallel to the x -axis.

- (i) Find $P(X < 0.5)$ in terms of a . [2]

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- (ii) Find $E(X)$ in terms of a . [1]

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- (iii) Show that $\text{Var}(X) = \frac{1}{12}a^2$. [2]

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- (b)** A random variable T has probability density function given by

$$g(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{3}{2(t-1)^2} & 2 \leq t \leq 4, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Find the value of b such that $P(T \leq b) = \frac{3}{4}$. [4]

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- 5 (a) The random variable X has the distribution $\text{Po}(2.3)$.

(i) Find $P(2 \leq X \leq 4)$. [2]

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(ii) Find the probability that the sum of two independent values of X is greater than 2. [3]

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(iii) The random variable S is the sum of 50 independent values of X . Use a suitable approximating distribution to find $P(S \leq 110)$. [4]

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- (b) The random variable Y has the distribution $\text{Po}(\lambda)$. Given that $P(Y = 3) = P(Y = 5)$, find λ . [3]

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- 6** Ramesh plans to carry out a survey in order to find out what adults in his town think about local sports facilities. He chooses a random sample from the adult members of a tennis club and gives each of them a questionnaire.

- (i)** Give a reason why this will not result in Ramesh having a random sample of adults who live in the town. [1]

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- (ii)** Describe briefly a valid method that Ramesh could use to choose a random sample of adults in the town. [2]

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Ramesh now uses a valid method to choose a random sample of 350 adults from the town. He finds that 47 adults think that the local sports facilities are good.

- (iii)** Calculate an approximate 90% confidence interval for the proportion of all adults in the town who think that the local sports facilities are good. [4]

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(i) Find $P(X = 2)$. [1]

(ii) Write down an equation in n . [1]

(iii) Hence or otherwise find the value of n . [1]

2 The random variable X has mean 372 and standard deviation 54.

- (i) Describe fully the distribution of the mean of a random sample of 36 values of X . [3]

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- (ii) The distribution in part (i) might be either exact or approximate. State a condition under which the distribution is exact. [1]

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- 3** It is claimed that, on average, a particular train journey takes less than 1.9 hours. The times, t hours, taken for this journey on a random sample of 50 days were recorded. The results are summarised below.

$$n = 50 \qquad \Sigma t = 92.5 \qquad \Sigma t^2 = 175.25$$

- (i) Calculate unbiased estimates of the population mean and variance. [3]

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- (iii) Use your values of a and b from part (ii) to find $E(X)$. [3]

- 7 All the seats on a certain daily flight are always sold. The number of passengers who have bought seats but fail to arrive for this flight on a particular day is modelled by the distribution $B(320, 0.005)$.

(i) Explain what the number 320 represents in this context. [1]

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(ii) The total number of passengers who have bought seats but fail to arrive for this flight on 2 randomly chosen days is denoted by X . Use a suitable approximating distribution to find $P(2 < X < 6)$. [3]

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(iii) Justify the use of your approximating distribution. [2]

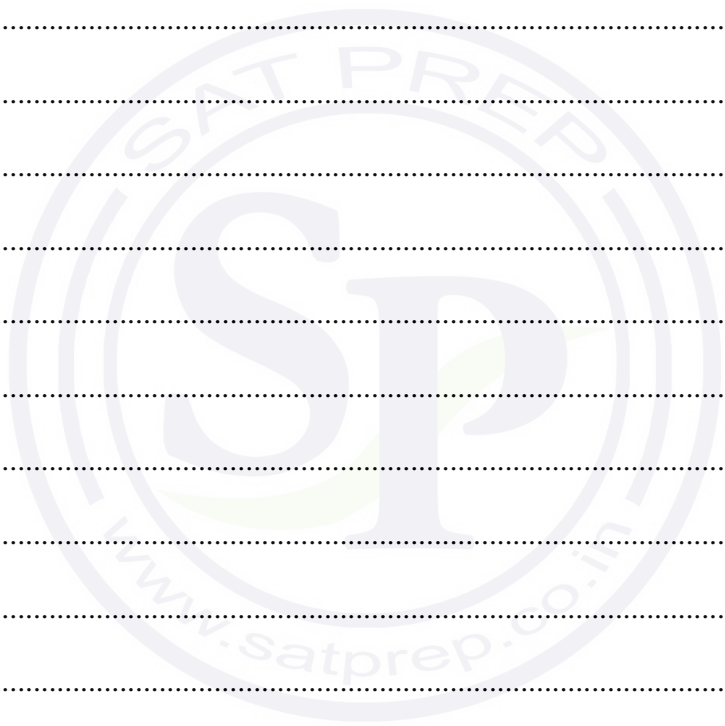
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(iv) During 5 randomly chosen days, a total of 2 passengers failed to arrive. Carry out the test at the 2.5% significance level. [5]

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- 2 The length of worms is denoted by X cm. The lengths of a random sample of 50 worms were measured. Some of the results were lost, but the following results are available.
- $\Sigma x^2 = 4361$
 - An unbiased estimate of the population variance of X is 9.62.

Calculate the mean length of the 50 worms.

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- 3** Luis has to choose one person at random from four people, *A*, *B*, *C* and *D*. He throws a fair six-sided die. If the score is 1, he will choose *A*. If the score is 2 he will choose *B*. If the score is 3, he will choose *C*. If the score is 4 or more he will choose *D*.

(i) Explain why the choice made by this method is not random.

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(ii) Describe how Luis could use a single throw of the die to make a random choice.

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On another day, Luis has to choose two people at random from the same four people, *A*, *B*, *C* and *D*.

(iii) List the possible choices of two people and hence describe how Luis could use a single throw of the die to make this random choice.

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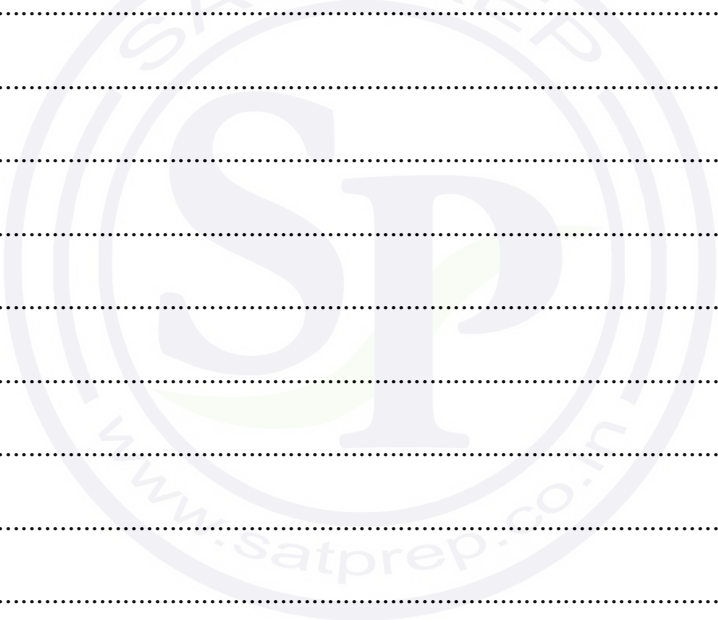
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- 7 Each day at a certain doctor's surgery there are 70 appointments available in the morning and 60 in the afternoon. All the appointments are filled every day. The probability that any patient misses a particular morning appointment is 0.04, and the probability that any patient misses a particular afternoon appointment is 0.05. All missed appointments are independent of each other.

Use suitable approximating distributions to answer the following.

- (i) Find the probability that on a randomly chosen morning there are at least 3 missed appointments. [3]

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- (ii) Find the probability that on a randomly chosen day there are a total of exactly 6 missed appointments. [3]

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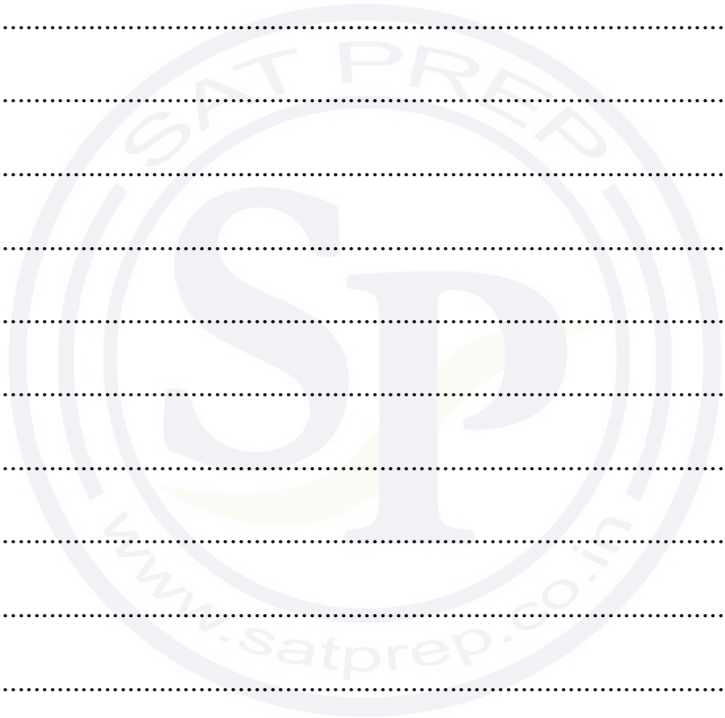
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- (iii) Find the probability that in a randomly chosen 10-day period there are more than 50 missed appointments. [4]

- 8** The four sides of a spinner are A, B, C, D . The spinner is supposed to be fair, but Sonam suspects that the spinner is biased so that the probability, p , that it will land on side A is greater than $\frac{1}{4}$. He spins the spinner 10 times and finds that it lands on side A 6 times.

(i) Test Sonam's suspicion using a 1% significance level.

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Later Sonam carries out a similar test at the 1% significance level, using another 10 spins of the spinner.

- (ii) Calculate the probability of a Type I error. [2]

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- (iii) Assuming that the value of p is actually $\frac{3}{5}$, calculate the probability of a Type II error. [3]

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- 2** The independent random variables X and Y have the distributions $N(9.2, 12.1)$ and $N(3.0, 8.6)$ respectively. Find $P(X > 3Y)$. [5]

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Alex wants to be at least 99% certain of seeing at least 1 eagle.

(iii) Find the minimum time for which she should watch for eagles.

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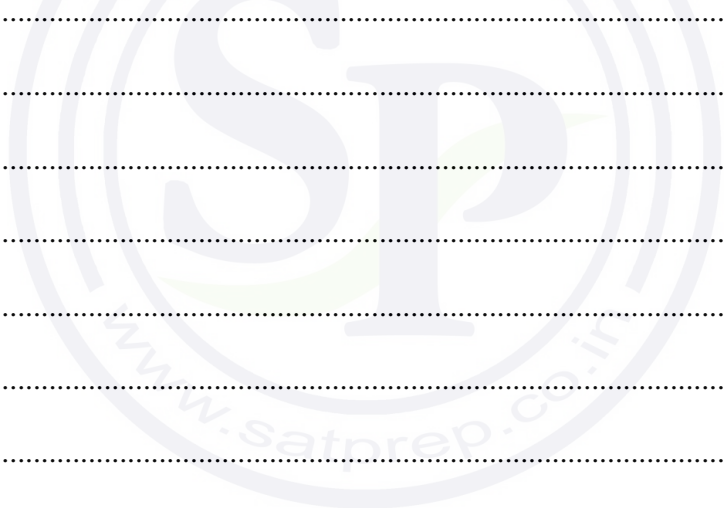
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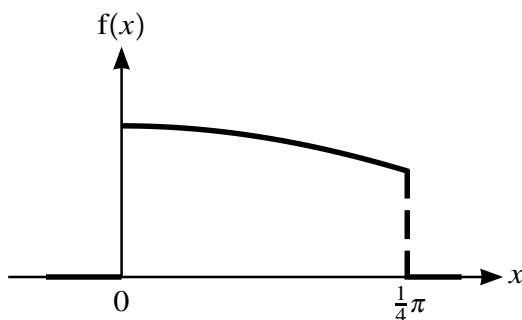
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as shown in the diagram.

(i) Find $P(X > \frac{1}{6}\pi)$.

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(ii) Find the median of X .

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- 5 The number of eagles seen per hour in a certain location has the distribution $Po(1.8)$. The number of vultures seen per hour in the same location has the independent distribution $Po(2.6)$.

(i) Find the probability that, in a randomly chosen hour, at least 2 eagles are seen. [2]

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(ii) Find the probability that, in a randomly chosen half-hour period, the total number of eagles and vultures seen is less than 5. [3]

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- 6 The time taken by volunteers to complete a certain task is normally distributed. In the past the time, in minutes, has had mean 91.4 and standard deviation 6.4. A new, similar task is introduced and the times, t minutes, taken by a random sample of 6 volunteers to complete the new task are summarised by $\Sigma t = 568.5$. Andrea plans to carry out a test, at the 5% significance level, of whether the mean time for the new task is different from the mean time for the old task.

(i) Give a reason why Andrea should use a two-tail test.

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(ii) State the probability that a Type I error is made, and explain the meaning of a Type I error in this context.

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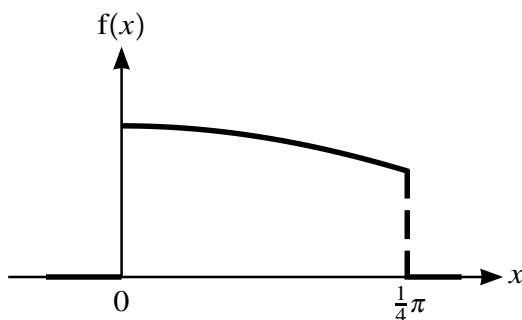
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(i) Find $P(X > \frac{1}{6}\pi)$.

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(iii) Find $E(X)$.

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- (i) Calculate a 97.5% confidence interval for the mean height of adult males. [3]

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- (i) State the null and alternative hypotheses for this test. [1]

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(ii) State, with a reason, the conclusion that the headteacher should draw from the test. [2]

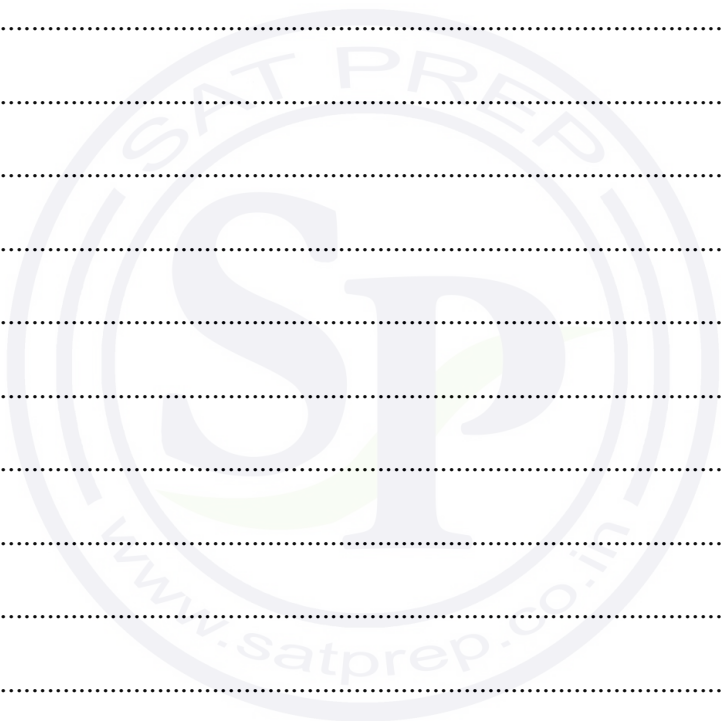
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- (ii) A sample of 100 cm^3 of air is taken at random. Use an approximating distribution to find the probability that the total number of drops of A and B in this sample is less than 60. [5]

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- (ii) Find the probability that the time taken to build a type Q house is more than 1.2 times the time taken to build a type P house. [5]

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

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where k is a constant.

- (i) Show that $k = \frac{1}{\ln 3}$. [2]

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- (ii) Show that $E(X) = 3.64$, correct to 3 significant figures. [3]

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- (i) Carry out the test at the 2.5% significance level. [7]

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(ii) Given that the population mean mass is 49 kg, find the probability of a Type II error. [5]

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- 1 The random variable X has the distribution $\text{Po}(2.3)$. Find $P(2 \leq X < 5)$. [3]

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- 2 The standard deviation of the volume of drink in cans of Koola is 4.8 centilitres. A random sample of 180 cans is taken and the mean volume of drink in these 180 cans is found to be 330.1 centilitres.

- (i) Calculate a 95% confidence interval for the mean volume of drink in all cans of Koola. Give the end-points of your interval correct to 1 decimal place. [3]

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- (ii) Explain whether it was necessary to use the Central Limit theorem in your answer to part (i). [1]

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- 4 The time, X hours, taken by a large number of runners to complete a race is modelled by the probability density function given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{k}{(x+1)^2} & 0 \leq x \leq a, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where k and a are constants.

- (i) Show that $k = \frac{a+1}{a}$. [3]

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- (ii) State what the constant a represents in this context. [1]

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Three quarters of the runners take half an hour or less to complete the race.

(iii) Find the value of a .

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- (i) Calculate unbiased estimates for the population mean and variance of the number of basketball courts per school in South Mowland. [4]

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Number of basketball courts per school in North Mowland is 1.9.

- (ii) Test at the 5% significance level whether the mean number of basketball courts per school in South Mowland is less than the mean for North Mowland. [5]

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7 The independent random variables X and Y have the distributions $\text{Po}(2.1)$ and $\text{Po}(3.5)$ respectively.

(i) Find $P(X + Y = 3)$. [2]

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(ii) Given that $X + Y = 3$, find $P(X = 2)$. [3]

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- (iii) A random sample of 100 values of X is taken. Find the probability that the sample mean is more than 2.2. [6]

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MATHEMATICS

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Paper 7 Probability & Statistics 2 **(S2)**

October/November 2018

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- (i) Calculate a 97.5% confidence interval for the mean height of adult males. [3]

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- (i) State the null and alternative hypotheses for this test. [1]

(ii) State, with a reason, the conclusion that the headteacher should draw from the test. [2]

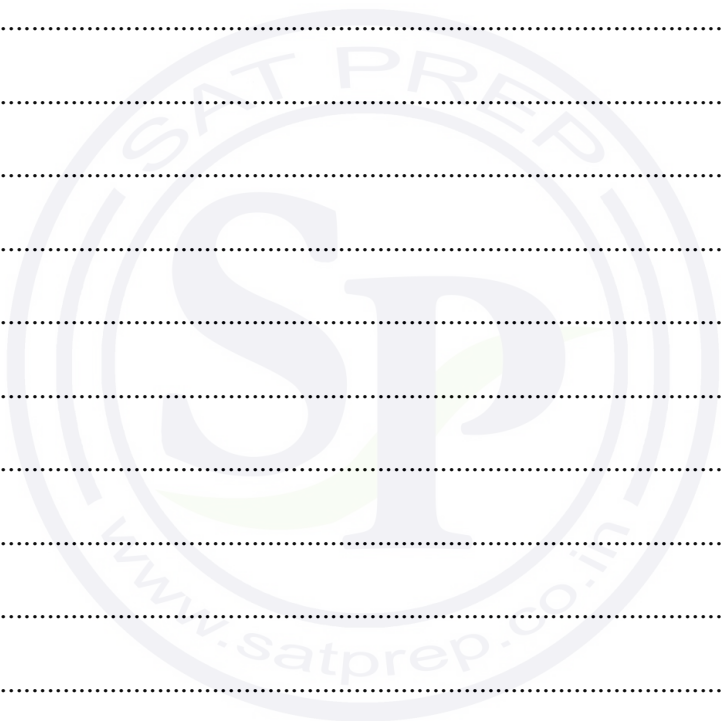
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- (ii) A sample of 100 cm^3 of air is taken at random. Use an approximating distribution to find the probability that the total number of drops of A and B in this sample is less than 60. [5]

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- (ii) Find the probability that the time taken to build a type Q house is more than 1.2 times the time taken to build a type P house. [5]

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

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} kx^{-1} & 2 \leq x \leq 6, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where k is a constant.

- (i) Show that $k = \frac{1}{\ln 3}$. [2]

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- (ii) Show that $E(X) = 3.64$, correct to 3 significant figures. [3]

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- 7 A mill owner claims that the mean mass of sacks of flour produced at his mill is 51 kg. A quality control officer suspects that the mean mass is actually less than 51 kg. In order to test the owner's claim she finds the mass, x kg, of each of a random sample of 150 sacks and her results are summarised as follows.

$$\Sigma x = 7480$$

$$\Sigma x^2 = 380\,000$$

- (i) Carry out the test at the 2.5% significance level.

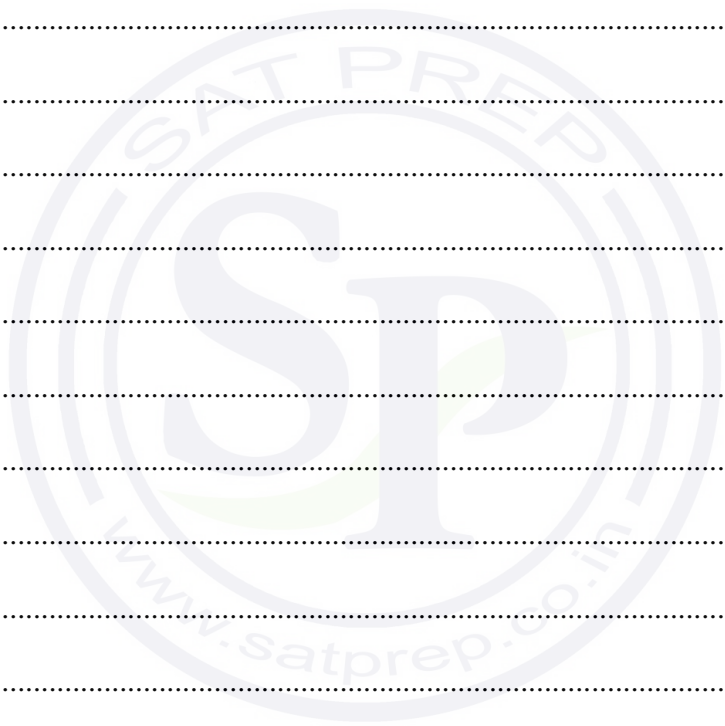
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(ii) Given that the population mean mass is 49 kg, find the probability of a Type II error. [5]

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- 1 A random sample of 75 values of a variable X gave the following results.

$$n = 75 \qquad \Sigma x = 153.2 \qquad \Sigma x^2 = 340.24$$

Find unbiased estimates for the population mean and variance of X . [3]

- 2** A six-sided die is suspected of bias. The die is thrown 100 times and it is found that the score is 2 on 20 throws. It is given that the probability of obtaining a score of 2 on any throw is p .

(i) Find an approximate 94% confidence interval for p . [3]

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(ii) Use your answer to part (i) to comment on whether the die may be biased. [1]

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- 3** The number of e-readers sold in a 10-day period in a shop is modelled by the distribution $\text{Po}(5.1)$. Use an approximating distribution to find the probability that fewer than 140 e-readers are sold in a 300-day period. [4]

- (i) Find the probability that the mean mass of a random sample of 50 of these rocks is less than 14.0 kg. [3]

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- (ii) Explain whether it was necessary to assume that the population of the masses of these rocks is normally distributed. [1]

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- 6 The time, in minutes, taken by people to complete a test is modelled by the continuous random variable X with probability density function given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{k}{x^2} & 5 \leq x \leq 10, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where k is a constant.

- (i) Show that $k = 10$.

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- (ii) Show that $E(X) = 10 \ln 2$.

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- 7 The number of absences by girls from a certain class on any day is modelled by a random variable with distribution $Po(0.2)$. The number of absences by boys from the same class on any day is modelled by an independent random variable with distribution $Po(0.3)$.

- (i) Find the probability that, during a randomly chosen 2-day period, the total number of absences is less than 3. [3]

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- (ii) Find the probability that, during a randomly chosen 5-day period, the number of absences by boys is more than 3. [2]

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- (iii) The teacher claims that, during the football season, there are more absences by boys than usual. In order to test this claim at the 5% significance level, he notes the number of absences by boys during a randomly chosen 5-day period during the football season.

(a) State what is meant by a Type I error in this context. [1]

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(b) State appropriate null and alternative hypotheses and find the probability of a Type I error. [3]

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(c) In fact there were 4 absences by boys during this period. Test the teacher's claim at the 5% significance level. [3]

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- 4 The mean mass of packets of sugar is supposed to be 505 g. A random sample of 10 packets filled by a certain machine was taken and the masses, in grams, were found to be as follows.

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- (i) Find unbiased estimates of the population mean and variance. [3]

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The mean mass of packets produced by this machine was found to be less than 505 g, so the machine was adjusted. Following the adjustment, the masses of a random sample of 150 packets from the machine were measured and the total mass was found to be 75 660 g.

- (ii) Given that the population standard deviation is 3.6 g, test at the 2% significance level whether the machine is still producing packets with mean mass less than 505 g. [5]

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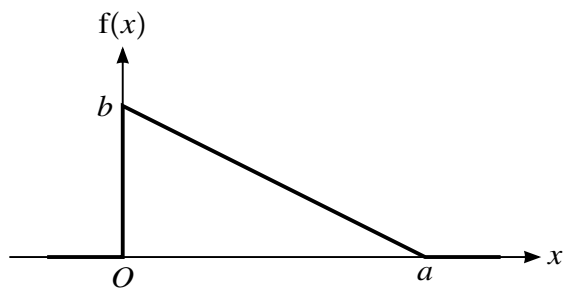
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- (iii) Explain why the use of the normal distribution is justified in carrying out the test in part (ii). [1]



(i) Find b in terms of a . [2]



(ii) Show that $f(x) = \frac{2}{a} - \frac{2}{a^2}x$. [3]

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(iii) Given that $E(X) = 0.5$, find a .

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6 Accidents on a particular road occur at a constant average rate of 1 every 4.8 weeks.

- (i) State, in context, one condition for the number of accidents in a given period to be modelled by a Poisson distribution. [1]

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Assume now that a Poisson distribution is a suitable model.

- (ii) Find the probability that exactly 4 accidents will occur during a randomly chosen 12-week period. [2]

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- (iii) Find the probability that more than 3 accidents will occur during a randomly chosen 10-week period. [3]

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- 7 A ten-sided spinner has edges numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. Sanjeev claims that the spinner is biased so that it lands on the 10 more often than it would if it were unbiased. In an experiment, the spinner landed on the 10 in 3 out of 9 spins.

(i) Test at the 1% significance level whether Sanjeev's claim is justified.

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(ii) Explain why a Type I error cannot have been made.

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(iii) Another test at the 1% significance level, also based on 9 spins, is carried out. Calculate the probability of a Type II error. [6]

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- (i) Use the Poisson approximation to the binomial distribution to calculate $P(X < 3)$. [3]

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- 2 Amy has to choose a random sample from the 265 students in her year at college. She numbers the students from 1 to 265 and then uses random numbers generated by her calculator. The first two random numbers produced by her calculator are 0.213 165 448 and 0.073 165 196.

(i) Use these figures to find the numbers of the first four students in her sample. [2]

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There were 25 students in Amy's sample. She asked each of them how much money, \$ x , they earned in a week, on average. Her results are summarised below.

$$n = 25$$

$$\Sigma x = 510$$

$$\Sigma x^2 = 13\,225$$

(ii) Find unbiased estimates of the population mean and variance. [3]

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(iii) Explain briefly what is meant by 'population' in this question. [1]

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- (i) State, in context, one condition required for M to have a Poisson distribution. [1]

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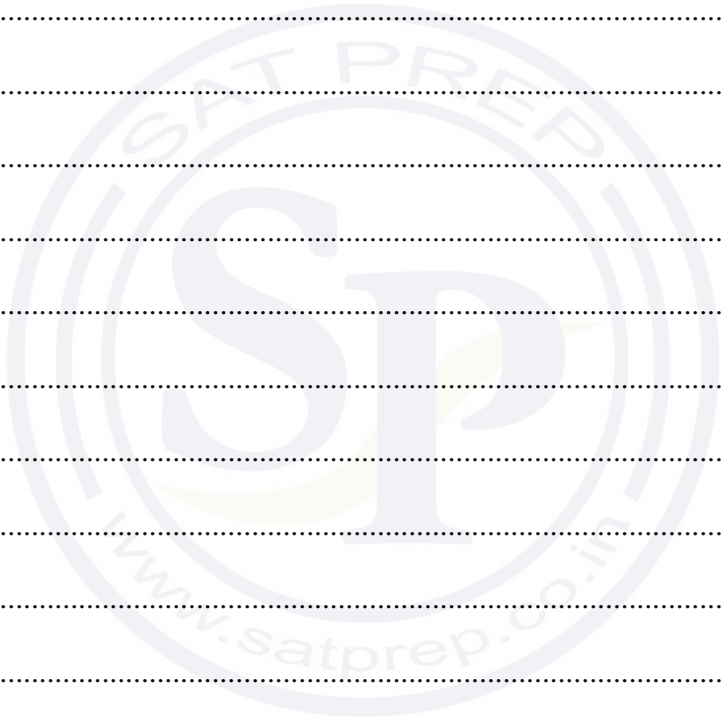
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(ii) Find the probability that the total number of students who leave to study engineering in a particular year is more than 3. [3]

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- (iii) Given that the total number of students who leave to study engineering in a particular year is more than 3, find the probability that no female students leave to study engineering in that year. [3]

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- (ii)** A similar test at the 5% significance level was carried out using the times from another randomly chosen 30 occasions.

- (a)** State the probability of a Type I error. [1]

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- (b)** State what is meant by a Type II error in this context. [1]

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- 6** The times, in minutes, taken to complete the two parts of a task are normally distributed with means 4.5 and 2.3 respectively and standard deviations 1.1 and 0.7 respectively.

(i) Find the probability that the total time taken for the task is less than 8.5 minutes. [4]

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- 7 A random variable X has probability density function defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} k\left(\frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{x^3}\right) & 1 \leq x \leq 2, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where k is a constant.

- (i) Show that $k = \frac{8}{7}$. [3]

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- (ii) Find $E(X)$. [3]

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- 1 X is a random variable with mean 4.9 and standard deviation 2.21. A random sample of 75 values of X is taken. Find the probability that the sample mean is greater than 5.0. [3]

- 2** The number of phone calls arriving in a 10-minute period at a switchboard is modelled by the random variable X which has the distribution $\text{Po}(4.1)$. Use an approximating distribution to find the probability that more than 90 calls arrive in a 4-hour period. [5]

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- 3 The heights of plants of type A have mean 1.2 m and standard deviation 0.03 m. A random sample of 5 plants of type A is selected. The sum of the heights of these 5 plants is denoted by H_A m.

(i) Find the mean and variance of H_A . [3]

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The heights of plants of type B have mean 0.6 m and standard deviation 0.02 m. A random sample of 5 plants of type B is selected. The sum of the heights of these 5 plants is denoted by H_B m.

(ii) Find the mean and variance of $H_A - 2H_B$. [4]

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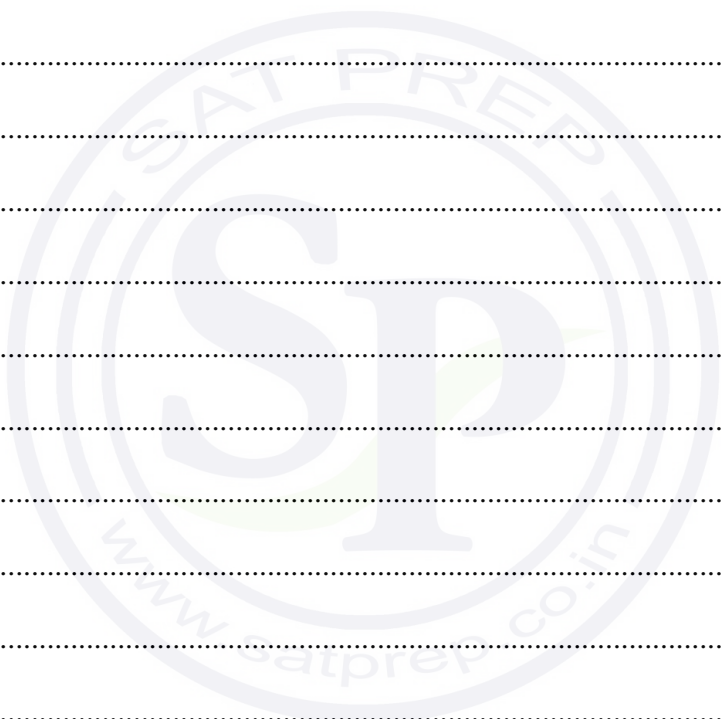
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- (i) Find the probability that, during a randomly chosen hour, the total number of laptops and tablets sold in the store is less than 4. [3]

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- (ii) The manager claims that on sunny Saturdays fewer laptops than usual are sold. In order to test this claim, an employee notes the number of laptops sold during a 4-hour period on a randomly chosen sunny Saturday. In fact only 1 laptop is sold during this period. Test the manager's claim at the 10% significance level. [5]

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- (i) State appropriate null and alternative hypotheses. [1]

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- (iv) Given that the true percentage of orange flavoured sweets is 5%, calculate the probability of a Type II error. [3]

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- (ii)** Sketch the graph of the probability density function and hence state the value of $E(X)$. [2]

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- (iii) Find $\text{Var}(X)$. [3]

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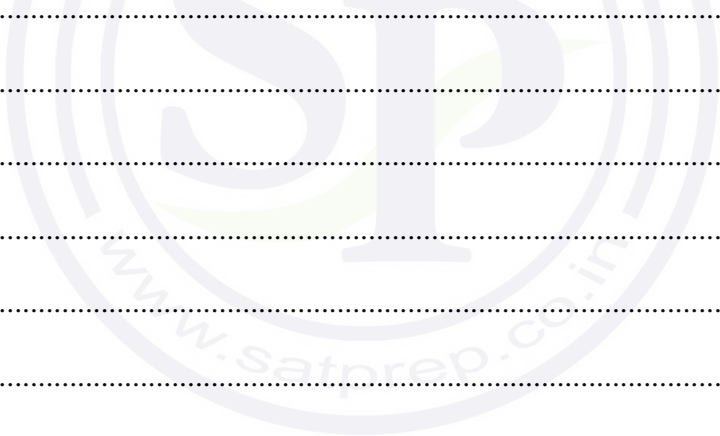
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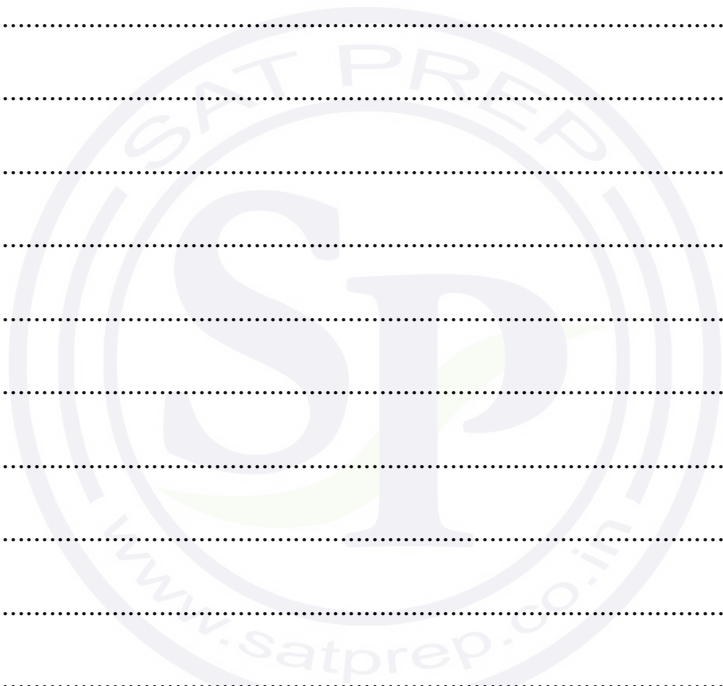
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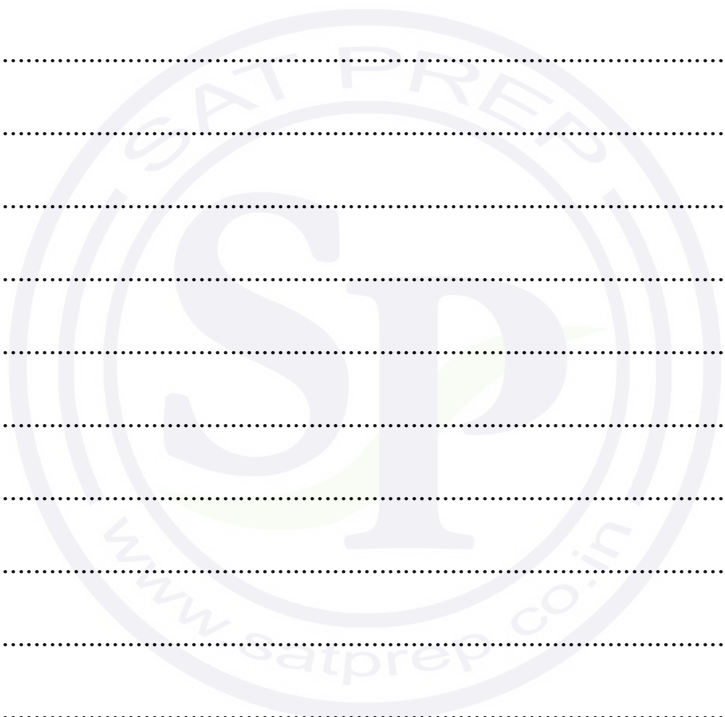
- 8** In order to test the effect of a drug, a researcher monitors the concentration, X , of a certain protein in the blood stream of patients. For patients who are not taking the drug the mean value of X is 0.185. A random sample of 150 patients taking the drug was selected and the values of X were found. The results are summarised below.

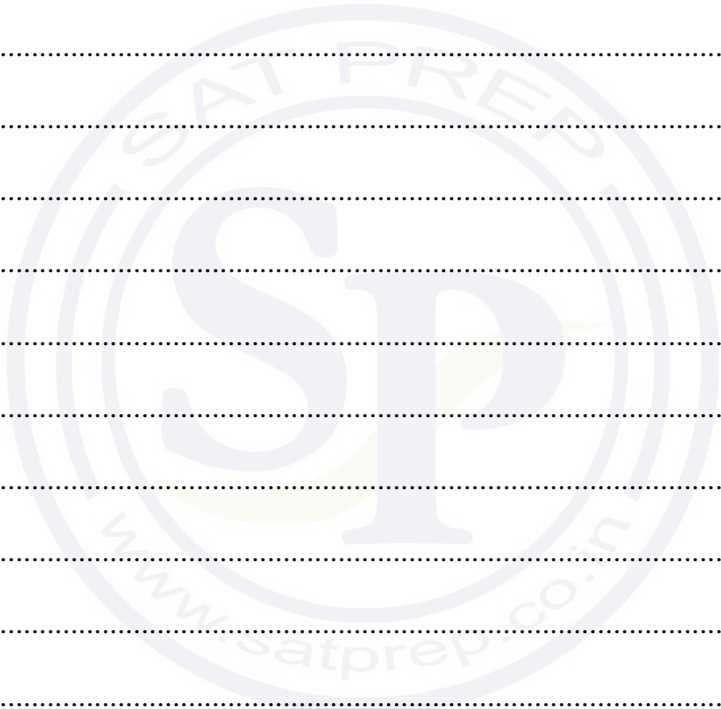
$$n = 150 \quad \Sigma x = 27.0 \quad \Sigma x^2 = 5.01$$

The researcher wishes to test at the 1% significance level whether the mean concentration of the protein in the blood stream of patients taking the drug is less than 0.185.

- (i) Carry out the test.

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- 1 (a) (i)** A random variable X has the distribution $B(2540, 0.001)$. Use the Poisson approximation to the binomial distribution to find $P(X > 1)$. [3]

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- (ii)** Explain why the Poisson approximation is appropriate in this case. [1]

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- (b)** Two independent random variables, S and T , have distributions $Po(2.1)$ and $Po(3.5)$ respectively. Find the mean and standard deviation of $S + T$. [2]

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- 2 The number of words in History essays by students at a certain college has mean μ and standard deviation 1420.

- (i) The mean number of words in a random sample of 125 History essays was found to be 4820. Calculate a 98% confidence interval for μ . [3]

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- (ii) Another random sample of n History essays was taken. Using this sample, a 95% confidence interval for μ was found to be 4700 to 4980, both correct to the nearest integer. Find the value of n . [3]

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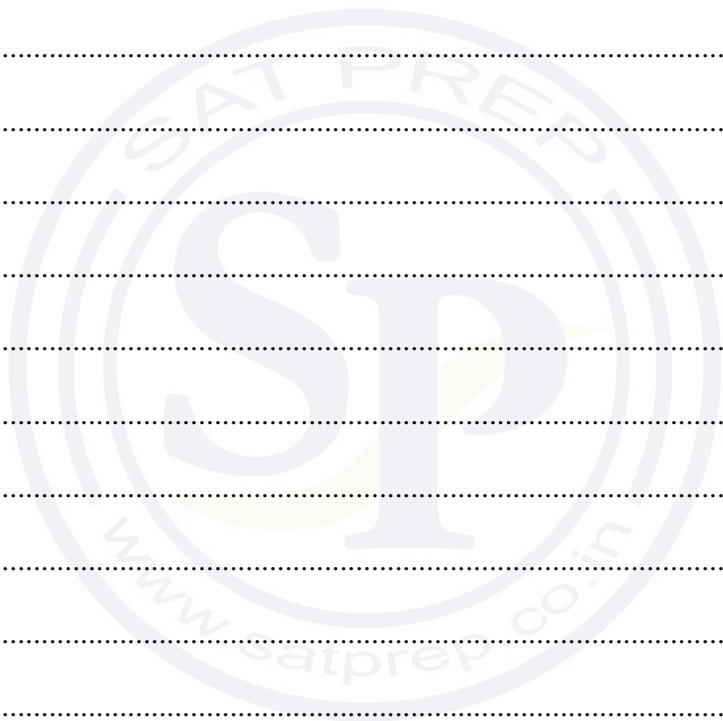
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- (iii) Explain what is meant by a Type I error in this context. [1]

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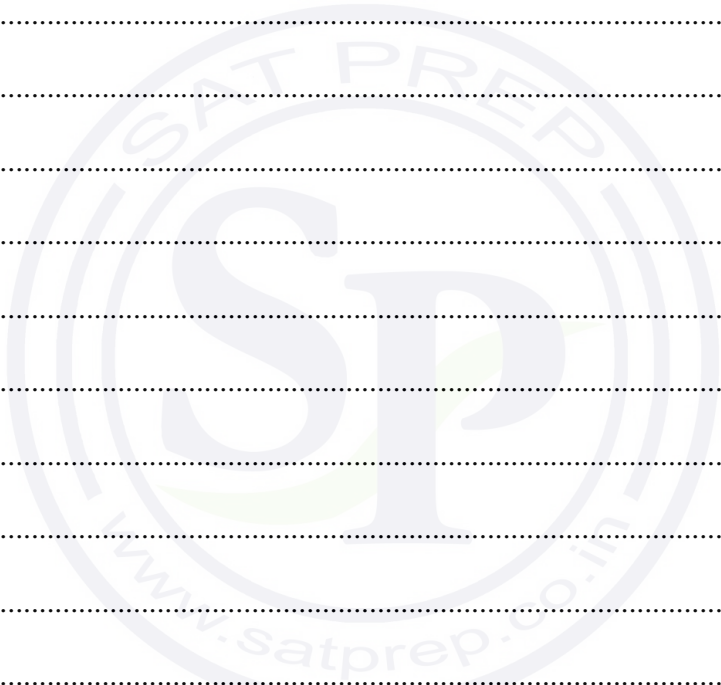
- 3 After an election 153 adults, from a random sample of 200 adults, said that they had voted. Using this information, an $\alpha\%$ confidence interval for the proportion of all adults who voted in the election was found to be 0.695 to 0.835, both correct to 3 significant figures. Find the value of α , correct to the nearest integer. [4]

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- (i) Use an approximating distribution to calculate the probability that, in a random sample of 2000 clover plants, more than 2 will have four leaves. [3]

[illegible]

- (ii) Justify your approximating distribution. [2]

- 2 Past experience has shown that the heights of a certain variety of plant have mean 64.0 cm and standard deviation 3.8 cm. During a particularly hot summer, it was expected that the heights of plants of this variety would be less than usual. In order to test whether this was the case, a botanist recorded the heights of a random sample of 100 plants and found that the value of the sample mean was 63.3 cm. Stating a necessary assumption, carry out the test at the 2.5% significance level. [6]

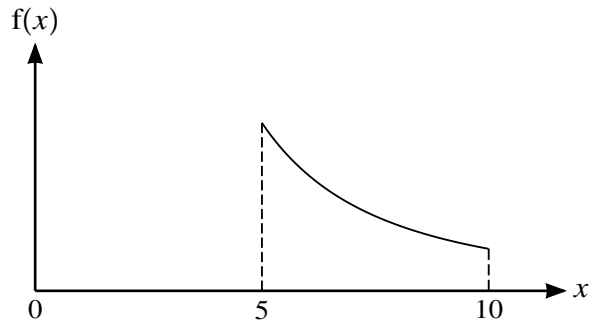
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The time, X minutes, taken by a large number of runners to complete a certain race has probability density function f given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{k}{x^2} & 5 \leq x \leq 10, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where k is a constant, as shown in the diagram.

- (i) Without calculation, explain how you can tell that there were more runners whose times were below 7.5 minutes than above 7.5 minutes. [1]

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- (ii) Show that $k = 10$. [3]

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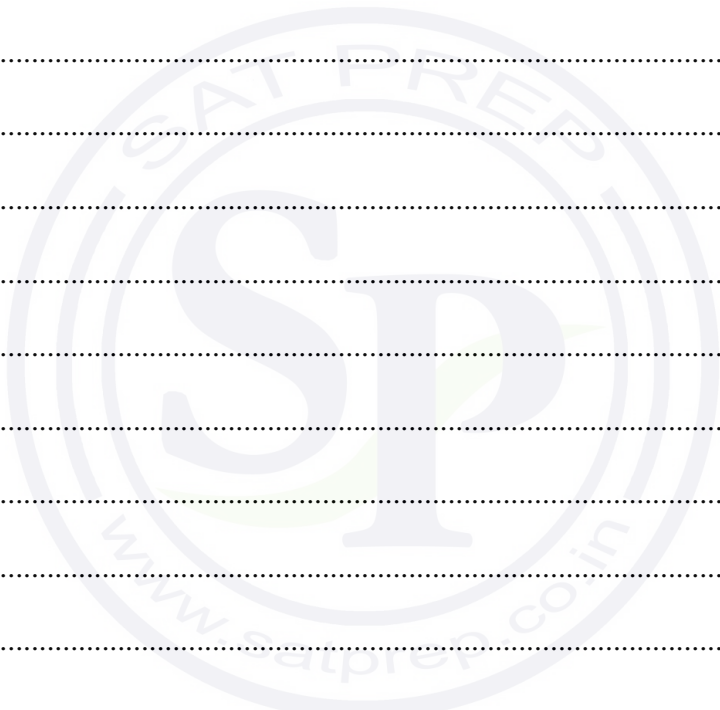
- 5 Large packets of sugar are packed in cartons, each containing 12 packets. The weights of these packets are normally distributed with mean 505 g and standard deviation 3.2 g. The weights of the cartons, when empty, are independently normally distributed with mean 150 g and standard deviation 7 g.

(i) Find the probability that the total weight of a full carton is less than 6200 g. [5]

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- (i) Find the critical region for the test and state the probability of a Type I error. [6]

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- (iii) During the 6-month period there are a total of 2 sports injuries. Carry out the test. [3]

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- (iv) Assuming that the mean remains 1.1, calculate the probability that there will be fewer than 30 sports injuries during a 36-month period. [4]

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- 2 Javier writes an article containing 52 460 words. He plans to upload the article to his website, but he knows that this process sometimes introduces errors. He assumes that for each word in the uploaded version of his article, the probability that it contains an error is 0.000 08. The number of words containing an error is denoted by X .

(i) Find $E(X)$ and $\text{Var}(X)$, giving your answers correct to three decimal places. [2]

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Javier wants to use the Poisson distribution as an approximating distribution to calculate the probability that there will be fewer than 5 words containing an error in his uploaded article.

(ii) Explain how your answers to part (i) are consistent with the use of the Poisson distribution as an approximating distribution. [1]

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(iii) Use the Poisson distribution to calculate $P(X < 5)$. [2]

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- (i) Calculate unbiased estimates of μ and σ^2 . [3]

(ii) A random sample of 50 households in one particular region of the country is taken and the sample mean income, in thousands of dollars, is found to be 2.6. Using your values from part (i), test at the 5% significance level whether household incomes in this region are greater, on average, than in the country as a whole. [5]

- 4** It is claimed that 1 in every 4 packets of certain biscuits contains a free gift. Marisa and André both suspect that the true proportion is less than 1 in 4.

- (i) Marisa chooses 20 packets at random. She decides that if fewer than 3 contain free gifts, she will conclude that the claim is not justified. Use a binomial distribution to find the probability of a Type I error. [2]

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- (ii) André chooses 25 packets at random. He decides to carry out a significance test at the 1% level, using a binomial distribution. Given that only 1 of the 25 packets contains a free gift, carry out the test. [5]

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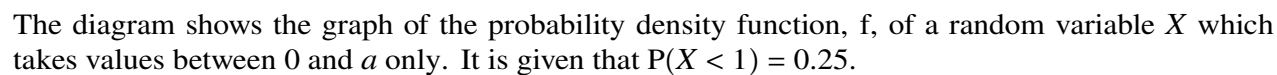
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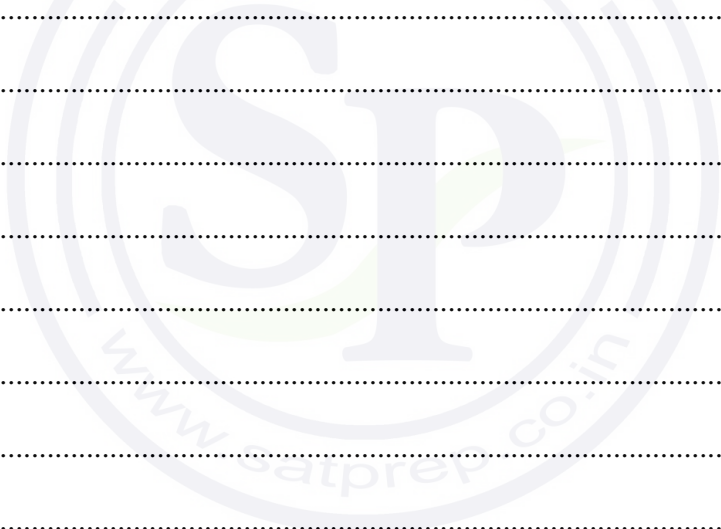
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(ii) Find the median of X .

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- 6** Old televisions arrive randomly and independently at a recycling centre at an average rate of 1.2 per day.

(i) Find the probability that exactly 2 televisions arrive in a 2-day period. [2]

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(ii) Use an appropriate approximating distribution to find the probability that at least 55 televisions arrive in a 50-day period. [4]

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Independently of televisions, old computers arrive randomly and independently at the same recycling centre at an average rate of 4 per 7-day week.

(iii) Find the probability that the total number of televisions and computers that arrive at the recycling centre in a 3-day period is less than 4. [3]

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- 7 (a) A random variable X is normally distributed with mean 4.2 and standard deviation 1.1. Find the probability that the sum of two randomly chosen values of X is greater than 10. [4]

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1096 4357 3765 0431 0928 9264

The numbers of the first two members in the sample are 109 and 643. Find the numbers of the next three members in the sample. [3]

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- (i) Find an approximate 92% confidence interval for the proportion, p , of all shareholders who want a change in the management. [3]

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- (ii) State the probability that a 92% confidence interval does not contain p . [1]

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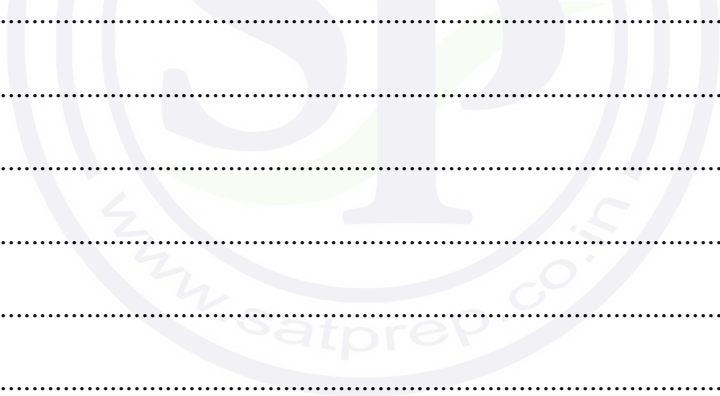
- 4 Last year the mean level of a certain pollutant in a river was found to be 0.034 grams per millilitre. This year the levels of pollutant, X grams per millilitre, were measured at a random sample of 200 locations in the river. The results are summarised below.

$$n = 200 \quad \Sigma x = 6.7 \quad \Sigma x^2 = 0.2312$$

- (i) Calculate unbiased estimates of the population mean and variance. [3]

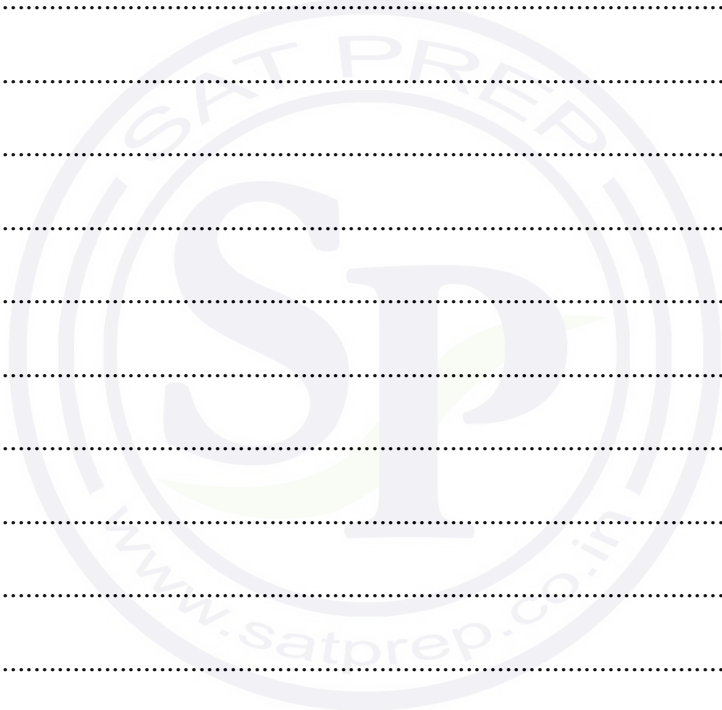
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- (ii)** Test, at the 10% significance level, whether the mean level of pollutant has changed. [5]



5 (i) A random variable X has the distribution $\text{Po}(42)$.

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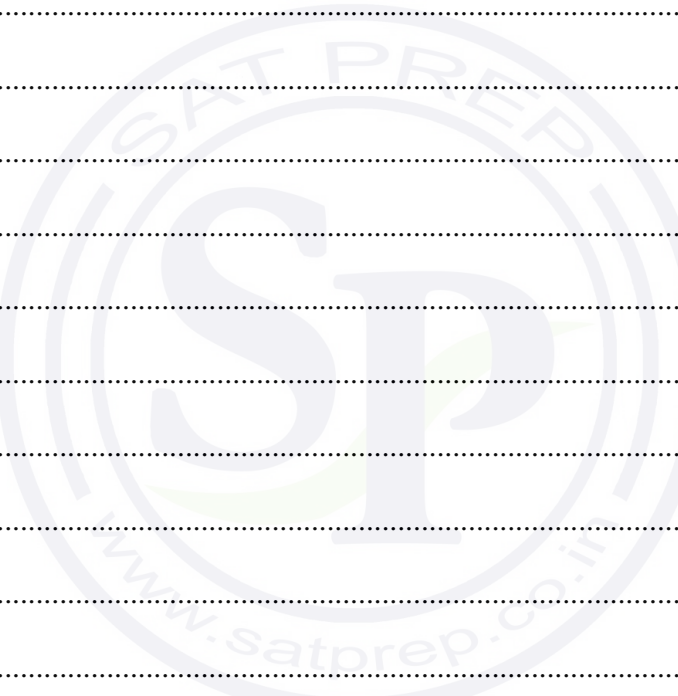
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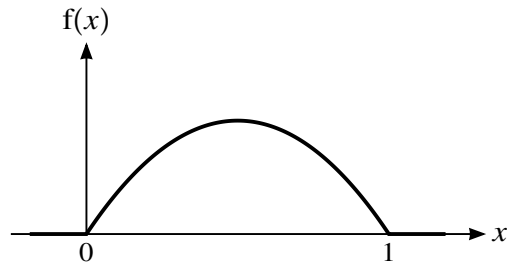
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The diagram shows the graph of the probability density function, f , of a continuous random variable X , where f is defined by

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- (i) Show that the value of the constant k is 6. [3]

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- (i) Given that the total number of accidents during the 12 months was 2, carry out the test. [6]

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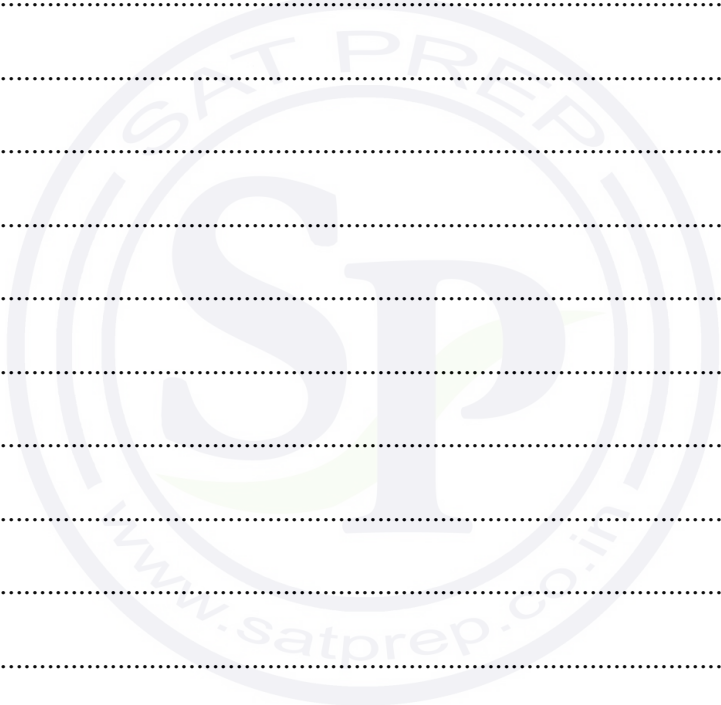
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Paper 7 Probability & Statistics 2 **(S2)**

February/March 2017

1 hour 15 minutes

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

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- (i) Given that Karim's test is two-tail, state the alternative hypothesis. [1]

Karim finds that the value of the test statistic is $z = 2.43$.

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- (i) Find $P(51 < \bar{X} < 53)$. [4]

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- 4** At a doctors' surgery, the number of missed appointments per day has a Poisson distribution. In the past the mean number of missed appointments per day has been 0.9. Following some publicity, the manager carries out a hypothesis test to determine whether this mean has decreased. If there are fewer than 3 missed appointments in a randomly chosen 5-day period, she will conclude that the mean has decreased.

(i) Find the probability of a Type I error. [3]

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(ii) State what is meant by a Type I error in this context. [1]

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(iii) Find the probability of a Type II error if the mean number of missed appointments per day is 0.2. [3]

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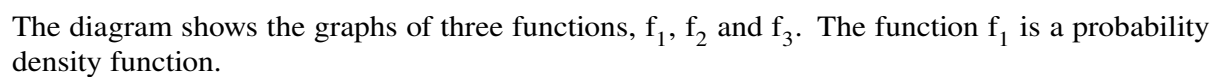
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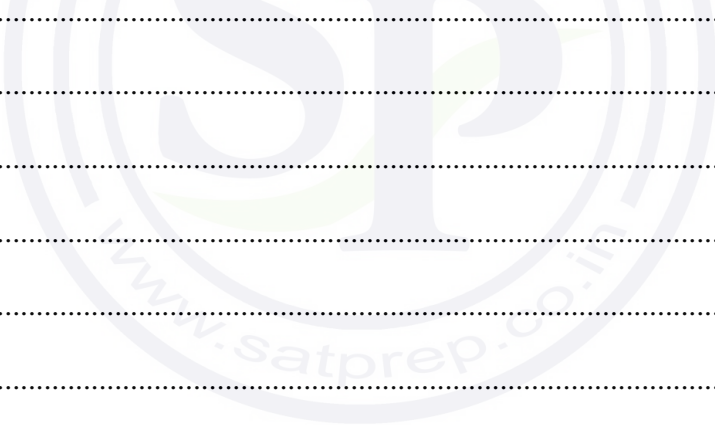
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(b) The probability density function g is defined by

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} 6(a^2 - x^2) & -a \leq x \leq a, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where a is a constant.

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(ii) State the value of $E(X)$. [1]

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(iii) Find $\text{Var}(X)$. [2]

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(i) State two assumptions required for the Poisson model to be valid in this context. [2]

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(ii) (a) Find the probability that the number of planes arriving in a 15-minute period is greater than 1 and less than 4, [3]

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(i) State suitable null and alternative hypotheses for Manjit's test. [1]

(ii) There are no sixes in the first 15 throws. Show that this result is not significant at the 5% level. [2]

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- 3 Particles are emitted randomly from a radioactive substance at a constant average rate of 3.6 per minute. Find the probability that

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(i) Find the mean and standard deviation of the total amount of milk that the farmer sells in 4 randomly chosen weeks. [4]

During a year when milk prices are low, the farmer makes a loss of 2 cents per litre on milk and makes a profit of 21 cents per kg on cheese, so the farmer's overall weekly profit is $(21Y - 2X)$ cents.

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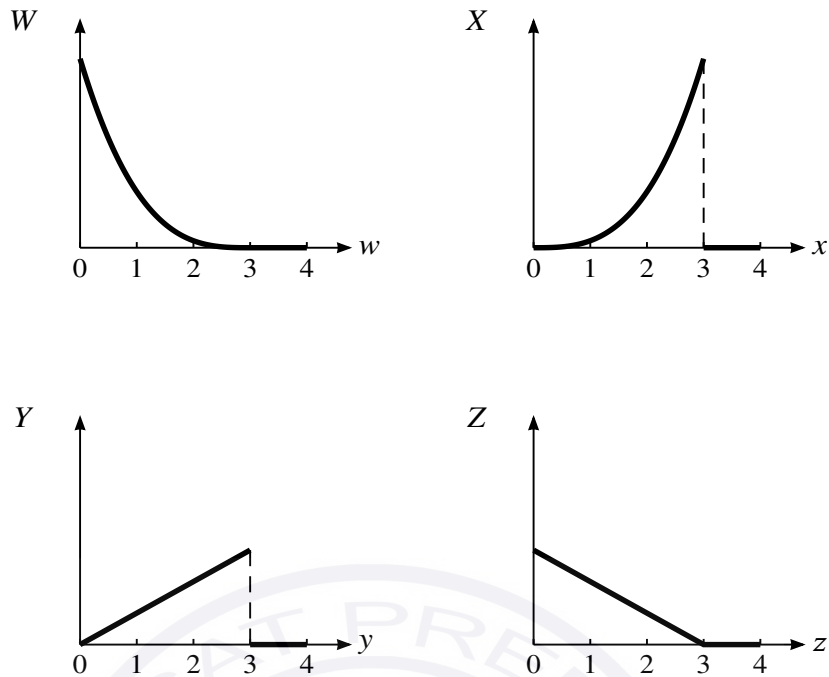
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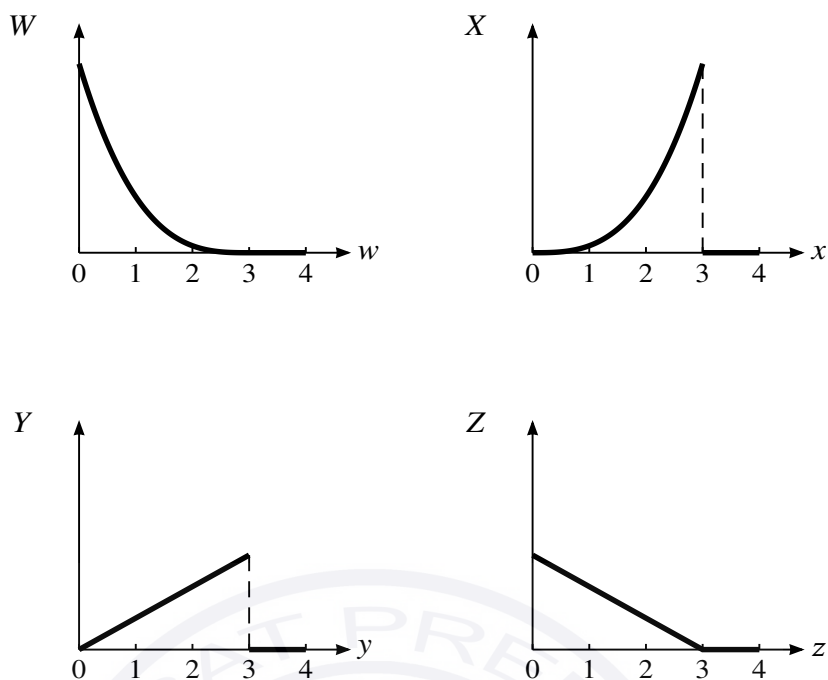
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- 1 The random variable X has the distribution $Po(3.5)$. Find $P(X < 3)$. [3]
- 2 Dominic wishes to choose a random sample of five students from the 150 students in his year. He numbers the students from 1 to 150. Then he uses his calculator to generate five random numbers between 0 and 1. He multiplies each random number by 150 and rounds up to the next whole number to give a student number.
- (i) Dominic's first random number is 0.392. Find the student number that is produced by this random number. [1]
- (ii) Dominic's second student number is 104. Find a possible random number that would produce this student number. [1]
- (iii) Explain briefly why five random numbers may not be enough to produce a sample of five student numbers. [1]
- 3 A men's triathlon consists of three parts: swimming, cycling and running. Competitors' times, in minutes, for the three parts can be modelled by three independent normal variables with means 34.0, 87.1 and 56.9, and standard deviations 3.2, 4.1 and 3.8, respectively. For each competitor, the total of his three times is called the race time. Find the probability that the mean race time of a random sample of 15 competitors is less than 175 minutes. [5]
- 4 The manufacturer of a tablet computer claims that the mean battery life is 11 hours. A consumer organisation wished to test whether the mean is actually greater than 11 hours. They invited a random sample of members to report the battery life of their tablets. They then calculated the sample mean. Unfortunately a fire destroyed the records of this test except for the following partial document.

Test of the mean battery life of the tablet	
Sample size, n	
Sample mean (hours)	11.8
Is the result significant at the 5% level?	Yes
Is the result significant at the 2.5% level?	No

Given that the population of battery lives is normally distributed with standard deviation 1.6 hours, find the set of possible values of the sample size, n . [5]

- 5 It is claimed that 30% of packets of Froogum contain a free gift. Andre thinks that the actual proportion is less than 30% and he decides to carry out a hypothesis test at the 5% significance level. He buys 20 packets of Froogum and notes the number of free gifts he obtains.

(i) State null and alternative hypotheses for the test. [1]

(ii) Use a binomial distribution to find the probability of a Type I error. [5]

Andre finds that 3 of the 20 packets contain free gifts.

(iii) Carry out the test. [2]

- 6 A variable X takes values 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and these values are generated at random by a machine. Each value is supposed to be equally likely, but it is suspected that the machine is not working properly. A random sample of 100 values of X , generated by the machine, gives the following results.

$$n = 100 \quad \Sigma x = 340 \quad \Sigma x^2 = 1356$$

(i) Find a 95% confidence interval for the population mean of the values generated by the machine. [6]

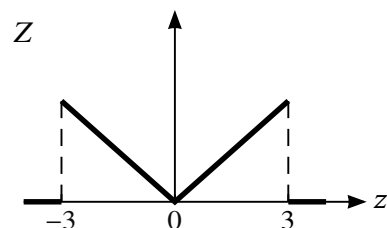
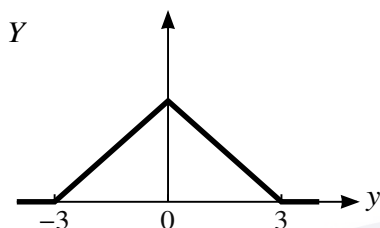
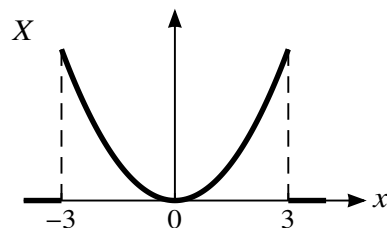
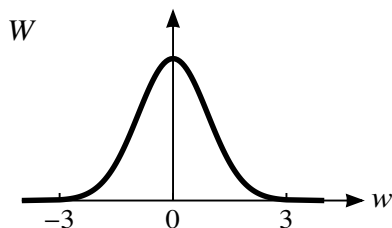
(ii) Use your answer to part (i) to comment on whether the machine may be working properly. [2]

- 7 Men arrive at a clinic independently and at random, at a constant mean rate of 0.2 per minute. Women arrive at the same clinic independently and at random, at a constant mean rate of 0.3 per minute.

(i) Find the probability that at least 2 men and at least 3 women arrive at the clinic during a 5-minute period. [4]

(ii) Find the probability that fewer than 36 people arrive at the clinic during a 1-hour period. [5]

[Question 8 is printed on the next page.]



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(ii) The probability density function of X is given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{18}x^2 & -3 \leq x \leq 3, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

(a) Show that $\sigma_X = 2.32$ correct to 3 significant figures. [3]

(b) Calculate $P(X > \sigma_X)$. [3]

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- 2 A researcher is investigating the lengths, in kilometres, of the journeys to work of the employees at a certain firm. She takes a random sample of 10 employees.

(i) State what is meant by 'random' in this context. [1]

The results of her sample are as follows.

1.5 2.0 3.6 5.9 4.8 8.7 3.5 2.9 4.1 3.0

(ii) Find unbiased estimates of the population mean and variance. [3]

(iii) State what is meant by 'population' in this context. [1]

- 3 Based on a random sample of 700 people living in a certain area, a confidence interval for the proportion, p , of all people living in that area who had travelled abroad was found to be $0.5672 < p < 0.6528$.

(i) Find the proportion of people in the sample who had travelled abroad. [1]

(ii) Find the confidence level of this confidence interval. Give your answer correct to the nearest integer. [4]

- 4 In the past, the time spent by customers in a certain shop had mean 12.5 minutes and standard deviation 4.2 minutes. Following a change of layout in the shop, the mean time spent in the shop by a random sample of 50 customers is found to be 13.5 minutes.

(i) Assuming that the standard deviation remains at 4.2 minutes, test at the 5% significance level whether the mean time spent by customers in the shop has changed. [5]

(ii) Another random sample of 50 customers is chosen and a similar test at the 5% significance level is carried out. State the probability of a Type I error. [1]

- 5 The thickness of books in a large library is normally distributed with mean 2.4 cm and standard deviation 0.3 cm.

(i) Find the probability that the total thickness of 6 randomly chosen books is more than 16 cm. [4]

(ii) Find the probability that the thickness of a book chosen at random is less than 1.1 times the thickness of a second book chosen at random. [5]

- 6** In each turn of a game, a coin is pushed and slides across a table. The distance, X metres, travelled by the coin has probability density function given by

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

where k is a constant.

- (i) State the greatest possible distance travelled by the coin in one turn. [1]

- (ii) Show that $k = \frac{3}{4}$. [3]

- (iii) Find the mean distance travelled by the coin in one turn. [3]

- (iv) Out of 400 turns, find the expected number of turns in which the distance travelled by the coin is less than 1 metre. [3]

- 7** (a) A large number of spoons and forks made in a factory are inspected. It is found that 1% of the spoons and 1.5% of the forks are defective. A random sample of 140 items, consisting of 80 spoons and 60 forks, is chosen. Use the Poisson approximation to the binomial distribution to find the probability that the sample contains

- (i) at least 1 defective spoon and at least 1 defective fork, [3]

- (ii) fewer than 3 defective items. [3]

- (b) The random variable X has the distribution $\text{Po}(\lambda)$. It is given that

$$P(X = 1) = p \quad \text{and} \quad P(X = 2) = 1.5p,$$

- where p is a non-zero constant. Find the value of λ and hence find the value of p . [4]

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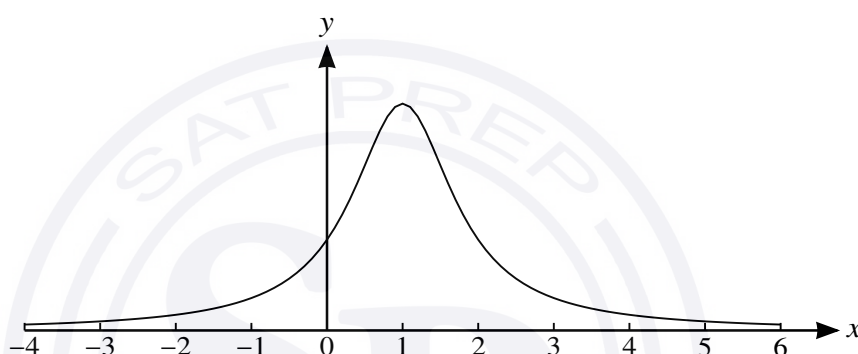
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- 1 The length of time, in minutes, taken by people to complete a task has mean 53.0 and standard deviation 6.2. Find the probability that the mean time taken to complete the task by a random sample of 50 people is more than 51 minutes. [4]
- 2 Jacques is a chef. He claims that 90% of his customers are satisfied with his cooking. Marie suspects that the true percentage is lower than 90%. She asks a random sample of 15 of Jacques' customers whether they are satisfied. She then performs a hypothesis test of the null hypothesis $p = 0.9$ against the alternative hypothesis $p < 0.9$, where p is the population proportion of customers who are satisfied. She decides to reject the null hypothesis if fewer than 12 customers are satisfied.
- (i) In the context of the question, explain what is meant by a Type I error. [1]
- (ii) Find the probability of a Type I error in Marie's test. [3]
- 3 (i) Give a reason for using a sample rather than the whole population in carrying out a statistical investigation. [1]
- (ii) Tennis balls of a certain brand are known to have a mean height of bounce of 64.7 cm, when dropped from a height of 100 cm. A change is made in the manufacturing process and it is required to test whether this change has affected the mean height of bounce. 100 new tennis balls are tested and it is found that their mean height of bounce when dropped from a height of 100 cm is 65.7 cm and the unbiased estimate of the population variance is 15 cm^2 .
- (a) Calculate a 95% confidence interval for the population mean. [3]
- (b) Use your answer to part (ii)(a) to explain what conclusion can be drawn about whether the change has affected the mean height of bounce. [1]
- 4 At a certain company, computer faults occur randomly and at a constant mean rate. In the past this mean rate has been 2.1 per week. Following an update, the management wish to determine whether the mean rate has changed. During 20 randomly chosen weeks it is found that 54 computer faults occur. Use a suitable approximation to test at the 5% significance level whether the mean rate has changed. [6]
- 5 Each box of Fruity Flakes contains X grams of flakes and Y grams of fruit, where X and Y are independent random variables, having distributions $N(400, 50)$ and $N(100, 20)$ respectively. The weight of each box, when empty, is exactly 20 grams. A full box of Fruity Flakes is chosen at random.
- (i) Find the probability that the total weight of the box and its contents is less than 530 grams. [5]
- (ii) Find the probability that the weight of flakes in the box is more than 4.1 times the weight of fruit in the box. [5]

6 At a certain shop the demand for hair dryers has a Poisson distribution with mean 3.4 per week.

- (i) Find the probability that, in a randomly chosen two-week period, the demand is for exactly 5 hair dryers. [3]
- (ii) At the beginning of a week the shop has a certain number of hair dryers for sale. Find the probability that the shop has enough hair dryers to satisfy the demand for the week if
 - (a) they have 4 hair dryers in the shop, [2]
 - (b) they have 5 hair dryers in the shop. [2]
- (iii) Find the smallest number of hair dryers that the shop needs to have at the beginning of a week so that the probability of being able to satisfy the demand that week is at least 0.9. [3]

7 (a)



The diagram shows the graph of the probability density function of a variable X . Given that the graph is symmetrical about the line $x = 1$ and that $P(0 < X < 2) = 0.6$, find $P(X > 0)$. [2]

- (b) A flower seller wishes to model the length of time that tulips last when placed in a jug of water. She proposes a model using the random variable X (in hundreds of hours) with probability density function given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} k(2.25 - x^2) & 0 \leq x \leq 1.5, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where k is a constant.

- (i) Show that $k = \frac{4}{9}$. [3]
- (ii) Use this model to find the mean number of hours that a tulip lasts in a jug of water. [4]

The flower seller wishes to create a similar model for daffodils. She places a large number of daffodils in jugs of water and the longest time that any daffodil lasts is found to be 290 hours.

- (iii) Give a reason why $f(x)$ would not be a suitable model for daffodils. [1]
- (iv) The flower seller considers a model for daffodils of the form

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} c(a^2 - x^2) & 0 \leq x \leq a, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where a and c are constants. State a suitable value for a . (There is no need to evaluate c .) [1]

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- 1** The time taken for a particular type of paint to dry was measured for a sample of 150 randomly chosen points on a wall. The sample mean was 192.4 minutes and an unbiased estimate of the population variance was 43.6 minutes². Find a 98% confidence interval for the mean drying time. [3]
- 2** In the past, the mean annual crop yield from a particular field has been 8.2 tonnes. During the last 16 years, a new fertiliser has been used on the field. The mean yield for these 16 years is 8.7 tonnes. Assume that yields are normally distributed with standard deviation 1.2 tonnes. Carry out a test at the 5% significance level of whether the mean yield has increased. [5]
- 3** 1% of adults in a certain country own a yellow car.
- (i) Use a suitable approximating distribution to find the probability that a random sample of 240 adults includes more than 2 who own a yellow car. [4]
- (ii) Justify your approximation. [2]
- 4** The number of sightings of a golden eagle at a certain location has a Poisson distribution with mean 2.5 per week. Drilling for oil is started nearby. A naturalist wishes to test at the 5% significance level whether there are fewer sightings since the drilling began. He notes that during the following 3 weeks there are 2 sightings.
- (i) Find the critical region for the test and carry out the test. [5]
- (ii) State the probability of a Type I error. [1]
- (iii) State why the naturalist could not have made a Type II error. [1]
- 5** The time, T minutes, taken by people to complete a test has probability density function given by
- $$f(t) = \begin{cases} k(10t - t^2) & 5 \leq t \leq 10, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$
- where k is a constant.
- (i) Show that $k = \frac{3}{250}$. [3]
- (ii) Find $E(T)$. [3]
- (iii) Find the probability that a randomly chosen value of T lies between $E(T)$ and the median of T . [3]
- (iv) State the greatest possible length of time taken to complete the test. [1]

- 6 X and Y are independent random variables with distributions $\text{Po}(1.6)$ and $\text{Po}(2.3)$ respectively.

(i) Find $P(X + Y = 4)$. [3]

A random sample of 75 values of X is taken.

(ii) State the approximate distribution of the sample mean, $\bar{X}$, including the values of the parameters. [2]

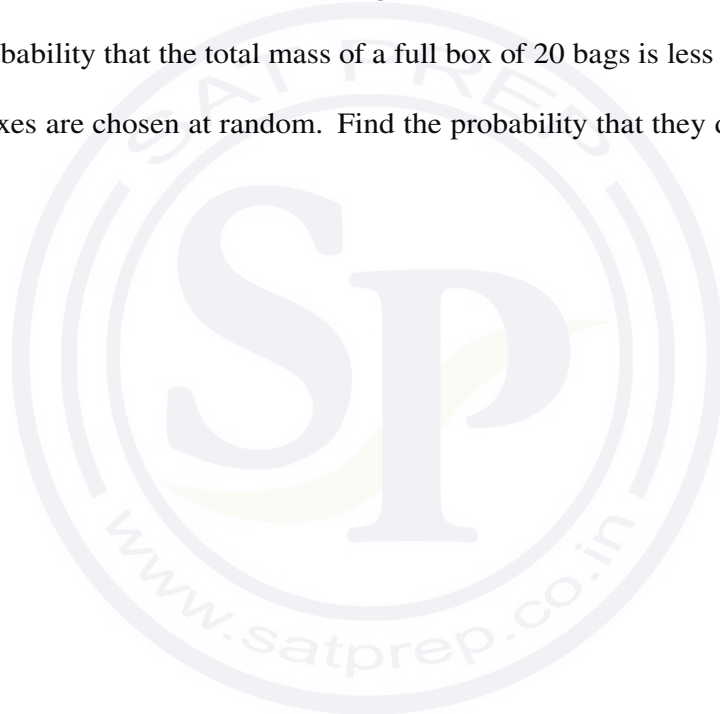
(iii) Hence find the probability that the sample mean is more than 1.7. [3]

(iv) Explain whether the Central Limit theorem was needed to answer part (ii). [1]

- 7 Bags of sugar are packed in boxes, each box containing 20 bags. The masses of the boxes, when empty, are normally distributed with mean 0.4 kg and standard deviation 0.01 kg. The masses of the bags are normally distributed with mean 1.02 kg and standard deviation 0.03 kg.

(i) Find the probability that the total mass of a full box of 20 bags is less than 20.6 kg. [5]

(ii) Two full boxes are chosen at random. Find the probability that they differ in mass by less than 0.02 kg. [5]



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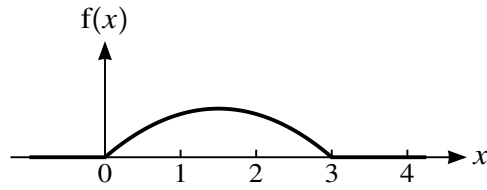
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- 1 A fair six-sided die is thrown 20 times and the number of sixes, X , is recorded. Another fair six-sided die is thrown 20 times and the number of odd-numbered scores, Y , is recorded. Find the mean and standard deviation of $X + Y$. [5]
- 2 Jill shoots arrows at a target. Last week, 65% of her shots hit the target. This week Jill claims that she has improved. Out of her first 20 shots this week, she hits the target with 18 shots. Assuming shots are independent, test Jill's claim at the 1% significance level. [5]
- 3 In the past, Arvinder has found that the mean time for his journey to work is 35.2 minutes. He tries a different route to work, hoping that this will reduce his journey time. Arvinder decides to take a random sample of 25 journeys using the new route. If the sample mean is less than 34.7 minutes he will conclude that the new route is quicker. Assume that, for the new route, the journey time has a normal distribution with standard deviation 5.6 minutes.
- (i) Find the probability that a Type I error occurs. [4]
- (ii) Arvinder finds that the sample mean is 34.5 minutes. Explain briefly why it is impossible for him to make a Type II error. [1]
- 4 The masses, in grams, of large bags of sugar and small bags of sugar are denoted by X and Y respectively, where $X \sim N(5.1, 0.2^2)$ and $Y \sim N(2.5, 0.1^2)$. Find the probability that the mass of a randomly chosen large bag is less than twice the mass of a randomly chosen small bag. [5]
- 5 The 150 oranges in a random sample from a certain supplier were weighed and the masses, X grams, were recorded. The results are summarised below.
- $$n = 150 \quad \Sigma x = 14\,910 \quad \Sigma x^2 = 1\,525\,000$$
- (i) Calculate a 99% confidence interval for the population mean of X . [6]
- (ii) The supplier claims that the mean mass of his oranges is 100 grams. Use your answer to part (i) to explain whether this claim should be accepted. [1]
- (iii) State briefly why the sample should be random. [1]
- 6 The battery in Sue's phone runs out at random moments. Over a long period, she has found that the battery runs out, on average, 3.3 times in a 30-day period.
- (i) Find the probability that the battery runs out fewer than 3 times in a 25-day period. [3]
- (ii) (a) Use an approximating distribution to find the probability that the battery runs out more than 50 times in a year (365 days). [4]
- (b) Justify the approximating distribution used in part (ii)(a). [1]
- (iii) Independently of her phone battery, Sue's computer battery also runs out at random moments. On average, it runs out twice in a 15-day period. Find the probability that the total number of times that her phone battery and her computer battery run out in a 10-day period is at least 4. [3]

7 (a)



The diagram shows the graph of the probability density function, f , of a random variable X , where

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{9}(3x - x^2) & 0 \leq x \leq 3, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

(i) State the value of $E(X)$ and find $\text{Var}(X)$. [4]

(ii) State the value of $P(1.5 \leq X \leq 4)$. [1]

(iii) Given that $P(1 \leq X \leq 2) = \frac{13}{27}$, find $P(X > 2)$. [2]

(b) A random variable, W , has probability density function given by

$$g(w) = \begin{cases} aw & 0 \leq w \leq b, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where a and b are constants. Given that the median of W is 2, find a and b . [4]

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- 2 The mean and standard deviation of the time spent by people in a certain library are 29 minutes and 6 minutes respectively.

(i) Find the probability that the mean time spent in the library by a random sample of 120 people is more than 30 minutes. [4]

(ii) Explain whether it was necessary to assume that the time spent by people in the library is normally distributed in the solution to part (i). [2]

- 3 Jagdeesh measured the lengths, x minutes, of 60 randomly chosen lectures. His results are summarised below.

$$n = 60 \quad \Sigma x = 3420 \quad \Sigma x^2 = 195\,200$$

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(ii) Calculate a 98% confidence interval for the population mean. [3]

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- 5 On average, 1 in 2500 adults has a certain medical condition.

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(i) The maximum load that a certain cable car can carry safely is 1200 kg. If 9 randomly chosen men and 7 randomly chosen women enter the cable car, find the probability that the cable car can operate safely. [5]

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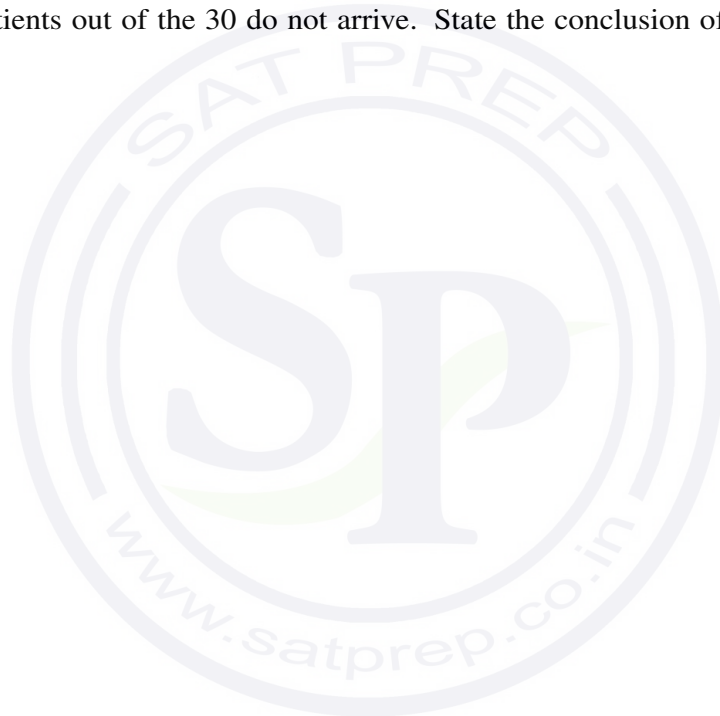
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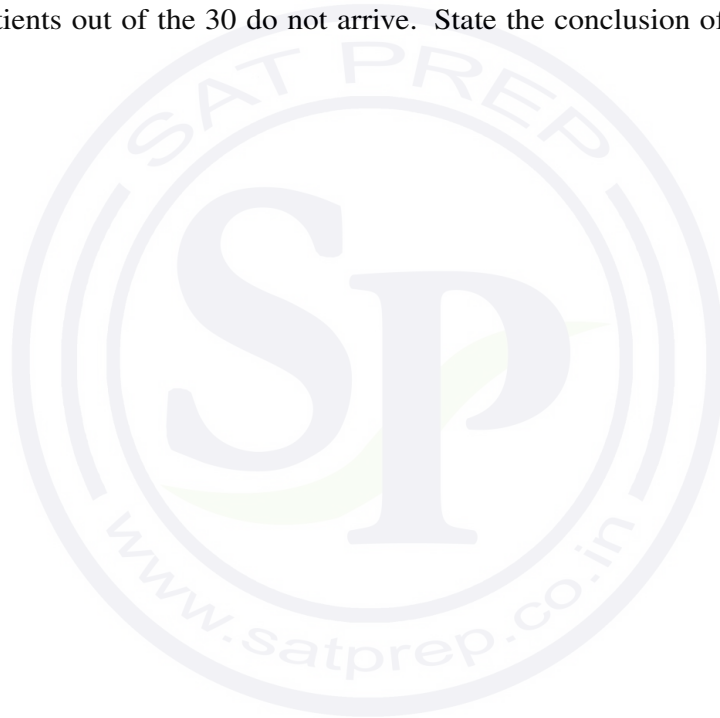
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- 1 It is known that the number, N , of words contained in the leading article each day in a certain newspaper can be modelled by a normal distribution with mean 352 and variance 29. A researcher takes a random sample of 10 leading articles and finds the sample mean, $\bar{N}$, of N .

(i) State the distribution of $\bar{N}$, giving the values of any parameters. [2]

(ii) Find $P(\bar{N} > 354)$. [3]

- 2 The number of calls received per 5-minute period at a large call centre has a Poisson distribution with mean λ , where $\lambda > 30$. If more than 55 calls are received in a 5-minute period, the call centre is overloaded. It has been found that the probability of being overloaded during a randomly chosen 5-minute period is 0.01. Use the normal approximation to the Poisson distribution to obtain a quadratic equation in $\sqrt{\lambda}$ and hence find the value of λ . [5]

- 3 From a random sample of 65 people in a certain town, the proportion who own a bicycle was noted. From this result an $\alpha\%$ confidence interval for the proportion, p , of all people in the town who own a bicycle was calculated to be $0.284 < p < 0.516$.

(i) Find the proportion of people in the sample who own a bicycle. [1]

(ii) Calculate the value of α correct to 2 significant figures. [4]

- 4 A random variable X has probability density function given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} k(4 - x^2) & -2 \leq x \leq 2, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where k is a constant.

(i) Show that $k = \frac{3}{32}$. [3]

(ii) Sketch the graph of $y = f(x)$ and hence write down the value of $E(X)$. [2]

(iii) Find $P(X < 1)$. [3]

- 5 (a) Narika has a die which is known to be biased so that the probability of throwing a 6 on any throw is $\frac{1}{100}$. She uses an approximating distribution to calculate the probability of obtaining no 6s in 450 throws. Find the percentage error in using the approximating distribution for this calculation. [4]

(b) Johan claims that a certain six-sided die is biased so that it shows a 6 less often than it would if the die were fair. In order to test this claim, the die is thrown 25 times and it shows a 6 on only 2 throws. Test at the 10% significance level whether Johan's claim is justified. [5]

- 6 Parcels arriving at a certain office have weights W kg, where the random variable W has mean μ and standard deviation 0.2. The value of μ used to be 2.60, but there is a suspicion that this may no longer be true. In order to test at the 5% significance level whether the value of μ has increased, a random sample of 75 parcels is chosen. You may assume that the standard deviation of W is unchanged.

(i) The mean weight of the 75 parcels is found to be 2.64 kg. Carry out the test. [4]

(ii) Later another test of the same hypotheses at the 5% significance level, with another random sample of 75 parcels, is carried out. Given that the value of μ is now 2.68, calculate the probability of a Type II error. [5]

- 7 The diameter, in cm, of pistons made in a certain factory is denoted by X , where X is normally distributed with mean μ and variance σ^2 . The diameters of a random sample of 100 pistons were measured, with the following results.

$$n = 100 \quad \Sigma x = 208.7 \quad \Sigma x^2 = 435.57$$

(i) Calculate unbiased estimates of μ and σ^2 . [3]

The pistons are designed to fit into cylinders. The internal diameter, in cm, of the cylinders is denoted by Y , where Y has an independent normal distribution with mean 2.12 and variance 0.000 144. A piston will not fit into a cylinder if $Y - X < 0.01$.

(ii) Using your answers to part (i), find the probability that a randomly chosen piston will not fit into a randomly chosen cylinder. [6]

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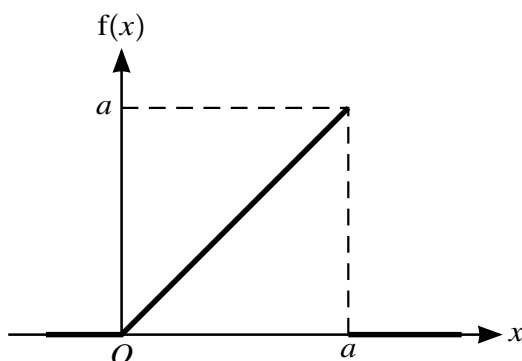
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The random variable X has probability density function, f , as shown in the diagram, where a is a constant. Find the value of a and hence show that $E(X) = 0.943$ correct to 3 significant figures. [5]

- 2 Sami claims that he can read minds. He asks each of 50 people to choose one of the 5 letters A, B, C, D or E. He then tells each person which letter he believes they have chosen. He gets 13 correct. Sami says “This shows that I can read minds, because 13 is more than I would have got right if I were just guessing.”
- (i) State null and alternative hypotheses for a test of Sami’s claim. [1]
- (ii) Test at the 10% significance level whether Sami’s claim is justified. [5]
- 3 The daily times, in minutes, that Yu Ming takes showering, getting dressed and having breakfast are independent and have the distributions $N(9, 2.2^2)$, $N(8, 1.3^2)$ and $N(17, 2.6^2)$ respectively. The total daily time that Yu Ming takes for all three activities is denoted by T minutes.
- (i) Find the mean and variance of T . [2]
- (ii) Yu Ming notes the value of T on each day in a random sample of 70 days and calculates the sample mean. Find the probability that the sample mean is between 33 and 35. [4]
- 4 In the past, the time taken by vehicles to drive along a particular stretch of road has had mean 12.4 minutes and standard deviation 2.1 minutes. Some new signs are installed and it is expected that the mean time will increase. In order to test whether this is the case, the mean time for a random sample of 50 vehicles is found. You may assume that the standard deviation is unchanged.
- (i) The mean time for the sample of 50 vehicles is found to be 12.9 minutes. Test at the 2.5% significance level whether the population mean time has increased. [4]
- (ii) State what is meant by a Type II error in this context. [2]
- (iii) State what extra piece of information would be needed in order to find the probability of a Type II error. [1]

- 5 The masses, m grams, of a random sample of 80 strawberries of a certain type were measured and summarised as follows.

$$n = 80 \quad \Sigma m = 4200 \quad \Sigma m^2 = 229\,000$$

(i) Find unbiased estimates of the population mean and variance. [3]

(ii) Calculate a 98% confidence interval for the population mean. [3]

50 random samples of size 80 were taken and a 98% confidence interval for the population mean, μ , was found from each sample.

(iii) Find the number of these 50 confidence intervals that would be expected to include the true value of μ . [1]

- 6 A publishing firm has found that errors in the first draft of a new book occur at random and that, on average, there is 1 error in every 3 pages of a first draft. Find the probability that in a particular first draft there are

(i) exactly 2 errors in 10 pages, [2]

(ii) at least 3 errors in 6 pages, [3]

(iii) fewer than 50 errors in 200 pages. [4]

- 7 The independent variables X and Y are such that $X \sim B(10, 0.8)$ and $Y \sim \text{Po}(3)$. Find

(i) $E(7X + 5Y - 2)$, [2]

(ii) $\text{Var}(4X - 3Y + 3)$, [4]

(iii) $P(2X - Y = 18)$. [4]

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- 1 The independent random variables X and Y have standard deviations 3 and 6 respectively. Calculate the standard deviation of $4X - 5Y$. [3]
- 2 Cloth made at a certain factory has been found to have an average of 0.1 faults per square metre. Suki claims that the cloth made by her machine contains, on average, more than 0.1 faults per square metre. In a random sample of 5 m^2 of cloth from Suki's machine, it was found that there were 2 faults. Assuming that the number of faults per square metre has a Poisson distribution,
- (i) state null and alternative hypotheses for a test of Suki's claim, [1]
 - (ii) test at the 10% significance level whether Suki's claim is justified. [4]
- 3 In a golf tournament, the number of times in a day that a 'hole-in-one' is scored is denoted by the variable X , which has a Poisson distribution with mean 0.15. Mr Crump offers to pay \$200 each time that a hole-in-one is scored during 5 days of play. Find the expectation and variance of the amount that Mr Crump pays. [5]
- 4 In the past, the flight time, in hours, for a particular flight has had mean 6.20 and standard deviation 0.80. Some new regulations are introduced. In order to test whether these new regulations have had any effect upon flight times, the mean flight time for a random sample of 40 of these flights is found.
- (i) State what is meant by a Type I error in this context. [2]
 - (ii) The mean time for the sample of 40 flights is found to be 5.98 hours. Assuming that the standard deviation of flight times is still 0.80 hours, test at the 5% significance level whether the population mean flight time has changed. [4]
 - (iii) State, with a reason, which of the errors, Type I or Type II, might have been made in your answer to part (ii). [2]
- 5 The volumes, v millilitres, of juice in a random sample of 50 bottles of Cooljoos are measured and summarised as follows.
- $$n = 50 \quad \Sigma v = 14\,800 \quad \Sigma v^2 = 4\,390\,000$$
- (i) Find unbiased estimates of the population mean and variance. [3]
 - (ii) An $\alpha\%$ confidence interval for the population mean, based on this sample, is found to have a width of 5.45 millilitres. Find α . [4]
- Four random samples of size 10 are taken and a 96% confidence interval for the population mean is found from each sample.
- (iii) Find the probability that these 4 confidence intervals all include the true value of the population mean. [2]

- 6 The waiting time, T minutes, for patients at a doctor's surgery has probability density function given by

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} k(225 - t^2) & 0 \leq t \leq 15, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where k is a constant.

- (i) Show that $k = \frac{1}{2250}$. [3]
 - (ii) Find the probability that a patient has to wait for more than 10 minutes. [3]
 - (iii) Find the mean waiting time. [4]
- 7 In a certain lottery, 10 500 tickets have been sold altogether and each ticket has a probability of 0.0002 of winning a prize. The random variable X denotes the number of prize-winning tickets that have been sold.
- (i) State, with a justification, an approximating distribution for X . [3]
 - (ii) Use your approximating distribution to find $P(X < 4)$. [3]
 - (iii) Use your approximating distribution to find the conditional probability that $X < 4$, given that $X \geq 1$. [4]

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- 1 Jyothi wishes to choose a representative sample of 5 students from the 82 members of her school year.

(i) She considers going into the canteen and choosing a table with five students from her year sitting at it, and using these five people as her sample. Give two reasons why this method is unsatisfactory. [2]

(ii) Jyothi decides to use another method. She numbers all the students in her year from 1 to 82. Then she uses her calculator and generates the following random numbers.

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From these numbers, she obtains the student numbers 23, 14, 76, 5, 34 and 62. Explain how Jyothi obtained these student numbers from the list of random numbers. [3]

- 2 Marie claims that she can predict the winning horse at the local races. There are 8 horses in each race. Nadine thinks that Marie is just guessing, so she proposes a test. She asks Marie to predict the winners of the next 10 races and, if she is correct in 3 or more races, Nadine will accept Marie's claim.

(i) State suitable null and alternative hypotheses. [1]

(ii) Calculate the probability of a Type I error. [3]

(iii) State the significance level of the test. [1]

- 3 A die is biased so that the probability that it shows a six on any throw is p .

(i) In an experiment, the die shows a six on 22 out of 100 throws. Find an approximate 97% confidence interval for p . [4]

(ii) The experiment is repeated and another 97% confidence interval is found. Find the probability that exactly one of the two confidence intervals includes the true value of p . [2]

- 4 The marks, x , of a random sample of 50 students in a test were summarised as follows.

$$n = 50 \quad \Sigma x = 1508 \quad \Sigma x^2 = 51\,825$$

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

(ii) Each student's mark is scaled using the formula $y = 1.5x + 10$. Find estimates of the population mean and variance of the scaled marks, y . [3]

- 5 The mean breaking strength of cables made at a certain factory is supposed to be 5 tonnes. The quality control department wishes to test whether the mean breaking strength of cables made by a particular machine is actually less than it should be. They take a random sample of 60 cables. For each cable they find the breaking strength by gradually increasing the tension in the cable and noting the tension when the cable breaks.

(i) Give a reason why it is necessary to take a sample rather than testing all the cables produced by the machine. [1]

(ii) The mean breaking strength of the 60 cables in the sample is found to be 4.95 tonnes. Given that the population standard deviation of breaking strengths is 0.15 tonnes, test at the 1% significance level whether the population mean breaking strength is less than it should be. [4]

(iii) Explain whether it was necessary to use the Central Limit theorem in the solution to part (ii). [2]

- 6 People arrive at a checkout in a store at random, and at a constant mean rate of 0.7 per minute. Find the probability that

(i) exactly 3 people arrive at the checkout during a 5-minute period, [2]

(ii) at least 30 people arrive at the checkout during a 1-hour period. [4]

People arrive independently at another checkout in the store at random, and at a constant mean rate of 0.5 per minute.

(iii) Find the probability that a total of more than 3 people arrive at this pair of checkouts during a 2-minute period. [4]

- 7 The probability density function of the random variable X is given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{3}{4}x(c-x) & 0 \leq x \leq c, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where c is a constant.

(i) Show that $c = 2$. [3]

(ii) Sketch the graph of $y = f(x)$ and state the median of X . [3]

(iii) Find $P(X < 1.5)$. [4]

(iv) Hence write down the value of $P(0.5 < X < 1)$. [1]

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- 2 The probability that a randomly chosen plant of a certain kind has a particular defect is 0.01. A random sample of 150 plants is taken.

- (i) Use an appropriate approximating distribution to find the probability that at least 1 plant has the defect. Justify your approximating distribution. [4]

The probability that a randomly chosen plant of another kind has the defect is 0.02. A random sample of 100 of these plants is taken.

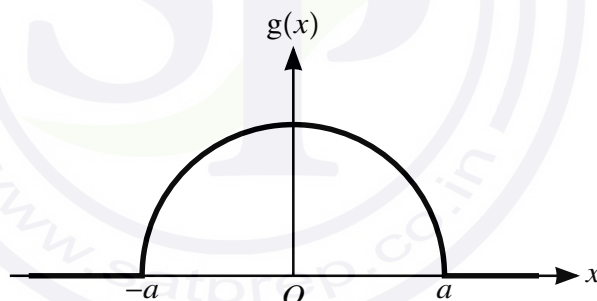
- (ii) Use an appropriate approximating distribution to find the probability that the total number of plants with the defect in the two samples together is more than 3 and less than 7. [3]

- 3 (a) The time for which Lucy has to wait at a certain traffic light each day is T minutes, where T has probability density function given by

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{3}{2}t - \frac{3}{4}t^2 & 0 \leq t \leq 2, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Find the probability that, on a randomly chosen day, Lucy has to wait for less than half a minute at the traffic light. [3]

(b)



The diagram shows the graph of the probability density function, g , of a random variable X . The graph of g is a semicircle with centre $(0, 0)$ and radius a . Elsewhere $g(x) = 0$.

- (i) Find the value of a . [2]
- (ii) State the value of $E(X)$. [1]
- (iii) Given that $P(X < -c) = 0.2$, find $P(X < c)$. [2]

- 4** In a survey a random sample of 150 households in Nantville were asked to fill in a questionnaire about household budgeting.

- (i) The results showed that 33 households owned more than one car. Find an approximate 99% confidence interval for the proportion of all households in Nantville with more than one car. [4]
- (ii) The results also included the weekly expenditure on food, x dollars, of the households. These were summarised as follows.

$$n = 150 \quad \Sigma x = 19\,035 \quad \Sigma x^2 = 4\,054\,716$$

Find unbiased estimates of the mean and variance of the weekly expenditure on food of all households in Nantville. [3]

- (iii) The government has a list of all the households in Nantville numbered from 1 to 9526. Describe briefly how to use random numbers to select a sample of 150 households from this list. [3]

- 5** The number of hours that Mrs Hughes spends on her business in a week is normally distributed with mean μ and standard deviation 4.8. In the past the value of μ has been 49.5.

- (i) Assuming that μ is still equal to 49.5, find the probability that in a random sample of 40 weeks the mean time spent on her business in a week is more than 50.3 hours. [4]

Following a change in her arrangements, Mrs Hughes wishes to test whether μ has decreased. She chooses a random sample of 40 weeks and notes that the total number of hours she spent on her business during these weeks is 1920.

- (ii) (a) Explain why a one-tail test is appropriate. [1]
- (b) Carry out the test at the 6% significance level. [4]
- (c) Explain whether it was necessary to use the Central Limit theorem in part (ii) (b). [1]

- 6** The number of accidents on a certain road has a Poisson distribution with mean 3.1 per 12-week period.

- (i) Find the probability that there will be exactly 4 accidents during an 18-week period. [3]

Following the building of a new junction on this road, an officer wishes to determine whether the number of accidents per week has decreased. He chooses 15 weeks at random and notes the number of accidents. If there are fewer than 3 accidents altogether he will conclude that the number of accidents per week has decreased. He assumes that a Poisson distribution still applies.

- (ii) Find the probability of a Type I error. [3]
- (iii) Given that the mean number of accidents per week is now 0.1, find the probability of a Type II error. [3]
- (iv) Given that there were 2 accidents during the 15 weeks, explain why it is impossible for the officer to make a Type II error. [1]

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- 2 The probability that a randomly chosen plant of a certain kind has a particular defect is 0.01. A random sample of 150 plants is taken.

- (i) Use an appropriate approximating distribution to find the probability that at least 1 plant has the defect. Justify your approximating distribution. [4]

The probability that a randomly chosen plant of another kind has the defect is 0.02. A random sample of 100 of these plants is taken.

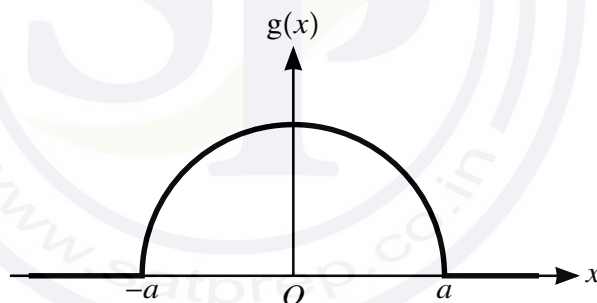
- (ii) Use an appropriate approximating distribution to find the probability that the total number of plants with the defect in the two samples together is more than 3 and less than 7. [3]

- 3 (a) The time for which Lucy has to wait at a certain traffic light each day is T minutes, where T has probability density function given by

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{3}{2}t - \frac{3}{4}t^2 & 0 \leq t \leq 2, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Find the probability that, on a randomly chosen day, Lucy has to wait for less than half a minute at the traffic light. [3]

(b)



The diagram shows the graph of the probability density function, g , of a random variable X . The graph of g is a semicircle with centre $(0, 0)$ and radius a . Elsewhere $g(x) = 0$.

- (i) Find the value of a . [2]
- (ii) State the value of $E(X)$. [1]
- (iii) Given that $P(X < -c) = 0.2$, find $P(X < c)$. [2]

- 4 In a survey a random sample of 150 households in Nantville were asked to fill in a questionnaire about household budgeting.

- (i) The results showed that 33 households owned more than one car. Find an approximate 99% confidence interval for the proportion of all households in Nantville with more than one car. [4]
- (ii) The results also included the weekly expenditure on food, x dollars, of the households. These were summarised as follows.

$$n = 150 \quad \Sigma x = 19\,035 \quad \Sigma x^2 = 4\,054\,716$$

Find unbiased estimates of the mean and variance of the weekly expenditure on food of all households in Nantville. [3]

- (iii) The government has a list of all the households in Nantville numbered from 1 to 9526. Describe briefly how to use random numbers to select a sample of 150 households from this list. [3]

- 5 The number of hours that Mrs Hughes spends on her business in a week is normally distributed with mean μ and standard deviation 4.8. In the past the value of μ has been 49.5.

- (i) Assuming that μ is still equal to 49.5, find the probability that in a random sample of 40 weeks the mean time spent on her business in a week is more than 50.3 hours. [4]

Following a change in her arrangements, Mrs Hughes wishes to test whether μ has decreased. She chooses a random sample of 40 weeks and notes that the total number of hours she spent on her business during these weeks is 1920.

- (ii) (a) Explain why a one-tail test is appropriate. [1]
- (b) Carry out the test at the 6% significance level. [4]
- (c) Explain whether it was necessary to use the Central Limit theorem in part (ii) (b). [1]

- 6 The number of accidents on a certain road has a Poisson distribution with mean 3.1 per 12-week period.

- (i) Find the probability that there will be exactly 4 accidents during an 18-week period. [3]

Following the building of a new junction on this road, an officer wishes to determine whether the number of accidents per week has decreased. He chooses 15 weeks at random and notes the number of accidents. If there are fewer than 3 accidents altogether he will conclude that the number of accidents per week has decreased. He assumes that a Poisson distribution still applies.

- (ii) Find the probability of a Type I error. [3]
- (iii) Given that the mean number of accidents per week is now 0.1, find the probability of a Type II error. [3]
- (iv) Given that there were 2 accidents during the 15 weeks, explain why it is impossible for the officer to make a Type II error. [1]

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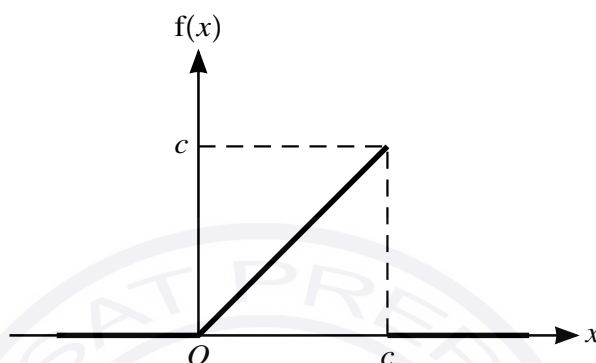
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- 1 A researcher wishes to investigate whether the mean height of a certain type of plant in one region is different from the mean height of this type of plant everywhere else. He takes a large random sample of plants from the region and finds the sample mean. He calculates the value of the test statistic, z , and finds that $z = 1.91$.

(i) Explain briefly why the researcher should use a two-tail test. [1]

(ii) Carry out the test at the 4% significance level. [3]

2



The diagram shows the graph of the probability density function, f , of a random variable X .

(i) Find the value of the constant c . [2]

(ii) Find the value of a such that $P(a < X < 1) = 0.1$. [4]

(iii) Find $E(X)$. [2]

- 3 The times, in minutes, taken by people to complete a walk are normally distributed with mean μ . The times, t minutes, for a random sample of 80 people were summarised as follows.

$$\Sigma t = 7220 \quad \Sigma t^2 = 656\,060$$

(i) Calculate a 97% confidence interval for μ . [6]

(ii) Explain whether it was necessary to use the Central Limit theorem in part (i). [2]

- 4 The masses, in grams, of tomatoes of type A and type B have the distributions $N(125, 30^2)$ and $N(130, 32^2)$ respectively.

(i) Find the probability that the total mass of 4 randomly chosen tomatoes of type A and 6 randomly chosen tomatoes of type B is less than 1.5 kg. [5]

(ii) Find the probability that a randomly chosen tomato of type A has a mass that is at least 90% of the mass of a randomly chosen tomato of type B . [5]

- 5** It is known that when seeds of a certain type are planted, on average 10% of the resulting plants reach a height of 1 metre. A gardener wishes to investigate whether a new fertiliser will increase this proportion. He plants a random sample of 18 seeds of this type, using the fertiliser, and notes how many of the resulting plants reach a height of 1 metre.

(i) In fact 4 of the 18 plants reach a height of 1 metre. Carry out a hypothesis test at the 8% significance level. [5]

(ii) Explain which of the errors, Type I or Type II, might have been made in part **(i)**. [2]

Later, the gardener plants another random sample of 18 seeds of this type, using the fertiliser, and again carries out a hypothesis test at the 8% significance level.

(iii) Find the probability of a Type I error. [3]

- 6** The number of calls received at a small call centre has a Poisson distribution with mean 2.4 calls per 5-minute period. Find the probability of

(i) exactly 4 calls in an 8-minute period, [2]

(ii) at least 3 calls in a 3-minute period. [3]

The number of calls received at a large call centre has a Poisson distribution with mean 41 calls per 5-minute period.

(iii) Use an approximating distribution to find the probability that the number of calls received in a 5-minute period is between 41 and 59 inclusive. [5]

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- 1 The masses, in grams, of apples of a certain type are normally distributed with mean 60.4 and standard deviation 8.2. The apples are packed in bags, with each bag containing 8 randomly chosen apples. The bags are checked by Quality Control and any bag containing apples with a total mass of less than 436 g is rejected. Find the proportion of bags that are rejected. [4]
- 2 A die is biased. The mean and variance of a random sample of 70 scores on this die are found to be 3.61 and 2.70 respectively. Calculate a 95% confidence interval for the population mean score. [5]
- 3 The lengths, in centimetres, of rods produced in a factory have mean μ and standard deviation 0.2. The value of μ is supposed to be 250, but a manager claims that one machine is producing rods that are too long on average. A random sample of 40 rods from this machine is taken and the sample mean length is found to be 250.06 cm. Test at the 5% significance level whether the manager's claim is justified. [5]
- 4 The proportion of people who have a particular gene, on average, is 1 in 1000. A random sample of 3500 people in a certain country is chosen and the number of people, X , having the gene is found.
- (i) State the distribution of X and state also an appropriate approximating distribution. Give the values of any parameters in each case. Justify your choice of the approximating distribution. [3]
- (ii) Use the approximating distribution to find $P(X \leq 3)$. [2]
- 5 The score on one throw of a 4-sided die is denoted by the random variable X with probability distribution as shown in the table.
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|------------|------|------|------|------|
| x | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| $P(X = x)$ | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.25 |
- (i) Show that $\text{Var}(X) = 1.25$. [1]
- The die is thrown 300 times. The score on each throw is noted and the mean, $\bar{X}$, of the 300 scores is found.
- (ii) Use a normal distribution to find $P(\bar{X} < 1.4)$. [3]
- (iii) Justify the use of the normal distribution in part (ii). [1]
- 6 Stephan is an athlete who competes in the high jump. In the past, Stephan has succeeded in 90% of jumps at a certain height. He suspects that his standard has recently fallen and he decides to carry out a hypothesis test to find out whether he is right. If he succeeds in fewer than 17 of his next 20 jumps at this height, he will conclude that his standard has fallen.
- (i) Find the probability of a Type I error. [4]
- (ii) In fact Stephan succeeds in 18 of his next 20 jumps. Which of the errors, Type I or Type II, is possible? Explain your answer. [2]

- 7 A random variable X has probability density function given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{k}{x} & 1 \leq x \leq a, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where k and a are positive constants.

(i) Show that $k = \frac{1}{\ln a}$. [3]

(ii) Find $E(X)$ in terms of a . [3]

(iii) Find the median of X in terms of a . [4]

- 8 (i) The following tables show the probability distributions for the random variables V and W .

v	-1	0	1	>1
$P(V = v)$	0.368	0.368	0.184	0.080

w	0	0.5	1	>1
$P(W = w)$	0.368	0.368	0.184	0.080

For each of the variables V and W state how you can tell from its probability distribution that it does NOT have a Poisson distribution. [2]

- (ii) The random variable X has the distribution $Po(\lambda)$. It is given that

$$P(X = 0) = p \quad \text{and} \quad P(X = 1) = 2.5p,$$

where p is a constant.

(a) Show that $\lambda = 2.5$. [1]

(b) Find $P(X \geq 3)$. [2]

- (iii) The random variable Y has the distribution $Po(\mu)$, where $\mu > 30$. Using a suitable approximating distribution, it is found that $P(Y > 40) = 0.5793$ correct to 4 decimal places. Find μ . [5]

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- 1 The weights, in grams, of a random sample of 8 packets of cereal are as follows.

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Calculate unbiased estimates of the population mean and variance. [3]

- 2 Each day Samuel travels from A to B and from B to C . He then returns directly from C to A . The times, in minutes, for these three journeys have the independent distributions $N(20, 2^2)$, $N(18, 1.5^2)$ and $N(30, 1.8^2)$, respectively. Find the probability that, on a randomly chosen day, the total time for his two journeys from A to B and B to C is less than the time for his return journey from C to A . [5]

- 3 The number of calls per day to an enquiry desk has a Poisson distribution. In the past the mean has been 5. In order to test whether the mean has changed, the number of calls on a random sample of 10 days was recorded. The total number of calls was found to be 61. Use an approximate distribution to test at the 10% significance level whether the mean has changed. [5]

- 4 (i) The random variable W has the distribution $Po(1.5)$. Find the probability that the sum of 3 independent values of W is greater than 2. [3]

- (ii) The random variable X has the distribution $Po(\lambda)$. Given that $P(X = 0) = 0.523$, find the value of λ correct to 3 significant figures. [2]

- (iii) The random variable Y has the distribution $Po(\mu)$, where $\mu \neq 0$. Given that

$$P(Y = 3) = 24 \times P(Y = 1),$$

find μ . [3]

- 5 Mahmoud throws a coin 400 times and finds that it shows heads 184 times. The probability that the coin shows heads on any throw is denoted by p .

- (i) Calculate an approximate 95% confidence interval for p . [4]

- (ii) Mahmoud claims that the coin is not fair. Use your answer to part (i) to comment on this claim. [1]

- (iii) Mahmoud's result of 184 heads in 400 throws gives an $\alpha\%$ confidence interval for p with width 0.1. Calculate the value of α . [4]

- 6 The time, T hours, spent by people on a visit to a museum has probability density function

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} kt(16 - t^2) & 0 \leq t \leq 4, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where k is a constant.

- (i) Show that $k = \frac{1}{64}$. [3]

- (ii) Calculate the probability that two randomly chosen people each spend less than 1 hour on a visit to the museum. [4]

- (iii) Find the mean time spent on a visit to the museum. [3]

- 7 A researcher is investigating the actual lengths of time that patients spend with the doctor at their appointments. He plans to choose a sample of 12 appointments on a particular day.

(i) Which of the following methods is preferable, and why?

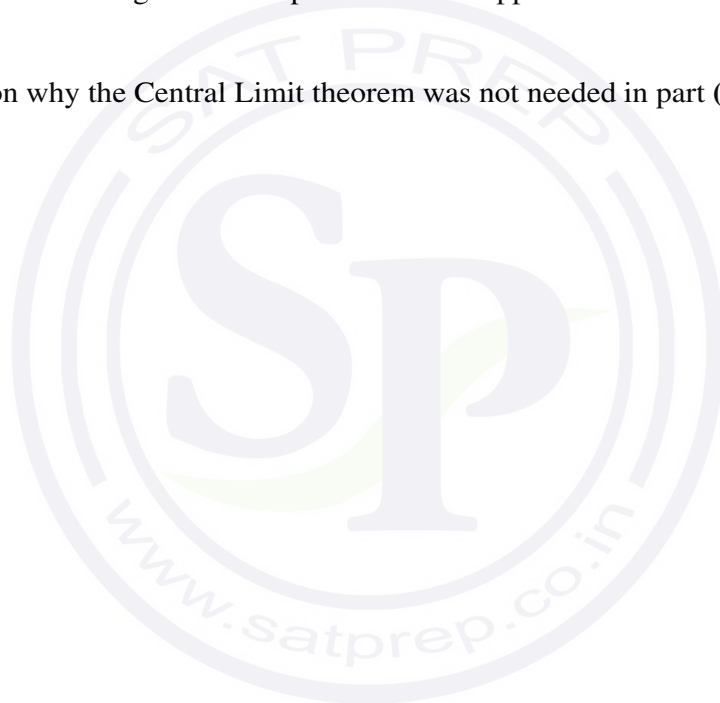
- Choose the first 12 appointments of the day.
- Choose 12 appointments evenly spaced throughout the day. [2]

Appointments are scheduled to last 10 minutes. The actual lengths of time, in minutes, that patients spend with the doctor may be assumed to have a normal distribution with mean μ and standard deviation 3.4. The researcher suspects that the actual time spent is more than 10 minutes on average. To test this suspicion, he recorded the actual times spent for a random sample of 12 appointments and carried out a hypothesis test at the 1% significance level.

(ii) State the probability of making a Type I error and explain what is meant by a Type I error in this context. [2]

(iii) Given that the total length of time spent for the 12 appointments was 147 minutes, carry out the test. [5]

(iv) Give a reason why the Central Limit theorem was not needed in part (iii). [1]



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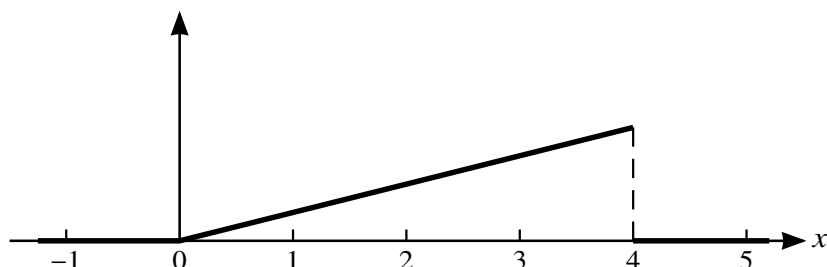
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- 1 On average 1 in 25 000 people have a rare blood condition. Use a suitable approximating distribution to find the probability that fewer than 2 people in a random sample of 100 000 have the condition. [3]

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A random variable X takes values between 0 and 4 only and has probability density function as shown in the diagram. Calculate the median of X . [4]

- 3 A die is thrown 100 times and shows an odd number on 56 throws. Calculate an approximate 97% confidence interval for the probability that the die shows an odd number on one throw. [4]
- 4 The weights, X kilograms, of rabbits in a certain area have population mean μ kg. A random sample of 100 rabbits from this area was taken and the weights are summarised by

$$\Sigma x = 165, \quad \Sigma x^2 = 276.25.$$

Test at the 5% significance level the null hypothesis $H_0 : \mu = 1.6$ against the alternative hypothesis $H_1 : \mu \neq 1.6$. [6]

- 5 The lifetime, X years, of a certain type of battery has probability density function given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{k}{x^2} & 1 \leq x \leq a, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where k and a are positive constants.

- (i) State what the value of a represents in this context. [1]
- (ii) Show that $k = \frac{a}{a-1}$. [3]
- (iii) Experience has shown that the longest that any battery of this type lasts is 2.5 years. Find the mean lifetime of batteries of this type. [3]

- 6** A machine is designed to generate random digits between 1 and 5 inclusive. Each digit is supposed to appear with the same probability as the others, but Max claims that the digit 5 is appearing less often than it should. In order to test this claim the manufacturer uses the machine to generate 25 digits and finds that exactly 1 of these digits is a 5.
- (i) Carry out a test of Max's claim at the 2.5% significance level. [5]
 - (ii) Max carried out a similar hypothesis test by generating 1000 digits between 1 and 5 inclusive. The digit 5 appeared 180 times. Without carrying out the test, state the distribution that Max should use, including the values of any parameters. [2]
 - (iii) State what is meant by a Type II error in this context. [1]
- 7** A Lost Property office is open 7 days a week. It may be assumed that items are handed in to the office randomly, singly and independently.
- (i) State another condition for the number of items handed in to have a Poisson distribution. [1]
- It is now given that the number of items handed in per week has the distribution $Po(4.0)$.
- (ii) Find the probability that exactly 2 items are handed in on a particular day. [2]
 - (iii) Find the probability that at least 4 items are handed in during a 10-day period. [3]
 - (iv) Find the probability that, during a certain week, 5 items are handed in altogether, but no items are handed in on the first day of the week. [3]
- 8** In an examination, the marks in the theory paper and the marks in the practical paper are denoted by the random variables X and Y respectively, where $X \sim N(57, 13)$ and $Y \sim N(28, 5)$. You may assume that each candidate's marks in the two papers are independent. The final score of each candidate is found by calculating $X + 2.5Y$. A candidate is chosen at random. Without using a continuity correction, find the probability that this candidate
- (i) has a final score that is greater than 140, [5]
 - (ii) obtains at least 20 more marks in the theory paper than in the practical paper. [5]

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- 1 Each computer made in a factory contains 1000 components. On average, 1 in 30 000 of these components is defective. Use a suitable approximate distribution to find the probability that a randomly chosen computer contains at least 1 faulty component. [4]
- 2 Heights of a certain species of animal are known to be normally distributed with standard deviation 0.17 m. A conservationist wishes to obtain a 99% confidence interval for the population mean, with total width less than 0.2 m. Find the smallest sample size required. [4]
- 3 Following a change in flight schedules, an airline pilot wished to test whether the mean distance that he flies in a week has changed. He noted the distances, x km, that he flew in 50 randomly chosen weeks and summarised the results as follows.

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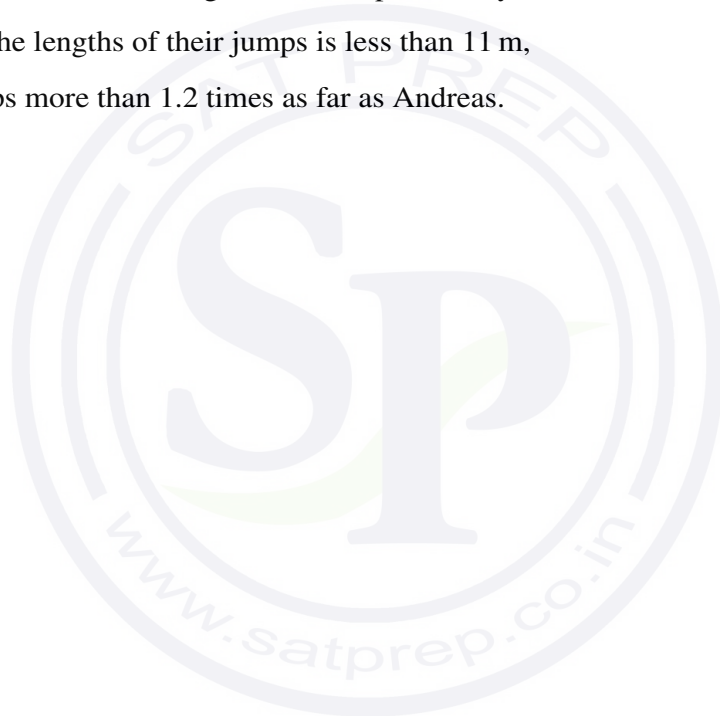
- (i) Calculate unbiased estimates of the population mean and variance. [3]
- (ii) In the past, the mean distance that he flew in a week was 2850 km. Test, at the 5% significance level, whether the mean distance has changed. [5]
- 4 The number of radioactive particles emitted per 150-minute period by some material has a Poisson distribution with mean 0.7.
- (i) Find the probability that at most 2 particles will be emitted during a randomly chosen 10-hour period. [3]
- (ii) Find, in minutes, the longest time period for which the probability that no particles are emitted is at least 0.99. [5]
- 5 The volume, in cm^3 , of liquid left in a glass by people when they have finished drinking all they want is modelled by the random variable X with probability density function given by

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

where k is a constant.

- (i) Show that $k = \frac{3}{8}$. [2]
- (ii) 20% of people leave at least $d \text{ cm}^3$ of liquid in a glass. Find d . [3]
- (iii) Find $E(X)$. [3]

- 6** At the last election, 70% of people in Apoli supported the president. Luigi believes that the same proportion support the president now. Maria believes that the proportion who support the president now is 35%. In order to test who is right, they agree on a hypothesis test, taking Luigi's belief as the null hypothesis. They will ask 6 people from Apoli, chosen at random, and if more than 3 support the president they will accept Luigi's belief.
- (i) Calculate the probability of a Type I error. [3]
- (ii) If Maria's belief is true, calculate the probability of a Type II error. [3]
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- 2 Heights of a certain species of animal are known to be normally distributed with standard deviation 0.17 m. A conservationist wishes to obtain a 99% confidence interval for the population mean, with total width less than 0.2 m. Find the smallest sample size required. [4]
- 3 Following a change in flight schedules, an airline pilot wished to test whether the mean distance that he flies in a week has changed. He noted the distances, x km, that he flew in 50 randomly chosen weeks and summarised the results as follows.

$$n = 50 \quad \Sigma x = 143\,300 \quad \Sigma x^2 = 410\,900\,000$$

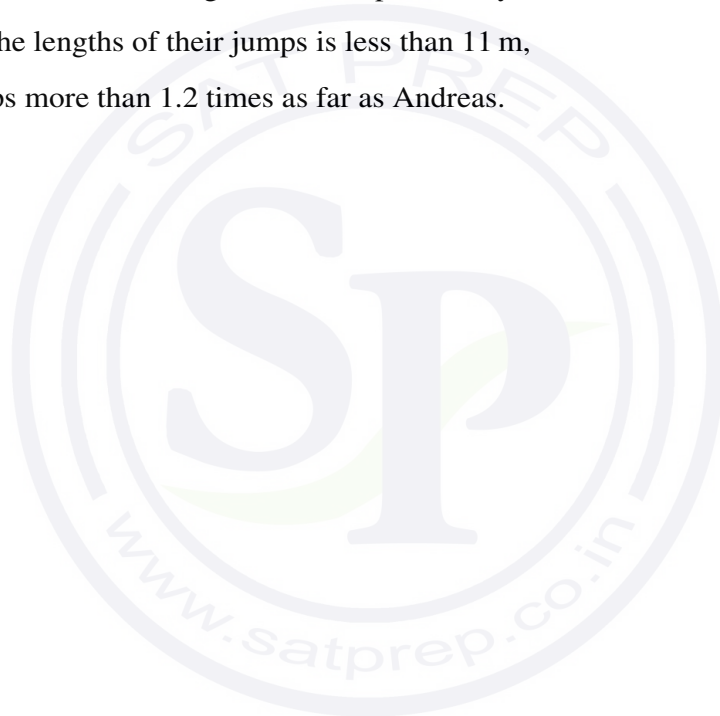
- (i) Calculate unbiased estimates of the population mean and variance. [3]
 - (ii) In the past, the mean distance that he flew in a week was 2850 km. Test, at the 5% significance level, whether the mean distance has changed. [5]
- 4 The number of radioactive particles emitted per 150-minute period by some material has a Poisson distribution with mean 0.7.
 - (i) Find the probability that at most 2 particles will be emitted during a randomly chosen 10-hour period. [3]
 - (ii) Find, in minutes, the longest time period for which the probability that no particles are emitted is at least 0.99. [5]
 - 5 The volume, in cm^3 , of liquid left in a glass by people when they have finished drinking all they want is modelled by the random variable X with probability density function given by

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

where k is a constant.

- (i) Show that $k = \frac{3}{8}$. [2]
- (ii) 20% of people leave at least $d \text{ cm}^3$ of liquid in a glass. Find d . [3]
- (iii) Find $E(X)$. [3]

- 6** At the last election, 70% of people in Apoli supported the president. Luigi believes that the same proportion support the president now. Maria believes that the proportion who support the president now is 35%. In order to test who is right, they agree on a hypothesis test, taking Luigi's belief as the null hypothesis. They will ask 6 people from Apoli, chosen at random, and if more than 3 support the president they will accept Luigi's belief.
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- 1 A random sample of 80 values of a variable X is taken and these values are summarised below.

$$n = 80 \quad \Sigma x = 150.2 \quad \Sigma x^2 = 820.24$$

Calculate unbiased estimates of the population mean and variance of X and hence find a 95% confidence interval for the population mean of X . [6]

- 2 A traffic officer notes the speeds of vehicles as they pass a certain point. In the past the mean of these speeds has been 62.3 km h^{-1} and the standard deviation has been 10.4 km h^{-1} . A speed limit is introduced, and following this, the mean of the speeds of 75 randomly chosen vehicles passing the point is found to be 59.9 km h^{-1} .

(i) Making an assumption that should be stated, test at the 2% significance level whether the mean speed has decreased since the introduction of the speed limit. [6]

(ii) Explain whether it was necessary to use the Central Limit theorem in part (i). [2]

- 3 The waiting time, T weeks, for a particular operation at a hospital has probability density function given by

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2500}(100t - t^3) & 0 \leq t \leq 10, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

(i) Given that $E(T) = \frac{16}{3}$, find $\text{Var}(T)$. [3]

(ii) 10% of patients have to wait more than n weeks for their operation. Find the value of n , giving your answer correct to the nearest integer. [5]

- 4 Goals scored by Femchester United occur at random with a constant average of 1.2 goals per match. Goals scored against Femchester United occur independently and at random with a constant average of 0.9 goals per match.

(i) Find the probability that in a randomly chosen match involving Femchester,

(a) a total of 3 goals are scored, [2]

(b) a total of 3 goals are scored and Femchester wins. [3]

The manager promises the Femchester players a bonus if they score at least 35 goals in the next 25 matches.

(ii) Find the probability that the players receive the bonus. [4]

- 5 A fair six-sided die has faces numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. The score on one throw is denoted by X .

(i) Write down the value of $E(X)$ and show that $\text{Var}(X) = \frac{35}{12}$. [2]

Fayez has a six-sided die with faces numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. He suspects that it is biased so that when it is thrown it is more likely to show a low number than a high number. In order to test his suspicion, he plans to throw the die 50 times. If the mean score is less than 3 he will conclude that the die is biased.

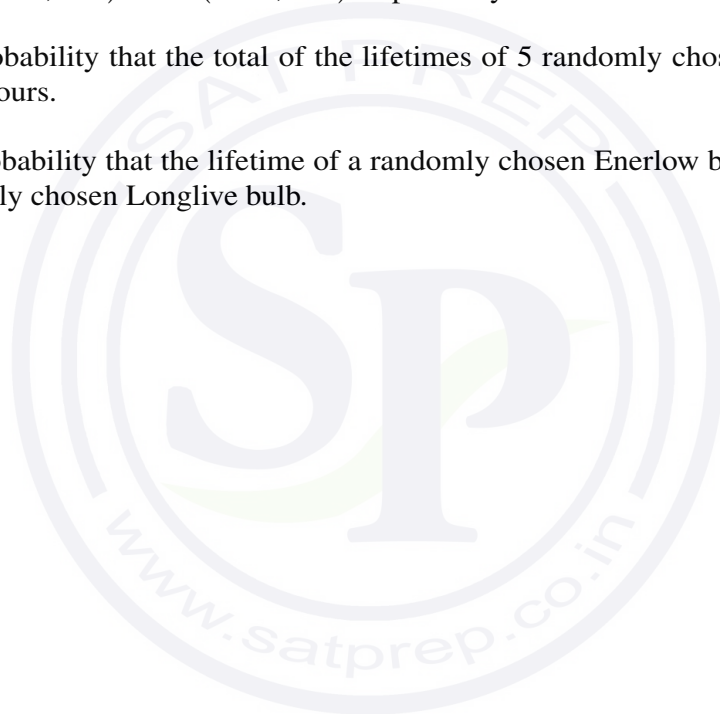
(ii) Find the probability of a Type I error. [5]

(iii) With reference to this context, describe circumstances in which Fayez would make a Type II error. [2]

- 6 The lifetimes, in hours, of Longlive light bulbs and Enerlow light bulbs have the independent distributions $N(1020, 45^2)$ and $N(2800, 52^2)$ respectively.

(i) Find the probability that the total of the lifetimes of 5 randomly chosen Longlive bulbs is less than 5200 hours. [4]

(ii) Find the probability that the lifetime of a randomly chosen Enerlow bulb is at least 3 times that of a randomly chosen Longlive bulb. [6]



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- 1** Marie wants to choose one student at random from Anthea, Bill and Charlie. She throws two fair coins. If both coins show tails she will choose Anthea. If both coins show heads she will choose Bill. If the coins show one of each she will choose Charlie.
- (i) Explain why this is not a fair method for choosing the student. [2]
- (ii) Describe how Marie could use the two coins to give a fair method for choosing the student. [2]
- 2** The times taken by students to complete a task are normally distributed with standard deviation 2.4 minutes. A lecturer claims that the mean time is 17.0 minutes. The times taken by a random sample of 5 students were 17.8, 22.4, 16.3, 23.1 and 11.4 minutes. Carry out a hypothesis test at the 5% significance level to determine whether the lecturer's claim should be accepted. [5]
- 3** Weights of cups have a normal distribution with mean 91 g and standard deviation 3.2 g. Weights of saucers have an independent normal distribution with mean 72 g and standard deviation 2.6 g. Cups and saucers are chosen at random to be packed in boxes, with 6 cups and 6 saucers in each box. Given that each empty box weighs 550 g, find the probability that the total weight of a box containing 6 cups and 6 saucers exceeds 1550 g. [5]
- 4** The lengths, x m, of a random sample of 200 balls of string are found and the results are summarised by $\Sigma x = 2005$ and $\Sigma x^2 = 20\,175$.
- (i) Calculate unbiased estimates of the population mean and variance of the lengths. [3]
- (ii) Use the values from part (i) to estimate the probability that the mean length of a random sample of 50 balls of string is less than 10 m. [3]
- (iii) Explain whether or not it was necessary to use the Central Limit theorem in your calculation in part (ii). [2]
- 5** The probability that a new car of a certain type has faulty brakes is 0.008. A random sample of 520 new cars of this type is chosen, and the number, X , having faulty brakes is noted.
- (i) Describe fully the distribution of X and describe also a suitable approximating distribution. Justify this approximating distribution. [4]
- (ii) Use your approximating distribution to find
- (a) $P(X > 3)$, [2]
- (b) the smallest value of n such that $P(X = n) > P(X = n + 1)$. [3]

- 6 The time in minutes taken by people to read a certain booklet is modelled by the random variable T with probability density function given by

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{t}} & 4 \leq t \leq 9, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

(i) Find the time within which 90% of people finish reading the booklet. [3]

(ii) Find $E(T)$ and $\text{Var}(T)$. [6]

- 7 Leila suspects that a particular six-sided die is biased so that the probability, p , that it will show a six is greater than $\frac{1}{6}$. She tests the die by throwing it 5 times. If it shows a six on 3 or more throws she will conclude that it is biased.

(i) State what is meant by a Type I error in this situation and calculate the probability of a Type I error. [3]

(ii) Assuming that the value of p is actually $\frac{2}{3}$, calculate the probability of a Type II error. [3]

Leila now throws the die 80 times and it shows a six on 50 throws.

(iii) Calculate an approximate 96% confidence interval for p . [4]

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- 1 It is known that 1.2% of rods made by a certain machine are bent. The random variable X denotes the number of bent rods in a random sample of 400 rods.

(i) State the distribution of X . [2]

(ii) State, with a reason, a suitable approximate distribution for X . [2]

(iii) Use your approximate distribution to find the probability that the sample will include more than 2 bent rods. [2]

- 2 A random variable X has probability density function given by

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

(i) Find $E(X)$. [3]

(ii) Find $P(X < E(X))$. [2]

(iii) Hence explain whether the mean of X is less than, equal to or greater than the median of X . [2]

- 3 The heights of a certain variety of plant have been found to be normally distributed with mean 75.2 cm and standard deviation 5.7 cm. A biologist suspects that pollution in a certain region is causing the plants to be shorter than usual. He takes a random sample of n plants of this variety from this region and finds that their mean height is 73.1 cm. He then carries out an appropriate hypothesis test.

(i) He finds that the value of the test statistic z is -1.563 , correct to 3 decimal places. Calculate the value of n . State an assumption necessary for your calculation. [4]

(ii) Use this value of the test statistic to carry out the hypothesis test at the 6% significance level. [3]

- 4 The masses, in grams, of a certain type of plum are normally distributed with mean μ and variance σ^2 . The masses, m grams, of a random sample of 150 plums of this type were found and the results are summarised by $\Sigma m = 9750$ and $\Sigma m^2 = 647\,500$.

(i) Calculate unbiased estimates of μ and σ^2 . [3]

(ii) Calculate a 98% confidence interval for μ . [3]

Two more random samples of plums of this type are taken and a 98% confidence interval for μ is calculated from each sample.

(iii) Find the probability that neither of these two intervals contains μ . [2]

- 5** Packets of cereal are packed in boxes, each containing 6 packets. The masses of the packets are normally distributed with mean 510 g and standard deviation 12 g. The masses of the empty boxes are normally distributed with mean 70 g and standard deviation 4 g.
- (i) Find the probability that the total mass of a full box containing 6 packets is between 3050 g and 3150 g. [5]
 - (ii) A packet and an empty box are chosen at random. Find the probability that the mass of the packet is at least 8 times the mass of the empty box. [5]
- 6** The number of cases of asthma per month at a clinic has a Poisson distribution. In the past the mean has been 5.3 cases per month. A new treatment is introduced. In order to test at the 5% significance level whether the mean has decreased, the number of cases in a randomly chosen month is noted.
- (i) Find the critical region for the test and, given that the number of cases is 2, carry out the test. [5]
 - (ii) Explain the meaning of a Type I error in this context and state the probability of a Type I error. [2]
 - (iii) At another clinic the mean number of cases of asthma per month has the independent distribution $Po(13.1)$. Assuming that the mean for the first clinic is still 5.3, use a suitable approximating distribution to estimate the probability that the total number of cases in the two clinics in a particular month is more than 20. [5]

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- 1 The mean and variance of the random variable X are 5.8 and 3.1 respectively. The random variable S is the sum of three independent values of X . The independent random variable T is defined by $T = 3X + 2$.

(i) Find the variance of S . [1]

(ii) Find the variance of T . [1]

(iii) Find the mean and variance of $S - T$. [3]

- 2 A hockey player found that she scored a goal on 82% of her penalty shots. After attending a coaching course, she scored a goal on 19 out of 20 penalty shots. Making an assumption that should be stated, test at the 10% significance level whether she has improved. [5]

- 3 Each of a random sample of 15 students was asked how long they spent revising for an exam. The results, in minutes, were as follows.

50 70 80 60 65 110 10 70 75 60 65 45 50 70 50

Assume that the times for all students are normally distributed with mean μ minutes and standard deviation 12 minutes.

(i) Calculate a 92% confidence interval for μ . [4]

(ii) Explain what is meant by a 92% confidence interval for μ . [1]

(iii) Explain what is meant by saying that a sample is 'random'. [1]

- 4 The independent random variables X and Y have the distributions $\text{Po}(2)$ and $\text{Po}(3)$ respectively.

(i) Given that $X + Y = 5$, find the probability that $X = 1$ and $Y = 4$. [4]

(ii) Given that $P(X = r) = \frac{2}{3}P(X = 0)$, show that $3 \times 2^{r-1} = r!$ and verify that $r = 4$ satisfies this equation. [2]

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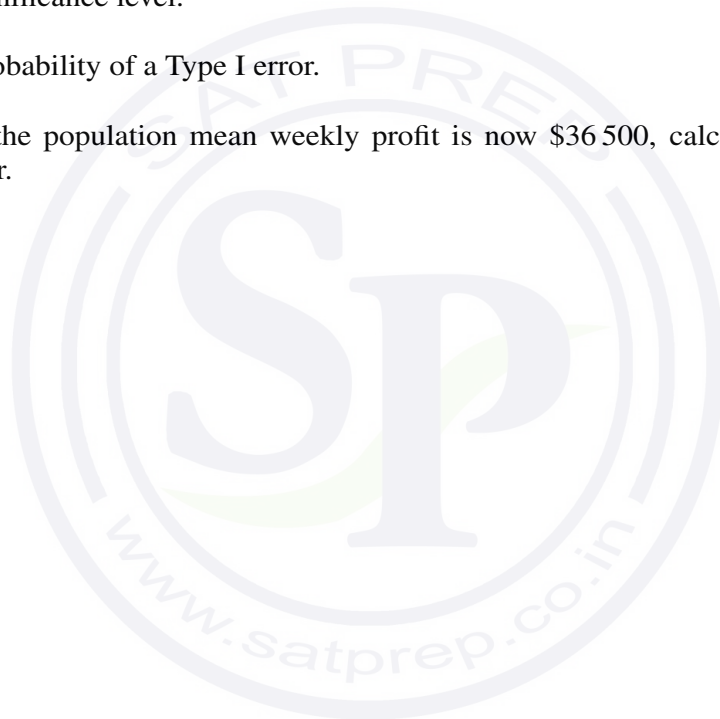
where k is a constant.

(i) Show that $k = 2$. [2]

(ii) Find $P(1 \leq X \leq 2)$. [2]

(iii) Find $E(X)$. [3]

- 6** Calls arrive at a helpdesk randomly and at a constant average rate of 1.4 calls per hour. Calculate the probability that there will be
- (i) more than 3 calls in $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours, [3]
 - (ii) fewer than 1000 calls in four weeks (672 hours). [4]
- 7** In the past the weekly profit at a store had mean \$34 600 and standard deviation \$4500. Following a change of ownership, the mean weekly profit for 90 randomly chosen weeks was \$35 400.
- (i) Stating a necessary assumption, test at the 5% significance level whether the mean weekly profit has increased. [6]
 - (ii) State, with a reason, whether it was necessary to use the Central Limit theorem in part (i). [2]
- The mean weekly profit for another random sample of 90 weeks is found and the same test is carried out at the 5% significance level.
- (iii) State the probability of a Type I error. [1]
 - (iv) Given that the population mean weekly profit is now \$36 500, calculate the probability of a Type II error. [5]



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