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MATHEMATICS

9709/63

Paper 6 Probability & Statistics 2

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1 hour 15 minutes

You must answer on the question paper.

You will need: List of formulae (MF19)

INSTRUCTIONS

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

INFORMATION

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

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- 1 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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2 Each day at the gym, Sarah completes three runs. The distances, in metres, that she completes in the three runs have the independent distributions $W \sim N(1520, 450)$, $X \sim N(2250, 720)$ and $Y \sim N(3860, 1050)$.

Find the probability that, on a particular day, Y is less than the total of W and X . [5]

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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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4 The random variable A has the distribution $Po(1.5)$. A_1 and A_2 are independent values of A .

(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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(c) Give a reason why $A_1 - A_2$ cannot have a Poisson distribution. [1]

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5 Sunita has a six-sided die with faces marked 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. The probability that the die shows a six on any throw is p . Sunita throws the die 500 times and finds that it shows a six 70 times.

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

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(b) Sunita believes that the die is fair. Use your answer to part (a) to comment on her belief. [1]

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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. [1]

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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. [2]

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