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MATHEMATICS

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Paper 7 Probability & Statistics 2 (S2)

May/June 2019

1 hour 15 minutes

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

Additional Materials: List of Formulae (MF9)

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Answer **all** the questions in the space provided. If additional space is required, you should use the lined page at the end of this booklet. The question number(s) must be clearly shown.

Give non-exact numerical answers correct to 3 significant figures, or 1 decimal place in the case of angles in degrees, unless a different level of accuracy is specified in the question.

The use of an electronic calculator is expected, where appropriate.

You are reminded of the need for clear presentation in your answers.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

The total number of marks for this paper is 50.

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1 The random variable X has the distribution $Po(5)$.

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

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It is given that $P(X = n) = P(X = n + 1)$.

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

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

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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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On another occasion Jyothi looks at 80 randomly selected packets and finds that exactly 6 include the free offer.

(iii) Calculate an approximate 90% confidence interval for the proportion of packets that include the offer. [3]

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(iv) Use your confidence interval to comment on the manufacturer's claim. [1]

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6 X is a random variable with probability density function given by

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

where a and b are constants.

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

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(ii) Given that the median of X is $\frac{3}{2}$, find the values of a and b . [3]

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

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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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