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MATHEMATICAL METHODS

Unit 4-SAC 2b – Investigation Task: Test

September 2023

Reading Time	none
Writing Time	45 minutes

Task Sections	Marks	Your Marks
Extended Response Questions	30	
Total Marks	30	

Declaration

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General Instructions

- Answer all questions in the spaces provided.
- In all questions where a numerical answer is required, an exact value must be given unless otherwise specified.
- In questions where more than one mark is available, appropriate working must be shown.
- Unless otherwise indicated, the diagrams in this task are not drawn to scale.

Allowed Materials

- Calculators are allowed
- Notes and/or references are allowed.

At the end of the task

- Ensure you cease writing upon request.

Electronic Devices

Students are **not** allowed to have a mobile phone, smart watch and/or any other unauthorised electronic device in the SAC, unless it is TURNED OFF and is placed on the front teacher desk.

Question 1 (8 marks)

Let X represent the number of books borrowed by a student at the school library each month.

The probability distribution of X is shown below:

x	0	1	2	3	4
$\Pr(X = x)$	0.05	0.12	0.46	0.27	k

- a. Find the value of k . 1 mark

- b. Given a student borrows less than four books from the library in a certain month, calculate the probability they borrow at least one book that month. 2 marks

- c. If a student borrows at least two books in a certain month, they receive a sticker.
- i. Calculate the probability a student receives a sticker in a certain month. 1 mark

- ii. Let Y represent the number of stickers a student receives in a certain year.
Calculate $\Pr(Y \geq 9)$, giving your answer correct to four decimal places. 2 marks

- d.** Calculate the smallest number of months required so that the probability of receiving at least 20 stickers exceeds 0.9.

2 marks

Question 2 (4 marks)

Random variable X is normally distributed with a mean of 30 and a standard deviation of 6.

Let Z be the random variable with the standard normal distribution.

- a.** Given $\Pr(X \geq a) = \Pr(Z \geq 2)$, find the exact value of a . 1 mark

- b.** Given $\Pr(X \geq 34) = \Pr(Z \leq b)$, find the exact value of b . 1 mark

- c.** Given $\Pr(X \leq 20) = \Pr(-c \leq Z \leq c)$, find the value of c , giving your answer correct to four decimal places. 2 marks

Question 4 (12 marks)

The time, T minutes, a student will spend waiting in the queue for the Senior School tuckshop on a given day is a random variable with a probability density function given by:

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 0 \\ k & 0 \leq t \leq 5 \\ \frac{2}{11}e^{-2(t-5)} & t > 5 \end{cases}$$

- a. Show that $k = \frac{2}{11}$, showing all steps of your answer.

2 marks

- b. Calculate the probability that a student will spend less than 6 minutes in the Senior School tuckshop queue, giving your answer correct to four decimal places.

1 mark

- c. Calculate the expected time a student will spend in the Senior School tuckshop queue on a given day, giving your answer correct to the nearest second.

2 marks

The time, Y minutes, spent in the Junior School tuckshop queue is found to be normally distributed with a mean of 2 minutes and a standard deviation of 0.8.

- d. Write down the variance of Y . 1 mark

- e. Calculate the probability that a student will spend more than 3 minutes in the Junior School tuckshop queue, giving your answer correct to four decimal places. 1 mark

- f. 10 students attend the Junior School tuckshop. Let K represent the number of these students who spent over 3 minutes in the queue. Calculate $\Pr(K \geq 3)$, giving your answer correct to four decimal places. 2 marks

- g. An equal number of students attend the Senior School and Junior School tuckshops on a certain day. Given a student waited less than 1 minute in the tuckshop queue, find the probability the student attended the Senior School tuckshop. Give your answer correct to four decimal places. 3 marks

Mathematical Methods formulas

Mensuration

area of a trapezium	$\frac{1}{2}(a+b)h$	volume of a pyramid	$\frac{1}{3}Ah$
curved surface area of a cylinder	$2\pi rh$	volume of a sphere	$\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$
volume of a cylinder	$\pi r^2 h$	area of a triangle	$\frac{1}{2}bc \sin(A)$
volume of a cone	$\frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h$		

Calculus

$\frac{d}{dx}(x^n) = nx^{n-1}$	$\int x^n dx = \frac{1}{n+1} x^{n+1} + c, n \neq -1$		
$\frac{d}{dx}((ax+b)^n) = an(ax+b)^{n-1}$	$\int (ax+b)^n dx = \frac{1}{a(n+1)}(ax+b)^{n+1} + c, n \neq -1$		
$\frac{d}{dx}(e^{ax}) = ae^{ax}$	$\int e^{ax} dx = \frac{1}{a} e^{ax} + c$		
$\frac{d}{dx}(\log_e(x)) = \frac{1}{x}$	$\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \log_e(x) + c, x > 0$		
$\frac{d}{dx}(\sin(ax)) = a \cos(ax)$	$\int \sin(ax) dx = -\frac{1}{a} \cos(ax) + c$		
$\frac{d}{dx}(\cos(ax)) = -a \sin(ax)$	$\int \cos(ax) dx = \frac{1}{a} \sin(ax) + c$		
$\frac{d}{dx}(\tan(ax)) = \frac{a}{\cos^2(ax)} = a \sec^2(ax)$			
product rule	$\frac{d}{dx}(uv) = u \frac{dv}{dx} + v \frac{du}{dx}$	quotient rule	$\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{u}{v}\right) = \frac{v \frac{du}{dx} - u \frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}$
chain rule	$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \frac{du}{dx}$	Newton's method	$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$
trapezium rule approximation	$Area \approx \frac{x_n - x_0}{2n} [f(x_0) + 2f(x_1) + 2f(x_2) + \dots + 2f(x_{n-2}) + 2f(x_{n-1}) + f(x_n)]$		

Probability

$\Pr(A) = 1 - \Pr(A')$		$\Pr(A \cup B) = \Pr(A) + \Pr(B) - \Pr(A \cap B)$	
$\Pr(A B) = \frac{\Pr(A \cap B)}{\Pr(B)}$			
mean	$\mu = E(X)$	variance	$\text{var}(X) = \sigma^2 = E((X - \mu)^2) = E(X^2) - \mu^2$
binomial coefficient	$\binom{n}{x} = \frac{n!}{x!(n-x)!}$		

Probability distribution		Mean	Variance
discrete	$\Pr(X = x) = p(x)$	$\mu = \sum x p(x)$	$\sigma^2 = \sum (x - \mu)^2 p(x)$
binomial	$\Pr(X = x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$	$\mu = np$	$\sigma^2 = np(1-p)$
continuous	$\Pr(a < X < b) = \int_a^b f(x) dx$	$\mu = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx$	$\sigma^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu)^2 f(x) dx$

Sample proportions

$\hat{p} = \frac{X}{n}$	mean	$E(\hat{p}) = p$
standard deviation	$\text{sd}(\hat{p}) = \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}}$	approximate confidence interval $\left(\hat{p} - z \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}}, \hat{p} + z \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}} \right)$