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Materials required for examination

Mathematical Formulae (Pink)

Items included with question papers

Nil

Candidates may use any calculator allowed by the regulations of the Joint Council for Qualifications. Calculators must not have the facility for symbolic algebra manipulation or symbolic differentiation/integration, or have retrievable mathematical formulae stored in them.

Instructions to Candidates

In the boxes above, write your centre number, candidate number, your surname, initials and signature. Check that you have the correct question paper. Answer ALL the questions. You must write your answer to each question in the space following the question. Values from the statistical tables should be quoted in full. When a calculator is used, the answer should be given to an appropriate degree of accuracy.

Information for Candidates

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Turn over

1. In a trial for a new cough medicine, a random sample of 8 healthy patients were given steadily increasing doses of a pepper extract until they started coughing. The level of pepper that triggered the coughing was recorded. Each patient completed the trial after taking a standard cough medicine and, at a later time, after taking the new medicine. The results are given in the table below.

	Level of pepper extract that triggers coughing							
Patient	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>G</i>	<i>H</i>
Standard medicine	46	12	18	31	23	16	27	9
New medicine	53	16	13	49	11	34	38	22

- (a) Using a suitable test, at the 5% level of significance, state whether or not, on the basis of this trial, you would recommend using the new medicine. State your hypotheses clearly. **(8)**

- (b) State an assumption needed to carry out this test. **(1)**



3. A farmer is investigating the milk yields of two breeds of cow. He takes a random sample of 9 cows of breed *A* and an independent random sample of 12 cows of breed *B*. For a 5 day period he measures the amount of milk, x gallons, produced by each cow. The results are summarised in the table below.

Breed	Sample size	Mean (\bar{x})	Standard deviation (s_x)
<i>A</i>	9	6.23	2.98
<i>B</i>	12	7.13	2.33

The amount of milk produced by each cow can be assumed to follow a normal distribution.

- (a) Use a two-tail test to show, at the 10% level of significance, that the variances of the yields of the two breeds can be assumed to be equal. State your hypotheses clearly. **(4)**
- (b) Stating your hypotheses clearly, test, at the 5% level of significance, whether or not there is a difference in the mean yields of the two breeds of cow. **(7)**
- (c) Explain briefly the importance of the test in part (a) for the test in part (b). **(1)**



Question 4 continued

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5. A large company has designed an aptitude test for new recruits. The score, S , for an individual taking the test, has a normal distribution with mean μ and standard deviation σ .

In order to estimate μ and σ , a random sample of 15 new recruits were given the test and their scores, x , are summarised as

$$\sum x = 880 \quad \sum x^2 = 54\,892$$

- (a) Calculate a 95% confidence interval for

(i) μ ,

(ii) σ .

(11)

The company wants to ensure that no more than 80% of new recruits pass the test.

- (b) Using values from your confidence intervals in part (a), estimate the lowest pass mark they should set.

(5)



6. Emily is monitoring the level of pollution in a river. Over a period of time she has found that the amount of pollution, X , in a 100 ml sample of river water has a continuous distribution with probability density function $f(x)$ given by

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

where a is a constant.

Emily takes a random sample $X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_n$ to try to estimate the value of a .

- (a) Show that $E(\bar{X}) = \frac{2a}{3}$ and $\text{Var}(\bar{X}) = \frac{a^2}{18n}$ (4)

The random variable $S = p\bar{X}$, where p is a constant, is an unbiased estimator of a .

- (b) Write down the value of p and find $\text{Var}(S)$. (2)

Felix suggests using the statistic $M = \max\{X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_n\}$ as an estimator of a .

He calculates $E(M) = \frac{2n}{2n+1}a$ and $\text{Var}(M) = \frac{n}{(n+1)(2n+1)^2}a^2$

- (c) State, giving your reasons, whether or not M is a consistent estimator of a . (3)

The random variable $T = qM$, where q is a constant, is an unbiased estimator of a .

- (d) Write down, in terms of n , the value of q and find $\text{Var}(T)$. (3)

- (e) State, giving your reasons, which of S or T you would recommend Emily use as an estimator of a . (3)

Emily took a sample of 5 values of X and obtained the following:

5.3 4.3 5.7 7.8 6.9

- (f) Calculate the estimate of a using your recommended estimator from part (e). (2)
- (g) Find the standard error of your estimate, giving your answer to 2 decimal places. (2)



