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MATHEMATICS

2643

Probability & Statistics 3

Tuesday **25 JANUARY 2005** Morning 1 hour 20 minutes

Additional materials:
Answer booklet
Graph paper
List of Formulae (MF8)

TIME 1 hour 20 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your Name, Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the answer booklet.
- Answer **all** the questions.
- Give non-exact numerical answers correct to 3 significant figures unless a different degree of accuracy is specified in the question or is clearly appropriate.
- You are permitted to use a graphic calculator in this paper.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- 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 60.
- Questions carrying smaller numbers of marks are printed earlier in the paper, and questions carrying larger numbers of marks later in the paper.
- **You are reminded of the need for clear presentation in your answers.**

This question paper consists of 4 printed pages.

- 1 A questionnaire sent to doctors contained an item on smoking. The researcher wished to test whether smoking profile depends on age and she set up a contingency table with the following headings. Data values are omitted.

		Smoking Profile		
		Never smoked	Current smokers	Ex-smokers
Age	< 40			
	40 – 50			
	> 50			

In the test it was found necessary to combine the first two rows. The value of χ^2 was then calculated to be 10.474. Determine the conclusion of the test at the 5% significance level. [4]

- 2 A hardware shop sells wood screws produced by two manufacturers, A and B . On average, 2% of those produced by A have faulty heads and $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ of those produced by B have faulty heads. I buy 125 screws produced by A and 100 screws produced by B . The total number of screws with faulty heads is denoted by F . It may be assumed that the screws purchased are random samples.

(i) Find the exact value of $E(F)$. [2]

(ii) Using suitable Poisson approximations, find the probability that exactly 3 of the 225 screws have faulty heads. [3]

- 3 The lifetime in years of a particular machine is a continuous random variable T with probability density function given by

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{180}t^2 & 0 \leq t \leq 6, \\ \frac{1}{30}(12 - t) & 6 < t \leq 12, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

(i) Show that the expected lifetime is 6.6 years. [4]

(ii) The total running cost for a machine whose lifetime is T years is $\pounds(120 + 0.5T)$. Find the expected value of the total running cost. [2]

- 4 A new coffee machine was installed in a cafeteria and information was sought regarding the amount of caffeine dispensed in a cup of (low-caffeine) coffee. The amounts of caffeine in a random sample of 80 cups of coffee were measured. These amounts, x mg, are summarised by $\Sigma x = 552$ and $\Sigma x^2 = 3924$.

(i) Find an unbiased estimate of the variance of the amount of caffeine dispensed in a cup. [2]

The mean amount of caffeine dispensed in a cup is μ mg.

(ii) Find a 99% confidence interval for μ . [3]

(iii) State why it is necessary to use the Central Limit Theorem in calculating the interval. [1]

(iv) If the confidence level of 99% is reduced, state whether the resulting confidence interval will be

(a) narrower or wider, [1]

(b) more likely or less likely to contain μ . [1]

- 5 John cycles to work each day, a distance of 20 km. Owing to varying traffic conditions, the time for the journey varies. The journey time, T hours, is a continuous random variable with (cumulative) distribution function given by

$$F(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 1, \\ c(3t^2 - t^3 - 2) & 1 \leq t \leq 2, \\ 1 & t > 2, \end{cases}$$

where c is a positive constant.

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

(ii) Show that the median journey time is less than $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours. [2]

The probability density function and (cumulative) distribution function of the average speed V km h⁻¹ for the journey are denoted by $g(v)$ and $G(v)$ respectively.

(iii) Show that $G(v) = 1 - F\left(\frac{20}{v}\right)$. [3]

(iv) Hence show that, over the interval $10 \leq v \leq 20$,

$$G(v) = 2 - \frac{600}{v^2} + \frac{4000}{v^3}. \quad [2]$$

(v) Find $g(v)$ over the interval $10 \leq v \leq 20$. [2]

[Questions 6 and 7 are printed overleaf.]

6 In order to test a coin for bias, the following procedure was carried out 128 times.

The coin is tossed repeatedly until a head is obtained.

The score, x , is the number of tosses up to and including the one with the head.

A frequency table of the results is as follows.

x	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	≥ 8
Frequency	53	28	19	12	8	6	2	0

(i) By fitting a $\text{Geo}(\frac{1}{2})$ distribution, show that there is evidence at the $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ significance level that the coin is biased. [6]

(ii) State, giving your reasons, whether the bias is towards a head or towards a tail. [2]

(iii) Show that the data implies a total of 304 tosses, 128 of which are heads. [2]

(iv) Find an approximate 95% confidence interval for the probability that the coin comes down heads. [3]

7 Type A resistors sold at an electronics store have a nominal resistance of 3.50 ohms and Type B have a nominal resistance of 3.00 ohms. Random samples of 6 Type A and 5 Type B resistors were measured with the following results, in ohms.

A	3.41	3.52	3.38	3.50	3.43	3.46
B	2.90	2.92	2.88	2.97	3.01	

The population mean resistances of Type A and Type B resistors are denoted by μ_A ohms and μ_B ohms respectively. The resistances of both types are normally distributed.

(i) Test at the 5% significance level whether $\mu_A < 3.50$. [6]

(ii) Stating a necessary assumption, find a 95% confidence interval for $\mu_A - \mu_B$. [6]

(iii) State, giving a reason, whether the data is consistent with $\mu_A - \mu_B = 0.50$. [2]

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