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**MATHEMATICS**

**4733**

Probability & Statistics 2

Wednesday **25 JANUARY 2006** Morning 1 hour 30 minutes

Additional materials:  
8 page answer booklet  
Graph paper  
List of Formulae (MF1)

**TIME** 1 hour 30 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 graphical 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 72.
- 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.**

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**This question paper consists of 3 printed pages and 1 blank page.**

- 1 In a study of urban foxes it is found that on average there are 2 foxes in every 3 acres.
- (i) Use a Poisson distribution to find the probability that, at a given moment,
- (a) in a randomly chosen area of 3 acres there are at least 4 foxes, [2]
- (b) in a randomly chosen area of 1 acre there are exactly 2 foxes. [3]
- (ii) Explain briefly why a Poisson distribution might not be a suitable model. [2]
- 2 The random variable  $W$  has the distribution  $B(40, \frac{2}{7})$ . Use an appropriate approximation to find  $P(W > 13)$ . [7]
- 3 The manufacturers of a brand of chocolates claim that, on average, 30% of their chocolates have hard centres. In a random sample of 8 chocolates from this manufacturer, 5 had hard centres. Test, at the 5% significance level, whether there is evidence that the population proportion of chocolates with hard centres is not 30%, stating your hypotheses clearly. Show the values of any relevant probabilities. [7]
- 4 DVD players are tested after manufacture. The probability that a randomly chosen DVD player is defective is 0.02. The number of defective players in a random sample of size 80 is denoted by  $R$ .
- (i) Use an appropriate approximation to find  $P(R \geq 2)$ . [4]
- (ii) Find the smallest value of  $r$  for which  $P(R \geq r) < 0.01$ . [3]
- 5 In an investment model the increase,  $Y\%$ , in the value of an investment in one year is modelled as a continuous random variable with the distribution  $N(\mu, \frac{1}{4}\mu^2)$ . The value of  $\mu$  depends on the type of investment chosen.
- (i) Find  $P(Y < 0)$ , showing that it is independent of the value of  $\mu$ . [4]
- (ii) Given that  $\mu = 6$ , find the probability that  $Y < 9$  in each of three randomly chosen years. [4]
- (iii) Explain why the calculation in part (ii) might not be valid if applied to three consecutive years. [1]
- 6 Alex obtained the actual waist measurements,  $w$  inches, of a random sample of 50 pairs of jeans, each of which was labelled as having a 32-inch waist. The results are summarised by
- $$n = 50, \quad \Sigma w = 1615.0, \quad \Sigma w^2 = 52\,214.50.$$
- Test, at the 0.1% significance level, whether this sample provides evidence that the mean waist measurement of jeans labelled as having 32-inch waists is in fact greater than 32 inches. State your hypotheses clearly. [10]

- 7 The random variable  $X$  has the distribution  $N(\mu, 8^2)$ . The mean of a random sample of 12 observations of  $X$  is denoted by  $\bar{X}$ . A test is carried out at the 1% significance level of the null hypothesis  $H_0: \mu = 80$  against the alternative hypothesis  $H_1: \mu < 80$ . The test is summarised as follows: 'Reject  $H_0$  if  $\bar{X} < c$ ; otherwise do not reject  $H_0$ '.

(i) Calculate the value of  $c$ . [4]

(ii) Assuming that  $\mu = 80$ , state whether the conclusion of the test is correct, results in a Type I error, or results in a Type II error if:

(a)  $\bar{X} = 74.0$ , [1]

(b)  $\bar{X} = 75.0$ . [1]

(iii) Independent repetitions of the above test, using the value of  $c$  found in part (i), suggest that in fact the probability of rejecting the null hypothesis is 0.06. Use this information to calculate the value of  $\mu$ . [4]

- 8 A continuous random variable  $X$  has probability density function given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} kx^n & 0 \leq x \leq 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where  $n$  and  $k$  are positive constants.

(i) Find  $k$  in terms of  $n$ . [3]

(ii) Show that  $E(X) = \frac{n+1}{n+2}$ . [3]

It is given that  $n = 3$ .

(iii) Find the variance of  $X$ . [3]

(iv) One hundred observations of  $X$  are taken, and the mean of the observations is denoted by  $\bar{X}$ . Write down the approximate distribution of  $\bar{X}$ , giving the values of any parameters. [3]

(v) Write down the mean and the variance of the random variable  $Y$  with probability density function given by

$$g(y) = \begin{cases} 4\left(y + \frac{4}{5}\right)^3 & -\frac{4}{5} \leq y \leq \frac{1}{5}, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad [3]$$

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