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COURSE TITLE: PROBABILITY AND STATISTICS II

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TIME: 2 PM -4 PM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer Question One and Any other TWO Questions

TIME: 2 Hours

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QUESTION ONE [30MARKS]

a.) Differentiate between a discrete random variable and a continuous random variable. Give one example in each case. [4marks]

b.) Let X be a random variable with a Poisson distribution $f(x) = \begin{cases} e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x, & x = 0, 1, 2, \dots \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$

where λ a constant. Show that $f(x)$ is a discrete P.d.f. [4marks]

c.) A continuous random variable X has probability distribution given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{6x-4}{15} & 0 \leq x \leq 3 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

i.) Show that $f(x)$ is a continuous P.d.f. [4marks]

ii.) Calculate the probability $P(1 \leq X \leq 2)$ [3marks]

d.) Consider the P.d.f given by $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{18}(3+2x), & 2 \leq x \leq 4 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$. Find:

i.) $E(x)$ [3marks]

ii.) $E(x^2)$ and hence $\text{var}(x)$ [5marks]

e.) Let X be a random variable with density function given as $f(x) = \begin{cases} \theta e^{-\theta x}, & x \geq 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$. Find:

i.) the M.g.f. of X [4marks]

ii.) the mean of X [3marks]

QUESTION TWO [20MARKS]

a.) A company that makes sweets has a label weight 20.4grams of each sweet. Assume that the distribution of the weight of these sweet is normal with mean 21.37grams and standard deviation of 0.4grams. Let X denote the weight of a single sweet selected at random from the production. Find: i.) $P(x \geq 22.07)$ [3marks]

ii.) The number of sweets with weight less than 20.4grams as indicated in the label in a packet of 2,500 sweets. [4marks]

b.) If X is a random variable with probability density function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{32}{63}\right) \frac{1}{2^x}, & x = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}, \text{ Find: } E(x) \quad [3marks]$$

ii.) $\text{Var}(x)$ [3marks]

- c.) A random variable X has a Poisson distribution such that $3P(X=1) = P(X=2)$.

Find: $P(X \leq 3)$

[7marks]

QUESTION THREE [20MARKS]

- a.) Define the moment generating function of a random variable X where it exists. [2marks]

- b.) i.) Show that the moment generating function of a binomial distribution is given by

$$M_x(t) = (Pe^t + q)^n \quad [6marks]$$

- ii.) Hence find the mean and variance of X. [6marks]

- c.) The Bungoma county government has installed 100 electric lamps in Bungoma town. The lamps have an average lifetime of 1000 burning hours with standard deviation 200 hours assuming normality.

- i.) Find the numbers of lamps that are expected to fail in the first 800 hours of burning.

[3marks]

- ii.) Find after how many hours of burning would 10% of the lamps be expected to fail.

[3marks]

QUESTION FOUR [20MARKS]

- a.) A random variable X has a probability density function given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} (m + nx^2), & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \text{ . Given that } E(X) = \frac{2}{3}, \text{ determine the value of } m \text{ and } n.$$

[6marks]

- b.) In a firm that manufactures watches, 280 watches are inspected and the numbers of defective per set are recorded.

Number of defective	Number of sets
0	20
1	100
2	72
3	35
4	43
5	10

- i.) Estimate the average number of defective per set and expected frequency of 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. [2marks]

ii.) Fit a Poisson distribution of the data.

[8marks]

QUESTION FIVE [20MARKS]

a.) The random variable Z has the probability distribution as shown in the table below

Z	2	3	5	7	11
$P(z)$	$1/6$	$1/3$	$1/4$	a	B

If $E[Z] = \frac{14}{3}$, find: i.) the value of a and b .

[6marks]

ii.) the variance of Z

[5marks]

b.) $f(x) = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^x \left(\frac{2}{3}\right), & x = 0, 1, 2, \dots \dots \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$. Determine the factorial moment generating function of X . Hence compute the mean.

[9marks]