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**MAIN EXAMINATION**  
**FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**  
**(MATHEMATICS)**

**COURSE CODE:** STA 243

**COURSE TITLE:** SAMPLE SURVEY I

**DATE:** 12/01/18

**TIME:** 9 AM -11 AM

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Answer Question One and Any other TWO Questions

TIME: 2 Hours

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**Question 1 Compulsory (30 marks)**

- a) State four physical layout of a questionnaire (4 marks)
- b) What are advantages of sampling survey over census. (4 marks)
- c) A research student wishes to investigate the average prevalence of HIV/AIDS among youth living in slum dwellings in Kenya.

**Required;**

- (i) Suggest a suitable sample frame. (1 mark)
- (ii) Describe a suitable sampling method that could be used to achieve this purpose. (2 marks)
- d) A population has size  $N = 6$  where the values of characteristic  $X$  are 4, 9, 5, 11, 7 and 12. A sample of size  $n = 2$  is to be selected for estimating population mean  $\bar{Y}$ .

- (i) List the possible samples with their corresponding means. (5 marks)

- (ii) Verify that the sample mean  $\bar{y}$  is unbiased estimator of the population mean  $\bar{Y}$  and

That its variance is given by  $\frac{S^2(N-n)}{nN}$  (8 marks)

- e) Starting two examples of each, explain the difference between Probability sampling and non-probability sampling (4 marks)
- f) Distinguish between cluster sampling and stratified sampling. (2 marks)

**Question 2 (20 marks)**

- a) State three situations under which optimum allocation can be applied in stratified random sampling. (3 marks)
- b) A population has three strata with corresponding sizes, means and variances as follows;

	$N_i$	$\bar{y}_i$	$s_i^2$
Stratum 1	320	8	25
Stratum 2	200	12	9
Stratum 3	480	10	4

- (i) Obtain proportional and Neyman allocation if a stratified sample of 150 is to be drawn to estimate the population mean. (8 marks)
- (ii) Obtain the population mean and variance. (9 marks)

**Question 3 (20 marks)**

- a) Show that the sample mean ( $\bar{y}$ ) is a unbiased estimator of the population mean ( $\bar{Y}$ ) and show that its variance is given by  $\frac{s^2(N-n)}{nN}$ . (13 marks)
- b) The following observations are assumed to be from a normal population.  
6, 22, 19, 10, 11, 17, 9, 4, 13, 28 and 3
- (i) Estimate the population mean (3 marks)
- (ii) Determine the 95% confidence bounds for the population mean. (4 marks)

**Question 4 (20 marks)**

- a) Give three advantages and disadvantages of simple random sampling. (6 marks)
- b) A survey is to be made up of the prevalence of the common disease in a large population. For any disease that affects at least 1% of the individuals in the population, it is desired to estimate the total number of cases with a coefficient of variation of not more than 20%. Calculate the size of simple random sample which is needed assuming that the presence of the disease can be recognized without mistakes? (8 marks)
- c) Prove that sample proportion  $p$  is an unbiased estimator of the population proportion  $P$ . (6 marks)

**Question 5 (20 marks)**

- a) Differentiate between the following terms;
- (i) Sampling errors and non - sampling errors (2 marks)
- (ii) Pretest and pilot test (2 marks)
- (iii) Simple random sampling with replacement and simple random sampling without replacement. (2 marks)
- b) Explain the main advantages of using a questionnaire as a method of collecting data (6 marks)
- c) The final step in the sample survey process is to present research findings. This is one of the most important aspects of a survey research since it is the key in communicating findings to those who can make decisions to take action on the results. Discuss in logical sequence, the main sections of a good research report. (8marks)