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**SECOND YEAR SPECIAL/ SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION
FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

COURSE CODE: STA 225

COURSE TITLE: STATISTICS AND PROBABILITY

DATE: 18/01/2022

TIME: 8 AM -10 AM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer Question One and Any other TWO Questions

TIME: 2 Hours

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QUESTION ONE [30MARKS]

a.) Let X be a random variable with probability distribution $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{15} - \frac{2x}{225}, & 0 < x < 15 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$

i.) Show is that $f(x)$ is a continuous P.d.f. [3marks]

ii.) Find the expected value of X [3marks]

iii.) Find the variance of X [4marks]

b.) Let the probability density function of X be given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} k\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^x, & x = 0,1,2,3, \dots \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

i.) Find the value of k [4marks]

ii.) Find the moment generating function of X. [6marks]

iii.) Using the m.g.f. find the mean of X. [4marks]

c.) Let X be bin (2,p) and let Y be bin(4,p).If $\Pr(X \geq 1) = \frac{5}{9}$, find $\Pr(Y \geq 1)$. [6marks]

QUESTION TWO [20MARKS]

a.) Suppose that the PH of soil samples taken from a certain region is normally distributed with mean PH of 6.0 and standard PH of 0.1.If the PH of a randomly selected soil sample from this region is determined, what is the probability that :

i.) The resulting PH is between 5.90 and 6.15? [4marks]

ii.) The resulting PH is at most 5.95? [4marks]

b.) The random variable X has a probability density function given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-1)^2}{2}}, & -\infty < x < \infty \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

Show that the moment generating function of X is given by $M_x(t) = e^{t + \frac{t^2}{2}}$

[6marks]

c.) Let $\psi(t) = \ln [m(t)]$, where $m(t)$ is the moment generating function of a distribution.

Prove that $\psi'(0) = \mu$ and $\psi''(0) = \sigma^2$.

[6marks]

QUESTION THREE [20MARKS]

Let X and Y be independent and identically distributed Poisson random variables, that is $f(x) =$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{e^{-\lambda}\lambda^x}{x!}, & x = 0,1,2, \dots \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad f(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{e^{-\lambda}\lambda^y}{y!}, & y = 0,1,2, \dots \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

- i.) Given that $Z = X+Y$, find the m.g.f. of Z. [12marks]
- ii.) Hence calculate $E(Z)$ [3marks]
- iii.) Hence find $\text{Var}(Z)$ [5marks]

QUESTION FOUR [20MARKS]

- a.) Define the probability density function, $f(x)$ for a binomial random variable X, with parameters n and p. [2marks]
- b.) Let X be a random variable having binomial distribution with parameters $n=100$ and $p=0.1$. Evaluate $\Pr[X \leq \mu - 3\sigma]$ [4marks]
- c.) The probability distribution of a discrete random variable X is given by

$$f(x) = f(x) = \begin{cases} k \binom{3}{x} \binom{4}{3-x}, & x = 0,1,2,3. \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{where } k \text{ is a constant.}$$

- i.) Show that $k = \frac{1}{35}$. [4marks]
- ii.) Hence find the mean and variance of X. [10marks]

QUESTION FIVE [20MARKS]

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

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

[8marks]

- b.) 250 watches are inspected and the numbers of defective per set are recorded.

| Number of defective | Number of sets |
|---------------------|----------------|
| 0 | 10 |
| 1 | 90 |
| 2 | 82 |
| 3 | 35 |
| 4 | 43 |
| 5 | 20 |

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

ii.) Fit a Poisson distribution of the data.

[8marks]