



KIBABII UNIVERSITY

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER
MAIN EXAMINATIONS**

FOR THE DEGREE OF MSC (CHEMISTRY)

COURSE CODE: SCH 811

COURSE TITLE: STATISTICAL RESEARCH METHODS

DATE: 13/12/2022

TIME: 9:00-11:00AM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

Answer **any THREE** questions

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Question 1 [20 Marks]

To determine the extent of lead pollution, the concentration of lead of in a paint chip and drinking water were determined and the following data was obtained.

Replicate	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Drinking water (ppm)	2.002	1.996	2.000	1.995	1.999	1.987	2.010	2.014	2.007	2.004
Paint chip (ppm)	1001.9	989.0	1020.4	996.1	1002.4	990.0	1019.4	991.3	999.2	1002.4

- i. State the hypotheses to be used in comparing the results [4 Marks]
- ii. Identify the statistical tests to be applied in testing the hypotheses [4 Marks]
- iii. Apply the statistical tests in (ii) above and provide a conclusion [12 Marks]

Question 2 [20 Marks]

- i. After the application of a new fertilizer, a maize plantation is expected to give a yield of 12 bags per acre. The fertilizer was tested on 10 randomly selected farmers and the yields (bags/acre) were recorded as 10.9, 12.0, 14.3, 13.1, 12.6, 13.7, 11.4, 12.0, 13.7 and 12.6
 - a. Describe the null and alternate hypotheses [4 Marks]
 - b. Do the results conform to the expectation? [6 Marks]
 - c. Determine the 95% and 99% confidence limits for the data [3 Marks]
- ii. Explain the difference between the Dixon's Q test and Grubbs Test [3 Marks]
- iii. Determine whether the data above contains any outliers at the 95% and 99% CL [4 Marks]

Question 3 [20 Marks]

The use of teaching aids have been theorized to improve the quality of teaching STEM subjects in high schools. A masters student intends to base his research on this theory and use the design of experiment software to guide the data collection

- i. Identify the possible research problem for the study and hypotheses [3 Marks]
- ii. Identify the factors to be studied (support your answers with valid arguments) [12 Marks]
- iii. Identify the suitable factorial design and the number of runs for the full factorial design [5 Marks]

Question 4 [20 Marks]

- i. Explain the importance of a research design [3 Marks]
- ii. Differentiate between population and sample [2 Marks]
- iii. Suppose we were interested in determining if there were differences in the average prices among two local supermarkets. We randomly pick six items to compare at both

supermarkets. Which statistical procedure would be best to use for this study under the following conditions?

- a. The same six items were compared [2 Marks]
 b. Different six items were compared [2 Marks]

iv. The following are three sets of data for the atomic mass of antimony from the work of Willard and McAlpine:

Set 1	Set 2	Set 3
121.771	121.784	121.752
121.787	121.758	121.784
121.803	121.765	121.765
121.781	121.794	

- a. Use the t test to determine whether the mean of data set 3 is identical to that of data set 1 at the 95% confidence level. [4 Marks]
 b. Pool the data and determine the overall mean and the pooled standard deviation. [7 Marks]

Question 5 [20 Marks]

- i. Explain three sources of error on the analytical measurements and strategies to minimize them [6 Marks]
 ii. During a routine analysis of water quality in a wastewater treatment plant, describe an instance of error propagation [2 Marks]
 iii. A random sample of 20 observations produced a sample mean of $\bar{x} = 92.4$ and $s = 25.8$. Determine the standard error [2 Marks]
 iv. Perform a one-sample t-test using the following statistics:
 $n = 5$ $\bar{x} = 3.871$ $s = 0.679$
 Determine whether the null hypothesis ($\mu = 5.0$) is accepted at the 5% and 1% levels [10 Marks]

Critical Values of Q

N	Q _{crit} (CL: 90%)	Q _{crit} (CL: 95%)	Q _{crit} (CL: 99%)
3	0.941	0.970	0.994
4	0.765	0.829	0.926
5	0.642	0.710	0.821
6	0.560	0.625	0.740
7	0.507	0.568	0.680
8	0.468	0.526	0.634
9	0.437	0.493	0.598
10	0.412	0.466	0.568

Critical Values of G

N	G _{crit}		
	90% C.L.	95% C.L.	99% C.L.
3	1.153	1.154	1.155
4	1.463	1.481	1.496
5	1.671	1.715	1.764
6	1.822	1.887	1.973
7	1.938	2.020	2.139
8	2.032	2.127	2.274
9	2.110	2.215	2.387
10	2.176	2.290	2.482

Student's T Critical Values

Conf. Level	50%	80%	90%	95%	98%	99%
One Tail	0.250	0.100	0.050	0.025	0.010	0.005
Two Tail	0.500	0.200	0.100	0.050	0.020	0.010
df = 1	1.000	3.078	6.314	12.706	31.821	63.657
2	0.816	1.886	2.920	4.303	6.965	9.925
3	0.765	1.638	2.353	3.182	4.541	5.841
4	0.741	1.533	2.132	2.776	3.747	4.604
5	0.727	1.476	2.015	2.571	3.365	4.032
6	0.718	1.440	1.943	2.447	3.143	3.707
7	0.711	1.415	1.895	2.365	2.998	3.499
8	0.706	1.397	1.860	2.306	2.896	3.355
9	0.703	1.383	1.833	2.262	2.821	3.250
10	0.700	1.372	1.812	2.228	2.764	3.169
11	0.697	1.363	1.796	2.201	2.718	3.106
12	0.695	1.356	1.782	2.179	2.681	3.055
13	0.694	1.350	1.771	2.160	2.650	3.012
14	0.692	1.345	1.761	2.145	2.624	2.977
15	0.691	1.341	1.753	2.131	2.602	2.947
16	0.690	1.337	1.746	2.120	2.583	2.921
17	0.689	1.333	1.740	2.110	2.567	2.898
18	0.688	1.330	1.734	2.101	2.552	2.878
19	0.688	1.328	1.729	2.093	2.539	2.861
20	0.687	1.325	1.725	2.086	2.528	2.845
21	0.686	1.323	1.721	2.080	2.518	2.831
22	0.686	1.321	1.717	2.074	2.508	2.819
23	0.685	1.319	1.714	2.069	2.500	2.807
24	0.685	1.318	1.711	2.064	2.492	2.797
25	0.684	1.316	1.708	2.060	2.485	2.787
26	0.684	1.315	1.706	2.056	2.479	2.779
27	0.684	1.314	1.703	2.052	2.473	2.771
28	0.683	1.313	1.701	2.048	2.467	2.763
29	0.683	1.311	1.699	2.045	2.462	2.756
30	0.683	1.310	1.697	2.042	2.457	2.750
40	0.681	1.303	1.684	2.021	2.423	2.704
50	0.679	1.299	1.676	2.009	2.403	2.678
60	0.679	1.296	1.671	2.000	2.390	2.660
70	0.678	1.294	1.667	1.994	2.381	2.648
80	0.678	1.292	1.664	1.990	2.374	2.639
90	0.677	1.291	1.662	1.987	2.368	2.632
100	0.677	1.290	1.660	1.984	2.364	2.626
z	0.674	1.282	1.645	1.960	2.326	2.576

F-table of Critical Values for Significance Level = 0.05

		F-table of Critical Values of $\alpha = 0.05$ for F(df1, df2)																		
		DF1=1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	12	15	20	24	30	40	60	120	∞
DF2=1		161.45	199.50	215.71	224.58	230.16	233.99	236.77	238.88	240.54	241.88	243.91	245.95	248.01	249.05	250.10	251.14	252.20	253.25	254.31
2		18.51	19.00	19.16	19.25	19.30	19.33	19.35	19.37	19.38	19.40	19.41	19.43	19.45	19.45	19.46	19.47	19.48	19.49	19.50
3		10.13	9.55	9.28	9.12	9.01	8.94	8.89	8.85	8.81	8.79	8.74	8.70	8.66	8.64	8.62	8.59	8.57	8.55	8.53
4		7.71	6.94	6.59	6.39	6.26	6.16	6.09	6.04	6.00	5.96	5.91	5.86	5.80	5.77	5.75	5.72	5.69	5.66	5.63
5		6.61	5.79	5.41	5.19	5.05	4.95	4.88	4.82	4.77	4.74	4.68	4.62	4.56	4.53	4.50	4.46	4.43	4.40	4.37
6		5.99	5.14	4.76	4.53	4.39	4.28	4.21	4.15	4.10	4.06	4.00	3.94	3.87	3.84	3.81	3.77	3.74	3.70	3.67
7		5.59	4.74	4.35	4.12	3.97	3.87	3.79	3.73	3.68	3.64	3.57	3.51	3.44	3.41	3.38	3.34	3.30	3.27	3.23
8		5.32	4.46	4.07	3.84	3.69	3.58	3.50	3.44	3.39	3.35	3.28	3.22	3.15	3.12	3.08	3.04	3.01	2.97	2.93
9		5.12	4.26	3.86	3.63	3.48	3.37	3.29	3.23	3.18	3.14	3.07	3.01	2.94	2.90	2.86	2.83	2.79	2.75	2.71
10		4.96	4.10	3.71	3.48	3.33	3.22	3.14	3.07	3.02	2.98	2.91	2.85	2.77	2.74	2.70	2.66	2.62	2.58	2.54
11		4.84	3.98	3.59	3.36	3.20	3.09	3.01	2.95	2.90	2.85	2.79	2.72	2.65	2.61	2.57	2.53	2.49	2.45	2.40
12		4.75	3.89	3.49	3.26	3.11	3.00	2.91	2.85	2.80	2.75	2.69	2.62	2.54	2.51	2.47	2.43	2.38	2.34	2.30
13		4.67	3.81	3.41	3.18	3.03	2.92	2.83	2.77	2.71	2.67	2.60	2.53	2.46	2.42	2.38	2.34	2.30	2.25	2.21
14		4.60	3.74	3.34	3.11	2.96	2.85	2.76	2.70	2.65	2.60	2.53	2.46	2.39	2.35	2.31	2.27	2.22	2.18	2.13
15		4.54	3.68	3.29	3.06	2.90	2.79	2.71	2.64	2.59	2.54	2.48	2.40	2.33	2.29	2.25	2.20	2.16	2.11	2.07
16		4.49	3.63	3.24	3.01	2.85	2.74	2.66	2.59	2.54	2.49	2.42	2.35	2.28	2.24	2.19	2.15	2.11	2.06	2.01
17		4.45	3.59	3.20	2.96	2.81	2.70	2.61	2.55	2.49	2.45	2.38	2.31	2.23	2.19	2.15	2.10	2.06	2.01	1.96
18		4.41	3.55	3.16	2.93	2.77	2.66	2.58	2.51	2.46	2.41	2.34	2.27	2.19	2.15	2.11	2.06	2.02	1.97	1.92
19		4.38	3.52	3.13	2.90	2.74	2.63	2.54	2.48	2.42	2.38	2.31	2.23	2.16	2.11	2.07	2.03	1.98	1.93	1.88
20		4.35	3.49	3.10	2.87	2.71	2.60	2.51	2.45	2.39	2.35	2.28	2.20	2.12	2.08	2.04	1.99	1.95	1.90	1.84
21		4.32	3.47	3.07	2.84	2.68	2.57	2.49	2.42	2.37	2.32	2.25	2.18	2.10	2.05	2.01	1.96	1.92	1.87	1.81
22		4.30	3.44	3.05	2.82	2.66	2.55	2.46	2.40	2.34	2.30	2.23	2.15	2.07	2.03	1.98	1.94	1.89	1.84	1.78
23		4.28	3.42	3.03	2.80	2.64	2.53	2.44	2.37	2.32	2.27	2.20	2.13	2.05	2.01	1.96	1.91	1.86	1.81	1.76
24		4.26	3.40	3.01	2.78	2.62	2.51	2.42	2.36	2.30	2.25	2.18	2.11	2.03	1.98	1.94	1.89	1.84	1.79	1.73
25		4.24	3.39	2.99	2.76	2.60	2.49	2.40	2.34	2.28	2.24	2.16	2.09	2.01	1.96	1.92	1.87	1.82	1.77	1.71
26		4.23	3.37	2.98	2.74	2.59	2.47	2.39	2.32	2.27	2.22	2.15	2.07	1.99	1.95	1.90	1.85	1.80	1.75	1.69
27		4.21	3.35	2.96	2.73	2.57	2.46	2.37	2.31	2.25	2.20	2.13	2.06	1.97	1.93	1.88	1.84	1.79	1.73	1.67
28		4.20	3.34	2.95	2.71	2.56	2.45	2.36	2.29	2.24	2.19	2.12	2.04	1.96	1.91	1.87	1.82	1.77	1.71	1.65
29		4.18	3.33	2.93	2.70	2.55	2.43	2.35	2.28	2.22	2.18	2.10	2.03	1.94	1.90	1.85	1.81	1.75	1.70	1.64
30		4.17	3.32	2.92	2.69	2.53	2.42	2.33	2.27	2.21	2.16	2.09	2.01	1.93	1.89	1.84	1.79	1.74	1.68	1.62
40		4.08	3.23	2.84	2.61	2.45	2.34	2.25	2.18	2.12	2.08	2.00	1.92	1.84	1.79	1.74	1.69	1.64	1.58	1.51
60		4.00	3.15	2.76	2.53	2.37	2.25	2.17	2.10	2.04	1.99	1.92	1.84	1.75	1.70	1.65	1.59	1.53	1.47	1.39
120		3.92	3.07	2.68	2.45	2.29	2.18	2.09	2.02	1.96	1.91	1.83	1.75	1.66	1.61	1.55	1.50	1.43	1.35	1.25
∞		3.84	3.00	2.60	2.37	2.21	2.10	2.01	1.94	1.88	1.83	1.75	1.67	1.57	1.52	1.46	1.39	1.32	1.22	1.00

PERIODIC TABLE OF THE ELEMENTS

1 IA												13 IIIA	14 IVA	
1 H 1.008												2 IIA		
3 Li 6.94	4 Be 9.01											5 B 10.81	6 C 12.01	
11 Na 22.99	12 Mg 24.30	3 IIIB	4 IVB	5 VB	6 VIB	7 VIIB	8	9 VIII B	10	11 IB	12 IIB	13 Al 26.98	14 Si 28.09	
19 K 39.10	20 Ca 40.08	21 Sc 44.96	22 Ti 47.90	23 V 50.94	24 Cr 52.00	25 Mn 59.94	26 Fe 55.85	27 Co 58.93	28 Ni 58.69	29 Cu 63.55	30 Zn 65.39	31 Ga 69.72	32 Ge 72.59	
37 Rb 85.47	38 Sr 87.62	39 Y 88.91	40 Zr 91.22	41 Nb 92.91	42 Mo 95.94	43 Tc (98)	44 Ru 101.1	45 Rh 102.91	46 Pd 106.42	47 Ag 107.87	48 Cd 112.41	49 In 114.82	50 Sn 118.71	
55 Cs 132.91	56 Ba 137.33	57 *La 138.91	72 Hf 178.49	73 Ta 180.95	74 W 183.85	75 Re 186.21	76 Os 190.2	77 Ir 192.2	78 Pt 195.08	79 Au 196.97	80 Hg 200.59	81 Tl 204.38	82 Pb 207.2	
87 Fr (223)	88 Ra 226.02	89 †Ac 227.03	104 Rf (261)	105 Db (262)	106 Sg (266)	107 Bh (264)	108 Hs (277)	109 Mt (268)	110 Ds (271)	111 Rg (272)				