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**EXAMINATION FOR THE MASTERS OF SCIENCE (MSC) IN COMMERCE**

**MEI 502 ECONOMETRICS I (KITENGELA)**

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**TIME: 3 HOURS**

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**INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question One and Any Other Three Questions**

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### **QUESTION ONE**

The following table shows data for a certain relation with the dependent variable Y and two explanatory variables, a dummy D and X.

$Y_i$	$D_i$	$X_i$
20	1	3
30	1	4
10	0	1
5	0	1
15	0	2
25	1	5
20	0	4
10	0	2
40	1	5
25	1	3

(a) Estimate the regression model using the matrix approach.

[14 Marks]

- (b) Test for the significance of the coefficients at 5% level [17 Marks]

## QUESTION TWO

Using the data in question one, answer the following:

- (a) Obtain the coefficient of determination and interpret its value. [8 Marks]  
(b) Test for overall significance of regression at 5% level. [8 Marks]  
(c) Determine 95% confidence interval for the population parameter for X and interpret it. [7 Marks]

## QUESTION THREE

- (a) Consider the following regression results:  $\ln \hat{Y}_t = 2.4 + 7.8 \ln X_t$   
(i) Interpret the estimate of the intercept 2.4. [2 Marks]  
(ii) Interpret the estimate for the slope 7.8 [4 Marks]  
(iii) What is predicted or fitted when  $X = 30$ ? [2 Marks]  
(b) Given a multiple regression model, show algebraically that the OLS estimator is unbiased. [5 Marks]  
(c) Explain how you would test for existence of heteroscedasticity by use of White test. [10 Marks]

## QUESTION FOUR

- (a) A regression model of the demand for a financial asset is given as a function of its return (in %). The values of quantity demanded were given in 000's while return is in %. The estimated model is given as  $\hat{D}_t = 914.247 + 18.501 \text{return}_t$ .  
(i) Obtain regression equation in terms of absolute values of quantity demanded. [4 Marks]  
(ii) Obtain regression equation with return in decimals instead of %. [4 Marks]  
(b) (i) What would be the consequence for a regression model if the errors were not homoscedastic? [7 Marks]  
(ii) How might you proceed if you found that (i) were actually the case? [8 Marks]

## QUESTION FIVE

- (a) List the conditions under which Durbin-Watson test is valid for no autocorrelation. [6 Marks]
- (b) An econometrician suspects that the residuals of his model might be autocorrelated. Explain the steps involved in testing this theory using the Durbin-Watson test. [6 Marks]
- (c) The following auxiliary regression was estimated in two-explanatory variable case.
- $$\hat{u}_t = \hat{\alpha}_0 + \hat{\alpha}_1 X_{1t} + \hat{\alpha}_2 X_{2t} + \hat{\alpha}_3 u_{t-1} + \hat{\alpha}_4 u_{t-2}, \quad R^2 = 0.96$$
- (i) Test for autocorrelation at 5% level. [6 Marks]
- (ii) If autocorrelation is present, how would correct for it. [5 Marks]

## QUESTION SIX

- (a) The following equation describes the median housing price in a community in terms of amount of pollution (*nox* for nitrous oxide) and the average number of rooms in houses in the community (rooms):

$$\ln price_t = 9.23 - 0.718 nox_t + 0.306 rooms_t, \quad R^2 = 0.514$$

Interpret coefficient of the variable rooms [4 Marks]

- (b) A regression model was estimated with five explanatory variables and results were

$$\ln \hat{Y}_t = 11.10 + 0.0126X_{1t} + 0.29X_{2t} + 0.0026X_{3t} + 0.00098X_{4t} + 0.0072X_{5t},$$

$$R^2 = 0.63 \text{ and } SSR = 183.186, n = 353$$

Another regression was done with only two variables as follows

$$\ln \hat{Y}_t = 11.22 + 0.0713X_{1t} + 0.0202X_{2t}$$

$$R^2 = 0.60 \text{ and } SSR = 198.311$$

Test for linear restriction at 5%. [8 Marks]

- (c) (i) What is multicollinearity? [3 Marks]
- (ii) What would done when multicollinearity is present. Explain. [6 Marks]