



**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2013/2014 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**2<sup>nd</sup> YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF  
EDUCATION SCIENCE, BACHELOR SCIENCE BACHELOR OF ARTS**

**COURSE CODE/TITLE: SMA 261- PROBABILITY AND STATISTICS II**

**END OF SEMESTER: II**

**DURATION: 3 HOURS**

**DAY/TIME: WEDNESDAY 8.00 TO 11.00AM DATE: 9.04.2014 (LTN)**

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**Instructions:**

**Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions.**

**SECTION A**

**QUESTION ONE**

a) State the conditions discrete random variables X and Y must satisfy to have a joint probability density function (2marks)

b) Show that  $E\{E(X/Y)\} = E(X)$  (4 marks)

c) Suppose that X and Y are discrete random variables with joint probability density function

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} p(2xy + x + y + 1) & x = 0, 1, 2, \quad y = 1, 3 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

i) Determine the value of P.

ii) Determine the marginal density functions and  
Hence check the independence of the random variable.

iii) Find the probability

a)  $f(1, 2)$

b)  $f(X \leq 1 \quad Y = 1)$  (10 marks)

d) Given that the  $\text{var}(x)=9$  and  $\text{var}(y)=4$  and  $\rho_{xy} = \frac{-1}{6}$  compute variance

of  $[X - 3Y + 3]$  (4 marks)

e) Let Y be a continuous random variable. Show that the function

$$f(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}y, & 0 \leq y \leq 2 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

Is a probability density function. Hence calculate

$$P(0.5 \leq Y \leq 1) \text{ and } P(-1 \leq Y \leq 1) \quad (6\text{marks})$$

f) State the central limit theorem (3 marks)

g) State and prove the three properties of Bivariate conditional expectation (9 marks)

**SECTION B**

**QUESTION TWO(15 marks)**

a) ) Consider the following joint p.d.f of two independent random variable

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 4xy & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \quad 0 \leq y \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

$$T = X + Y$$

$$Z = 2X - Y$$

Determine whether Z and T are independent

(9 marks)

b) Consider marks obtained by ten students in tests X and Y

student	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
X	13	30	15	9	17	22	8	17	14	12
Y	21	12	19	22	18	13	25	15	20	16

Compute the rank correlation coefficient

(6 marks)

**QUESTION THREE(15 marks)**

a) Suppose that X and Y are two discrete random variables with the joint p.d.f

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} a(xy + x + \frac{1}{2}y + 1) & x = 0, 1; y = 2, 4 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

- (i) Determine value of a (2 marks)
- (ii) Determine the joint moment generating function (3marks)
- (iii) Determine the mean of x and that of y (4 marks)
- (iv) Determine the E(XY) hence check for independence (3 marks)
- (v) What is the correlation coefficient (3 marks)

**QUESTION FOUR(15 marks)**

a) Show that  $\text{var}(ax - by) = a^2 \text{var}(x) + b^2 \text{var}(y) - 2ab\delta_{xy}$  (4marks)

b) Using the moment generating technique show that the mean and the variance of the  $\chi^2$  distribution are n and 2n given that (11 marks)

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} x^{\frac{n}{2}-1} e^{-\frac{x}{2}} & x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$