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1ST YEAR 2ND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION AND BACHELOR OF EDUCATION
(SCIENCE)

COURSE CODE/TITLE: SMA 160: PROBABILITY AND STATISTICS
I

END OF SEMESTER II

DURATION: 3 HRS

DAY/TIME: MONDAY 8.00AM – 11.00AM

DATE 28.03.2011

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Answer question ONE (Compulsory) and any Three questions in Section B
2. Marks are indicated in brackets ()

Question One

- a. Define probability stating the rules which must be satisfied. **(4marks)**
- b. Explain the term skewness and by use of diagrams, differentiate between positive skewness and negative skewness. **(4marks)**
- c. The events A and B are such that $p(A/B) = 0.4$, $p(B/A) = 0.25$, $p(A \cap B) = 0.12$.
 - i) Calculate the value of P (B)
 - ii) Give a reason why A and B are not independent
 - iii) Calculate the value of P(A n B'). **(6marks)**

d. The closing prices of 40 common stocks are as follows:

29.63	34.00	43.25	8.75	37.88
9.25	16.50	38.00	53.38	16.63
10.00	25.02	18.00	8.00	28.50
32.25	29.63	79.38	11.38	38.88
8.63	7.63	30.38	35.25	19.38
1.25	48.38	18.00	9.38	9.25
24.25	21.63	18.50	33.63	31.13
11.50	52.00	14.00	9.00	33.50

- i) Group the above data into classes starting with 0- 9.99 as the first class and 70 – 79.99 as the last one hence construct the relative frequency distribution.
- ii) Construct cumulative frequency and
- iii) Cumulative relative frequency. **(5marks)**

e. The following table give the heights and weights of 12 male students chosen at random from the first year students at Pwani University College:

Height (x cms);	168	150	174	144	158	168	177	156
Weights (ykgs);	77	75	90	67	78	84	89	80
	150	161	156	163				
	66	73	69	76				

- i) Obtain the two least squares regression lines connecting height and weight.
- ii) What is the coefficient of correlation between the two variables
- iii) Estimate the weight of a student whose height is known to be 151cms; 180cms. **(14marks)**

f. In a certain small town, the probability that a woman attends a family planning clinic is 0.4 and the probability that her husband attends the clinic is 0.1. The probability that a husband attend a clinic given that the wife does is 0.08. Calculate the probability that

- a) Both wife and husband will attend clinic
- b) The wife will attend the clinic given that the husband does.
- c) One of the two persons will attend a clinic. **(7marks)**

SECTION B.**(40MARKS)****Question Two**

In a bolt factory machine A, B and C manufacturers respectively 25% , 35% and 40% of the total output. It is known that their output 5, 4, and 2 percent respectively are defective bolts.

A bolt is drawn at random from the product and is found to be defective what is the probability that it was manufactured by:

- i) Machine A
- ii) Machine B
- iii) Machine C

(10marks)**Question Three**

The following results give the scores obtained by eight candidates in two examination papers. Compute the co-efficient of rank correlation between the scores in the two papers. Comment on your results.

	Candidates							
Paper	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
I	30	40	56	24	60	70	40	80
II	50	40	60	40	30	20	40	70

(10marks)**Question Four**

- a) Let X be a discrete random variable with distribution

X	0	1	2
P(x)	3/8	1/4	2/3

Find

- i) $P(x = 0 \text{ or } x = 1)$ **(2marks)**

- ii) Find the mean and variance of X **(4marks)**

- b) Define the following terms as used in probability

- i) Sample space
- ii) An event
- iii) Mutually exclusive events
- iv) Independent event.

(4marks)

Question Five

Electric fuses normally rated as 30 amperes (30A), are tested by passing a gradually increasing electric current through them and recording the current, X amperes, at which they blow. The results of this test on a sample of 125 such fuses are shown in the following table.

Current (x A)	No of fuses
$25 \leq x < 28$	6
$28 \leq x < 29$	12
$29 \leq x < 30$	27
$30 \leq x < 31$	30
$31 \leq x < 32$	18
$32 \leq x < 33$	14
$33 \leq x < 34$	9
$34 \leq x < 35$	4
$35 \leq x < 40$	5

- a. Draw a histogram to represent these data. **(3marks)**
- b. For this sample calculate
- i) The modal current
 - ii) The mean current using appropriate assumed mean
 - iii) The standard deviation of current
 - iv) Pearson's first coefficient of skewness. **(7marks)**