



**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS**  
**EXAMINATION FOR JANUARY /APRIL 2015/2016 FOR BACHELOR**  
**OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE**  
RCCS 106      PROBABILITY AND STATISTICS

DATE: 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2016

TIME: 11.00A.M - 1.00 P.M

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

Students are NOT permitted to write on the examination paper during reading time.  
This is a closed book examination. Text book/Reference books/notes are not permitted.

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

This examination paper consists Questions in Section A followed by section B.

Answer **Question 1 and any Other Two** questions.

QUESTIONS in ALL Sections should be answered in answer booklet(s).

1. **PLEASE start the answer to EACH question on a NEW PAGE.**
2. **Keep your phone(s) switched off at the front of the examination room.**
3. **Keep ALL bags and caps at the front of the examination room and DO NOT refer to ANY unauthorized material before or during the course of the examination.**
4. **ALWAYS show your working.**
5. **Marks indicated in parenthesis i.e. ( ) will be awarded for clear and logical answers.**
6. **Write your REGISTRATION No. clearly on the answer booklet(s).**
7. **For the Questions , write the number of the question on the answer booklet(s) in the order you answered them.**
8. **DO NOT use your PHONE as a CALCULATOR.**
9. **YOU are ONLY ALLOWED to leave the exam room 30minutes to the end of the Exam.**
10. **DO NOT write on the QUESTION PAPER. Use the back of your BOOKLET for any calculations or rough work.**

## SECTION A (COMPULSORY)

### QUESTION 1 (30 MARKS)

#### QUESTION 1

- a). Define the following terms
- i) Skewness **[1 Marks]**
  - ii) Kurtosis **[1 Marks]**
  - iii) Mutually exclusive events. **[1 Marks]**
- b). A volunteer ambulance service handles 0 to 5 service calls on any given day. the probability distribution for the numbers of service calls is as follows;

Numbers of service calls $x$	0	1	2	3	4	5
Probability $P(X = x)$	0.10	0.15	0.30	0.20	0.15	0.10

- i). What is the expected number of service calls? **[2 Marks]**
  - ii). Determine the standard deviation of number of service calls. **[3 Marks]**
- c). Given two variables X and Y, by use scatter diagrams differentiate between perfect positive and positive correlation. **[4 Marks]**
- d). A bag contains four blue balls and six red balls. Three balls are drawn at random without replacement.
- i). Display the given information in a tree diagram. **[3 Marks]**
  - ii). What is the probability that there are exactly two red balls? **[2 Marks]**
- e). Suppose that a loss in a certain investment, in thousands of Kenya shillings, is a continuous random variable that has the density function of the form

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} k(2x - 3x^2) & -1 < x < 0 \\ 0 & elsewhere \end{cases}$$

- i). Calculate the value of the constant  $k$ . **[3 Marks]**
  - ii). Determine the mean of the random variable  $X$ . **[2 Marks]**
  - iii). Find the probability that the loss is at most Kshs. 500. **[2 Marks]**
- f). In a study to determine whether the length of time a person has been employed as a system analyst in a company (a proxy for experience  $X$  months) is related to how much the person is paid (compensation  $Y$  dollars), the following data was obtained.
- g).

Employee	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Compensation $Y$ in Dollars per hour	5	15	18	20	25	25	30	34	38	50
Length of employment $X$ -Months	42	32	37	33	24	29	26	22	24	15

- i). Obtain the Rank correlation coefficient. **[4 Marks]**
- ii). Is there an association between the rankings? **[1 Marks]**

**SECTION B (Answer ANY Two Questions)**

**QUESTION 2 (20 MARKS)**

a). Suppose a poll of 20 voters is taken in a large city. The purpose is to determine  $X$ , the number who favour a certain candidate for mayor. Suppose that 60 % of all the city's voters favour the candidate. Find,

- i). the probability distribution of  $X$ . **[1 Mark]**
- ii). the mean of  $X$ . **[1 Mark]**
- iii). the probability that  $X = 2$ , and **[2 Mark]**
- iv). the probability that  $10 \leq X < 13$ . **[3 Mark]**

b). The weight of 100 women were measured in kg's as follows:

<u>Weight</u>	<u>No. of Women</u>
40-49	5
50-59	10
60-69	24
70-79	25
80-89	19
90-99	10
100-109	3
110-119	4

(To four decimal places where applicable)

- i). Find the median **[4 Marks]**
- ii). Find the mode. **[3 Marks]**
- iii). Estimate the 74. 1<sup>th</sup> percentile. **[2 Marks]**
- iv). Is the data skewed? Support your answer. **[4 Marks]**

**QUESTION 3 (20 MARKS)**

a). Two discs are drawn without replacement from a box containing three red and four white discs. If  $X$  is the random variable “the number of white discs drawn”; find

- i). The probabilities of drawing 0, 1, 2 white discs. **[4 Marks]**
- ii).  $E(X)$  **[2 Marks]**
- iii).  $E(X^2)$  **[2 Marks]**
- iv).  $Var(X)$  **[2 Marks]**
- v).  $Var(3X - 4)$  **[2 Marks]**

- b). A mother monitored the growth of her baby and recorded the length  $x$  cm and weight  $y$  kg at various stages in the baby development. The results were as follows.

$x$	12.5	19.5	25	31.4	55.1	68.1	88.5
$y$	4.43	4.88	6.31	7.18	10.63	13.60	17.95

Required

- i). Plot a scatter diagram of  $y$  against  $x$  and comment on your results. **[2 Marks]**
- ii). The product moment correlation coefficient. **[6 Marks]**

#### QUESTION 4 (20 MARKS)

A random sample of eight drivers insured with a company and having similar auto insurance policies was selected. The following table lists their driving experiences  $X$  in years and monthly auto insurance premiums  $Y$  in dollars.

Driving Experience (years)	Monthly Auto Insurance Premium
5	\$64
2	87
12	50
9	71
15	44
6	56
25	42
16	60

Determine;

- i). Dependent and independent variable. **[2 Marks]**
- ii). The equation of the regression of  $Y$  on  $X$  and interpret the coefficients. **[14 Marks]**
- iii). The value of  $Y$  when  $X = 12$ . **[2 Marks]**
- iv). The value of  $X$  when  $Y = 26$ . **[2 Marks]**

### QUESTION 5 (20 MARKS)

- a). A company produces 1,000 refrigerators a week at three plants. Plant A produces 350 refrigerators a week, plant B produces 250 refrigerators a week and plant C produces 400 refrigerators a week. Production records indicate that 5% of the refrigerators produced at plant A will be defective, 3% of those produced at Plant B will be defective, and 7% of those produced at plant C will be defective. All the refrigerators are shipped to a central warehouse. If a refrigerator at the warehouse is found to be defective, what is the probability that it was produced at plant A?  
**[5 Marks]**
- b). The time it takes to deliver perishable goods is normally distributed with mean 12 and variance 144 minutes. If deliveries are made daily, find the probability that it takes
- i). Longer than 7 minutes **[2 Marks]**
  - ii). Less than 10 minutes **[2 Marks]**
  - iii). Between 9 and 13 minutes **[3 Marks]**
- c). A student is likely to wake up on time with probability  $\frac{3}{4}$ . If he wakes up on time, there is a probability of  $\frac{9}{10}$  that he will arrive in the dinning hall in time for breakfast. If he oversleeps, there is a probability of  $\frac{1}{2}$  that he will arrive at the dining hall in time for breakfast. If he is late in arriving at the dinning hall, there is a probability of  $\frac{2}{3}$  that he will miss breakfast, but on any occasion he arrives at the dinning hall on time, he has breakfast.
- i). Summarize the above information using a tree diagram. **[2Marks]**
  - ii). What is the probability that on any one day, he will miss breakfast?  
**[2Marks]**
  - iii). If he misses breakfast, what is the probability that he woke up late?  
**[2Marks]**
  - iv). If the student arrives late for breakfast one day, what is the probability that he woke up late?  
**[2Marks]**