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COURSE CODE	:	EFM 515
TITLE OF PAPER	:	EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH
TIME ALLOWED	:	THREE HOURS
INSTRUCTIONS	:	1. THIS PAPER IS DIVIDED INTO **TWO SECTIONS** (**A** AND **B**). ANSWER **ANY TWO** QUESTIONS FROM EACH SECTION **2.** UTILISE THE ATTACHED STATISTICAL FORMULAS AND TABLES WHERE NECESSARY.
TOTAL MARKS	:	100

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SECTION A

1. Assess the value and significance of literature review in Educational research

Total: 33, 3 Marks.

2. Examine the merits and demerits of using the quantitative research paradigm in educational research. ***Total: 33, 3 Marks.***

3. Compare and contrast probability and non-probability sampling procedures giving their implications to educational research. ***Total: 33, 3 Marks.***

SECTION B

4. The Table below shows marks of 10 Form 2 pupils who wrote two tests one in Science and the other one in Geography.

Table. 1 below showing marks of 10 Form 2 pupils who wrote two tests one in Science and the other one in Geography.

Pupil	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Science mark	80	74	56	52	78	90	73	65	40	75
Geography mark	40	52	75	74	50	54	59	60	71	48

(a). Compute Spearman's rank order correlation coefficient comment on it. **(16 marks)**

(b). State **one** advantage and **one** disadvantage of mode. **(2 marks)**

(c). Calculate the mean of Accounts marks. **(2 marks)**

(d). Table 2 shows marks which were obtained by students in Geography and Accounts mid-year examinations.

Table 2

PUPIL	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
GEOGRAPY	80	60	72	47	62	75	64	58	72	70
ACCOUNTS	78	61	70	52	60	75	65	60	70	70

e) Compute the Standard Deviation of Geography marks **[5 marks]**

2. An Education Officer suspected that the attitudes of teachers towards sports in school were dependent upon the geographical location of the school in which they taught. A survey was conducted and views of teachers teaching in rural areas, growth points and urban areas were summarised as below.

Table 3 showing a summary of the views of teachers teaching in rural areas, growth points and urban areas on sports.

	GEOGRAPHICAL	LOCATIONS OF	SCHOOLS
Attitudes towards sports	Rural areas	Growth points	Urban areas
Favourable	118	60	70
Unfavourable	46	44	62

Conduct a chi-square test at 5% significance level to determine if there is an association between teachers' attitudes towards sports and the geographical location of their schools by

(a) Stating the null and alternative hypothesis. **(2 marks)**

(b) Introducing the row and column totals. **(2 marks)**

(c) Calculating the degrees of freedom and hence write down the rejection criterion. **(2 marks)**

(d) Calculating the expected frequencies. **(8 marks)**

(e) Computing the test statistic. **(8 marks)**

(f) Making a statistical decision and clearly stating your conclusion. **(3 marks)**

3. (a) Given that a student scored **60%** in Biology test and the average was **50%** and the Standard Deviation was **5** and the same student scored **80%** in History and the mean was **85%** and the Standard Deviation was **5**.

i) Calculate the **Z- score** for Biology. **(1 marks)**

ii) Calculate the History **Z- score** **(1 marks)**

iii) In which subject did the student perform better and why? **(3 marks)**

(b).Table 4 below shows marks scored by 10 pupils in Science and Mathematics end of year examinations.

Table 4

Pupil	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Science mark	74	82	70	91	54	69	84	81	75	67
Maths mark	70	64	68	92	53	69	82	82	72	70

(a) If the teacher claimed that performance in Science is different from their performance in Mathematics, carry out a t-test at 5% significance level to establish if the class teachers' claim is justified. Comment on the obtained **t.** **(20 marks).**

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STATISTICAL FORMULAE

Sample Variance: $S^2 = \frac{\sum(x-\bar{x})^2}{n-1}$

Sample Standard Deviation: $s = \sqrt{\frac{\sum(x-\bar{x})^2}{n-1}}$

Product moment correlation coefficient:

$$r_{xy} = \frac{n\sum xy - \sum x \sum y}{\sqrt{[n\sum x^2 - (\sum x)^2][n\sum y^2 - (\sum y)^2]}}$$

Spearman's rank order correlation coefficient: $rho = 1 - \frac{6\sum d^2}{n(n^2-1)}$

Chi-squared Test Statistic: $x^2 = \sum \frac{(0-E)^2}{E}$

Z-score: $z = \frac{x-\bar{x}}{s}$

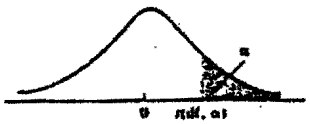
Standardisation: $z = \frac{u-\mu}{\sigma}$ **Where Z ~N(0,1)**

T-score: $T = 50 + 10\,(\frac{x-\bar{x}}{s})$

Student t-test: $t = \frac{\sqrt{(n-1)\sum d}}{\sqrt{n\sum d^2 - (\sum d)^2}}$

Table 2 The entries in this table are the critical values for Student's t for an area of α in the right-hand tail. Critical values for the left-hand tail are found by symmetry

Critical values of Student's t -distribution

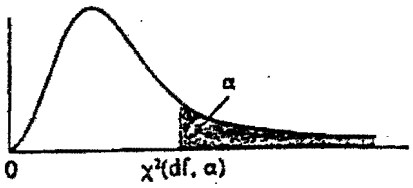


	Amount of α in One-tail					
df	0.25	0.10	0.05	0.025	0.01	0.005
1	1.000	3.08	6.31	12.7	31.8	63.7
2	0.816	1.89	2.92	4.30	6.97	9.92
3	0.765	1.64	2.35	3.18	4.54	5.84
4	0.741	1.53	2.13	2.78	3.75	4.60
5	0.727	1.48	2.02	2.57	3.37	4.03
6	0.718	1.44	1.94	2.45	3.14	3.71
7	0.711	1.42	1.89	2.36	3.00	3.50
8	0.706	1.40	1.86	2.31	2.90	3.36
9	0.703	1.38	1.83	2.26	2.82	3.25
10	0.700	1.37	1.81	2.23	2.76	3.17
11	0.697	1.36	1.80	2.20	2.72	3.11
12	0.695	1.36	1.78	2.18	2.68	3.05
13	0.694	1.35	1.77	2.16	2.65	3.01
14	0.692	1.35	1.76	2.14	2.62	2.98
15	0.691	1.34	1.75	2.13	2.60	2.95
16	0.690	1.34	1.75	2.12	2.58	2.92
17	0.689	1.33	1.74	2.11	2.57	2.90
18	0.688	1.33	1.73	2.10	2.55	2.88
19	0.688	1.33	1.73	2.09	2.54	2.86
20	0.687	1.33	1.72	2.09	2.53	2.85
21	0.686	1.32	1.72	2.08	2.52	2.83
22	0.686	1.32	1.72	2.07	2.51	2.82
23	0.685	1.32	1.71	2.07	2.50	2.81
24	0.685	1.32	1.71	2.06	2.49	2.80
25	0.684	1.32	1.71	2.06	2.49	2.79
26	0.684	1.32	1.71	2.06	2.48	2.78
27	0.684	1.31	1.70	2.05	2.47	2.77
28	0.683	1.31	1.70	2.05	2.47	2.76
29	0.683	1.31	1.70	2.05	2.46	2.76
z	0.674	1.28	1.65	1.96	2.33	2.58

NOTE: For $df \geq 30$, the critical value $t(df, \alpha)$ is approximated by $z(\alpha)$, given in the bottom row of table.

Table 3 Critical values of the χ^2 distribution

The entries in this table are the critical values for chi square for which the area to the right under the curve is equal to α.



	Amount of α in Right-hand Tail									
df	0.995	0.990	0.975	0.950	0.900	0.100	0.050	0.025	0.010	0.005
1	0.0000393	0.000157	0.000982	0.00393	0.0158	2.71	3.84	5.02	6.65	7.88
2	0.0100	0.0201	0.0506	0.103	0.211	4.61	6.00	7.38	9.21	10.6
3	0.0717	0.115	0.216	0.352	0.584	6.25	7.82	9.35	11.4	12.9
4	0.207	0.297	0.484	0.711	1.0636	7.78	9.50	11.1	13.3	14.9
5	0.412	0.554	0.831	1.15	1.61	9.24	11.1	12.8	15.1	16.8
6	0.676	0.872	1.24	1.64	2.20	10.6	12.6	14.5	16.8	18.6
7	0.990	1.24	1.69	2.17	2.83	12.0	14.1	16.0	18.5	20.3
8	1.34	1.65	2.18	2.73	3.49	13.4	15.5	17.5	20.1	22.0
9	1.73	2.09	2.70	3.33	4.17	14.7	17.0	19.0	21.7	23.6
10	2.16	2.56	3.25	3.94	4.87	16.0	18.3	20.5	23.2	25.2
11	2.60	3.05	3.82	4.58	5.58	17.2	19.7	21.9	24.7	26.8
12	3.07	3.57	4.40	5.23	6.30	18.6	21.0	23.3	26.2	28.3
13	3.57	4.11	5.01	5.90	7.04	19.8	22.4	24.7	27.7	29.8
14	4.07	4.66	5.63	6.57	7.79	21.1	23.7	26.1	29.1	31.3
15	4.60	5.23	6.26	7.26	8.55	22.3	25.0	27.5	30.6	32.8
16	5.14	5.81	6.91	7.96	9.31	23.5	26.3	28.9	32.0	34.3
17	5.70	6.41	7.56	8.67	10.1	24.8	27.6	30.2	33.4	35.7
18	6.26	7.01	8.23	9.39	10.9	26.0	28.9	31.5	34.8	37.2
19	6.84	7.63	8.91	10.1	11.7	27.2	30.1	32.9	36.2	38.6
20	7.43	8.26	9.59	10.9	12.4	28.4	31.4	34.2	37.6	40.0
21	8.03	8.90	10.3	11.6	13.2	29.6	32.7	35.5	39.0	41.4
22	8.64	9.54	11.0	12.3	14.0	30.8	33.9	36.8	40.3	42.8
23	9.26	10.2	11.0	13.1	14.9	32.0	35.2	38.1	41.6	44.2
24	9.89	10.9	12.4	13.9	15.7	33.2	36.4	39.4	43.0	45.6
25	10.5	11.5	13.1	14.6	16.5	34.4	37.7	40.7	44.3	46.9
26	11.2	12.2	13.8	15.4	17.3	35.6	38.9	41.9	45.6	48.3
27	11.8	12.9	14.6	16.2	18.1	36.7	40.1	43.2	47.0	49
28	12.5	13.6	15.3	16.9	18.9	37.9	41.3	44.5	48.3	51.0
29	13.1	14.3	16.1	17.7	19.8	39.1	42.6	45.7	49.6	52.3
30	13.8	15.0	16.8	18.5	20.6	40.3	43.8	47.0	50.9	53.7
40	20.7	22.2	24.4	26.5	29.1	51.8	55.8	59.3	63.7	66.8
50	28.0	29.7	32.4	34.8	37.7	63.2	67.5	71.4	76.2	79.5
60	35.5	37.5	40.5	43.2	46.5	74.4	79.1	83.3	88.4	92.0
70	43.3	45.4	48.8	51.8	55.3	85.5	90.5	95.0	100.0	104.0
80	51.2	53.5	57.2	60.4	64.3	96.6	102.0	107.0	112.0	116.0
90	59.2	61.8	65.7	69.1	73.3	108.0	113.0	118.0	124.0	128.0
100	67.3	70.1	74.2	77.9	82.4	114.0	124.0	130.0	136.0	140.0

5% Significance level.

Degrees of Freedom for Denominator	Degrees of Freedom for Numerator																		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	12	15	20	24	30	40	60	120	∞
1	161	200	216	225	230	234	237	239	241	242	244	246	248	249	250	251	252	253	254
2	18.5	19.0	19.2	19.2	19.3	19.3	19.4	19.4	19.4	19.4	19.4	19.4	19.4	19.5	19.5	19.5	19.5	19.5	19.5
3	10.1	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
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