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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION, 2014/15

COURSE TITLE: STATISTICAL INFERENCE I

COURSE CODE: ST 232

TIME ALLOWED: TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTION: 1. THIS PAPER CONSISTS OF NINE (9) QUESTIONS;  
2. ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS FROM SECTION A & ANY TWO (2) FROM SECTION B

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: SCIENTIFIC CALCULATORS AND STATISTICAL TABLES

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## SECTION A

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### Question 1

- (a) A machine operation produces bearings whose diameters are normally distributed with mean and standard deviations of 0.498 and 0.002 respectively. If specifications require that the bearing diameter equal 0.500 inch  $\pm 0.004$  inch, what fraction of the production will be unacceptable?
- (b) The daily sales total of a small restaurant has a probability distribution that is approximately normal, with a mean of E1230 per day and a standard deviation of E120. The restaurant must have at least E1000 in sales per day to break even. What is the probability on a given day, the restaurant will not break even?

(5 + 5 marks)

### Question 2

A publisher has discovered that the numbers of words contained in new manuscripts are normally distributed with a mean of 20,000 words in excess of that specified by the authors' contracts and a standard deviation of 10,000 words. If the publisher wants to be almost certain (say with a probability of 0.95) that the manuscripts will have less than 100,000 words, what number of words should the publisher specify in the contracts?

### Question 3

In a region where cars have to be tested for emission of pollutants, 25 per cent of the cars emit excessive amounts of pollutants. When tested, 99 percent of cars that emit excessive pollutants will fail, but 17 percent of the cars that do not emit excessive pollutants will also fail. What is the probability that a car that fails the test actually emits excessive amounts of pollutants?

(10marks)

### Question 4

Among the 120 applicants for a job, only 80 are actually qualified. If five of the applicants are randomly selected for an in-depth interview, find:

- (a) Find the probability that only two of the five will be qualified for the job.  
(b) Use the binomial distribution as an approximation with  $p = 80/120$ .

(5 + 5 marks)

**Question 5**

In a study to test whether or not there are significant differences between average heights of adult females in two different locations, random samples of  $n_1 = 120$  and  $n_2 = 150$  yielded mean heights of 62.7 inches for the first group and 61.8 inches for the second group. Exclusive studies of similar kind have shown that it is reasonable to let  $\sigma_1 = 2.5$  inches and  $\sigma_2 = 2.62$  inches. Test at 0.05 level of significance whether there are significant differences in the average heights of these two groups. (10 marks)

**Question 6**

A study is made to determine the proportion of voters in a sizeable community who favour the construction of a nuclear power plant. If 140 of 400 voters selected at random favour the project. What can we say with 99 % confidence about the maximum error? (10 marks)

**SECTION B**

**Question 7**

A private agency claims that the crash course it offers significantly increases the writing speed of secretaries. The following table gives the scores of eight secretaries before and after they attended this course.

Before	81	75	89	91	65	70	90	64
After	97	72	93	110	78	69	115	72

- (a) Construct a 90 % confidence interval for the mean  $\mu_d$  for the population of paired differences, where a paired difference is equal to the score before minus score after attending the course.
- (b) Using 5% significance level, can you conclude that attending this course increases the writing speed of secretaries? (10 + 10 marks)

**Question 8**

A salesperson makes four calls per day. A sample of 100 days gives the following frequencies of sales volumes:

Number of sales	Number of Days (Observed frequency)
0	30
1	32
2	25
3	10
4	3
Total	100

Records show that sales are made to 30% of all sales calls. Assuming sales calls are independent and the number of sales per day follow a binomial distribution. (Assume that the population has a binomial distribution with  $n = 4$ ,  $p = 0.30$  and  $x = 0, 1, 2, 3,$  and  $4$ )

- Compute the expected frequencies for  $x = 0, 1, 2, 3,$  and  $4$  using the binomial probability function.
- Use the goodness of fit test to determine whether the hypothesis of the binomial distribution should be rejected. Use  $\alpha = 0.05$  **(5 + 15 marks)**

**Question 9**

A study on educational levels of voters and their political party affiliations yielded the following results:

Educational level	Party Affiliation		
	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Did not complete high school	63	42	15
Completed high school	58	61	31
College degree	14	47	29

Use  $\alpha = 0.01$  to determine whether party affiliation is independent of educational level of voters.

**(20 marks)**

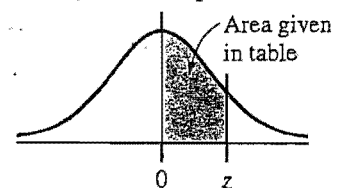
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**Table E The Standard Normal Distribution**

<i>z</i>	.00	.01	.02	.03	.04	.05	.06	.07	.08	.09
0.0	.0000	.0040	.0080	.0120	.0160	.0199	.0239	.0279	.0319	.0359
0.1	.0398	.0438	.0478	.0517	.0557	.0596	.0636	.0675	.0714	.0753
0.2	.0793	.0832	.0871	.0910	.0948	.0987	.1026	.1064	.1103	.1141
0.3	.1179	.1217	.1255	.1293	.1331	.1368	.1406	.1443	.1480	.1517
0.4	.1554	.1591	.1628	.1664	.1700	.1736	.1772	.1808	.1844	.1879
0.5	.1915	.1950	.1985	.2019	.2054	.2088	.2123	.2157	.2190	.2224
0.6	.2257	.2291	.2324	.2357	.2389	.2422	.2454	.2486	.2517	.2549
0.7	.2580	.2611	.2642	.2673	.2704	.2734	.2764	.2794	.2823	.2852
0.8	.2881	.2910	.2939	.2967	.2995	.3023	.3051	.3078	.3106	.3133
0.9	.3159	.3186	.3212	.3238	.3264	.3289	.3315	.3340	.3365	.3389
1.0	.3413	.3438	.3461	.3485	.3508	.3531	.3554	.3577	.3599	.3621
1.1	.3643	.3665	.3686	.3708	.3729	.3749	.3770	.3790	.3810	.3830
1.2	.3849	.3869	.3888	.3907	.3925	.3944	.3962	.3980	.3997	.4015
1.3	.4032	.4049	.4066	.4082	.4099	.4115	.4131	.4147	.4162	.4177
1.4	.4192	.4207	.4222	.4236	.4251	.4265	.4279	.4292	.4306	.4319
1.5	.4332	.4345	.4357	.4370	.4382	.4394	.4406	.4418	.4429	.4441
1.6	.4452	.4463	.4474	.4484	.4495	.4505	.4515	.4525	.4535	.4545
1.7	.4554	.4564	.4573	.4582	.4591	.4599	.4608	.4616	.4625	.4633
1.8	.4641	.4649	.4656	.4664	.4671	.4678	.4686	.4693	.4699	.4706
1.9	.4713	.4719	.4726	.4732	.4738	.4744	.4750	.4756	.4761	.4767
2.0	.4772	.4778	.4783	.4788	.4793	.4798	.4803	.4808	.4812	.4817
2.1	.4821	.4826	.4830	.4834	.4838	.4842	.4846	.4850	.4854	.4857
2.2	.4861	.4864	.4868	.4871	.4875	.4878	.4881	.4884	.4887	.4890
2.3	.4893	.4896	.4898	.4901	.4904	.4906	.4909	.4911	.4913	.4916
2.4	.4918	.4920	.4922	.4925	.4927	.4929	.4931	.4932	.4934	.4936
2.5	.4938	.4940	.4941	.4943	.4945	.4946	.4948	.4949	.4951	.4952
2.6	.4953	.4955	.4956	.4957	.4959	.4960	.4961	.4962	.4963	.4964
2.7	.4965	.4966	.4967	.4968	.4969	.4970	.4971	.4972	.4973	.4974
2.8	.4974	.4975	.4976	.4977	.4977	.4978	.4979	.4979	.4980	.4981
2.9	.4981	.4982	.4982	.4983	.4984	.4984	.4985	.4985	.4986	.4986
3.0	.4987	.4987	.4987	.4988	.4988	.4989	.4989	.4989	.4990	.4990

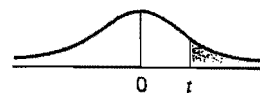
Note: Use 0.4999 for *z* values above 3.09.

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**Table VIII The *t* Distribution Table<sup>†</sup>**

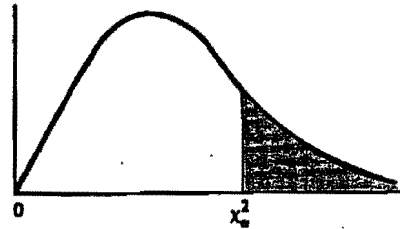
The entries in the table give the critical values of *t* for the specified number of degrees of freedom and areas in the right tail.



<i>df</i>	Area in the Right Tail under the <i>t</i> Distribution Curve					
	.10	.05	.025	.01	.005	.001
1	3.078	6.314	12.706	31.821	63.657	318.309
2	1.886	2.920	4.303	6.965	9.925	22.327
3	1.638	2.353	3.182	4.541	5.841	10.215
4	1.533	2.132	2.776	3.747	4.604	7.173
5	1.476	2.015	2.571	3.365	4.032	5.893
6	1.440	1.943	2.447	3.143	3.707	5.208
7	1.415	1.895	2.365	2.998	3.499	4.785
8	1.397	1.860	2.306	2.896	3.355	4.501
9	1.383	1.833	2.262	2.821	3.250	4.297
10	1.372	1.812	2.228	2.764	3.169	4.144
11	1.363	1.796	2.201	2.718	3.106	4.025
12	1.356	1.782	2.179	2.681	3.055	3.930
13	1.350	1.771	2.160	2.650	3.012	3.852
14	1.345	1.761	2.145	2.624	2.977	3.787
15	1.341	1.753	2.131	2.602	2.947	3.733
16	1.337	1.746	2.120	2.583	2.921	3.686
17	1.333	1.740	2.110	2.567	2.898	3.646
18	1.330	1.734	2.101	2.552	2.878	3.610
19	1.328	1.729	2.093	2.539	2.861	3.579
20	1.325	1.725	2.086	2.528	2.845	3.552
21	1.323	1.721	2.080	2.518	2.831	3.527
22	1.321	1.717	2.074	2.508	2.819	3.505
23	1.319	1.714	2.069	2.500	2.807	3.485
24	1.318	1.711	2.064	2.492	2.797	3.467
25	1.316	1.708	2.060	2.485	2.787	3.450
26	1.315	1.706	2.056	2.479	2.779	3.435
27	1.314	1.703	2.052	2.473	2.771	3.421
28	1.313	1.701	2.048	2.467	2.763	3.408
29	1.311	1.699	2.045	2.462	2.756	3.396
30	1.310	1.697	2.042	2.457	2.750	3.385
31	1.309	1.696	2.040	2.453	2.744	3.375
32	1.309	1.694	2.037	2.449	2.738	3.365
33	1.308	1.692	2.035	2.445	2.733	3.356
34	1.307	1.691	2.032	2.441	2.728	3.348
35	1.306	1.690	2.030	2.438	2.724	3.340
36	1.306	1.688	2.028	2.434	2.719	3.333
37	1.305	1.687	2.026	2.431	2.715	3.326
38	1.304	1.686	2.024	2.429	2.712	3.319
39	1.304	1.685	2.023	2.426	2.708	3.313
40	1.303	1.684	2.021	2.423	2.704	3.307
∞	1.282	1.645	1.960	2.326	2.576	3.090

<sup>†</sup>This table is an abbreviated version of Table VIII that appears in Appendix C. This table goes up to 40 degrees of freedom. For degrees of freedom from 41 to 70, use Table VIII of Appendix C.

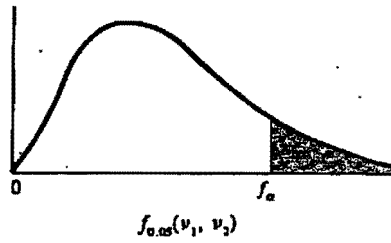
TABLE A.6\*  
Critical Values of the Chi-Square Distribution



$\nu$	$\alpha$							
	0.995	0.99	0.975	0.95	0.05	0.025	0.01	0.005
1	0.00393	0.0157	0.00982	0.00393	3.841	5.024	6.635	7.879
2	0.0100	0.0201	0.0506	0.103	5.991	7.378	9.210	10.597
3	0.0717	0.115	0.216	0.352	7.815	9.348	11.345	12.838
4	0.207	0.297	0.484	0.711	9.488	11.143	13.277	14.860
5	0.412	0.554	0.831	1.145	11.070	12.832	15.086	16.750
6	0.676	0.872	1.237	1.635	12.592	14.449	16.812	18.548
7	0.989	1.239	1.690	2.167	14.067	16.013	18.475	20.278
8	1.344	1.646	2.180	2.733	15.507	17.535	20.090	21.955
9	1.735	2.088	2.700	3.325	16.919	19.023	21.666	23.589
10	2.156	2.558	3.247	3.940	18.307	20.483	23.209	25.188
11	2.603	3.053	3.816	4.575	19.675	21.920	24.725	26.757
12	3.074	3.571	4.404	5.226	21.026	23.337	26.217	28.300
13	3.565	4.107	5.009	5.892	22.362	24.736	27.688	29.819
14	4.075	4.660	5.629	6.571	23.685	26.119	29.141	31.319
15	4.601	5.229	6.262	7.261	24.996	27.488	30.578	32.801
16	5.142	5.812	6.908	7.962	26.296	28.845	32.000	34.267
17	5.697	6.408	7.564	8.672	27.587	30.191	33.409	35.718
18	6.265	7.015	8.231	9.390	28.869	31.526	34.805	37.156
19	6.844	7.633	8.907	10.117	30.144	32.852	36.191	38.582
20	7.434	8.260	9.591	10.851	31.410	34.170	37.566	39.997
21	8.034	8.897	10.283	11.591	32.671	35.479	38.932	41.401
22	8.643	9.542	10.982	12.338	33.924	36.781	40.289	42.796
23	9.260	10.196	11.689	13.091	35.172	38.076	41.638	44.181
24	9.886	10.856	12.401	13.848	36.415	39.364	42.980	45.558
25	10.520	11.524	13.120	14.611	37.652	40.646	44.314	46.928
26	11.160	12.198	13.844	15.379	38.885	41.923	45.642	48.290
27	11.808	12.879	14.573	16.151	40.113	43.194	46.963	49.645
28	12.461	13.565	15.308	16.928	41.337	44.461	48.278	50.993
29	13.121	14.256	16.047	17.708	42.557	45.722	49.588	52.336
30	13.787	14.953	16.791	18.493	43.773	46.979	50.892	53.672

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TABLE A.7\*  
Critical Values of the F Distribution



$v_2$	$v_1$								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	161.4	199.5	215.7	224.6	230.2	234.0	236.8	238.9	240.5
2	18.51	19.00	19.16	19.25	19.30	19.33	19.35	19.37	19.38
3	10.13	9.55	9.28	9.12	9.01	8.94	8.89	8.85	8.81
4	7.71	6.94	6.59	6.39	6.26	6.16	6.09	6.04	6.00
5	6.61	5.79	5.41	5.19	5.05	4.95	4.88	4.82	4.77
6	5.99	5.14	4.76	4.53	4.39	4.28	4.21	4.15	4.10
7	5.59	4.74	4.35	4.12	3.97	3.87	3.79	3.73	3.68
8	5.32	4.46	4.07	3.84	3.69	3.58	3.50	3.44	3.39
9	5.12	4.26	3.86	3.63	3.48	3.37	3.29	3.23	3.18
10	4.96	4.10	3.71	3.48	3.33	3.22	3.14	3.07	3.02
11	4.84	3.98	3.59	3.36	3.20	3.09	3.01	2.95	2.90
12	4.75	3.89	3.49	3.26	3.11	3.00	2.91	2.85	2.80
13	4.67	3.81	3.41	3.18	3.03	2.92	2.83	2.77	2.71
14	4.60	3.74	3.34	3.11	2.96	2.85	2.76	2.70	2.65
15	4.54	3.68	3.29	3.06	2.90	2.79	2.71	2.64	2.59
16	4.49	3.63	3.24	3.01	2.85	2.74	2.66	2.59	2.54
17	4.45	3.59	3.20	2.96	2.81	2.70	2.61	2.55	2.49
18	4.41	3.55	3.16	2.93	2.77	2.66	2.58	2.51	2.46
19	4.38	3.52	3.13	2.90	2.74	2.63	2.54	2.48	2.42
20	4.35	3.49	3.10	2.87	2.71	2.60	2.51	2.45	2.39
21	4.32	3.47	3.07	2.84	2.68	2.57	2.49	2.42	2.37
22	4.30	3.44	3.05	2.82	2.66	2.55	2.46	2.40	2.34
23	4.28	3.42	3.03	2.80	2.64	2.53	2.44	2.37	2.32
24	4.26	3.40	3.01	2.78	2.62	2.51	2.42	2.36	2.30
25	4.24	3.39	2.99	2.76	2.60	2.49	2.40	2.34	2.28
26	4.23	3.37	2.98	2.74	2.59	2.47	2.39	2.32	2.27
27	4.21	3.35	2.96	2.73	2.57	2.46	2.37	2.31	2.25
28	4.20	3.34	2.95	2.71	2.56	2.45	2.36	2.29	2.24
29	4.18	3.33	2.93	2.70	2.55	2.43	2.35	2.28	2.22
30	4.17	3.32	2.92	2.69	2.53	2.42	2.33	2.27	2.21
40	4.08	3.23	2.84	2.61	2.45	2.34	2.25	2.18	2.12
60	4.00	3.15	2.76	2.53	2.37	2.25	2.17	2.10	2.04
120	3.92	3.07	2.68	2.45	2.29	2.17	2.09	2.02	1.96
$\infty$	3.84	3.00	2.60	2.37	2.21	2.10	2.01	1.94	1.88

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TABLE A.7 (continued)  
Critical Values of the F Distribution  
 $f_{\alpha, \nu_1, \nu_2}$

$\nu_2$	$\nu_1$									
	10	12	15	20	24	30	40	60	120	$\infty$
1	241.9	243.9	245.9	248.0	249.1	250.1	251.1	252.2	253.3	254.3
2	19.40	19.41	19.43	19.45	19.45	19.46	19.47	19.48	19.49	19.50
3	8.79	8.74	8.70	8.66	8.64	8.62	8.59	8.57	8.55	8.53
4	5.96	5.91	5.86	5.80	5.77	5.75	5.72	5.69	5.66	5.63
5	4.74	4.68	4.62	4.56	4.53	4.50	4.46	4.43	4.40	4.36
6	4.06	4.00	3.94	3.87	3.84	3.81	3.77	3.74	3.70	3.67
7	3.64	3.57	3.51	3.44	3.41	3.38	3.34	3.30	3.27	3.23
8	3.35	3.28	3.22	3.15	3.12	3.08	3.04	3.01	2.97	2.93
9	3.14	3.07	3.01	2.94	2.90	2.86	2.83	2.79	2.75	2.71
10	2.98	2.91	2.85	2.77	2.74	2.70	2.66	2.62	2.58	2.54
11	2.85	2.79	2.72	2.65	2.61	2.57	2.53	2.49	2.45	2.40
12	2.75	2.69	2.62	2.54	2.51	2.47	2.43	2.38	2.34	2.30
13	2.67	2.60	2.53	2.46	2.42	2.38	2.34	2.30	2.25	2.21
14	2.60	2.53	2.46	2.39	2.35	2.31	2.27	2.22	2.18	2.13
15	2.54	2.48	2.40	2.33	2.29	2.25	2.20	2.16	2.11	2.07
16	2.49	2.42	2.35	2.28	2.24	2.19	2.15	2.11	2.06	2.01
17	2.45	2.38	2.31	2.23	2.19	2.15	2.10	2.06	2.01	1.96
18	2.41	2.34	2.27	2.19	2.15	2.11	2.06	2.02	1.97	1.92
19	2.38	2.31	2.23	2.16	2.11	2.07	2.03	1.98	1.93	1.88
20	2.35	2.28	2.20	2.12	2.08	2.04	1.99	1.95	1.90	1.84
21	2.32	2.25	2.18	2.10	2.05	2.01	1.96	1.92	1.87	1.81
22	2.30	2.23	2.15	2.07	2.03	1.98	1.94	1.89	1.84	1.78
23	2.27	2.20	2.13	2.05	2.01	1.96	1.91	1.86	1.81	1.76
24	2.25	2.18	2.11	2.03	1.98	1.94	1.89	1.84	1.79	1.73
25	2.24	2.16	2.09	2.01	1.96	1.92	1.87	1.82	1.77	1.71
26	2.22	2.15	2.07	1.99	1.95	1.90	1.85	1.80	1.75	1.69
27	2.20	2.13	2.06	1.97	1.93	1.88	1.84	1.79	1.73	1.67
28	2.19	2.12	2.04	1.96	1.91	1.87	1.82	1.77	1.71	1.65
29	2.18	2.10	2.03	1.94	1.90	1.85	1.81	1.75	1.70	1.64
30	2.16	2.09	2.01	1.93	1.89	1.84	1.79	1.74	1.68	1.62
40	2.08	2.00	1.92	1.84	1.79	1.74	1.69	1.64	1.58	1.51
60	1.99	1.92	1.84	1.75	1.70	1.65	1.59	1.53	1.47	1.39
120	1.91	1.83	1.75	1.66	1.61	1.55	1.50	1.43	1.35	1.25
$\infty$	1.83	1.75	1.67	1.57	1.52	1.46	1.39	1.32	1.22	1.00

TABLE 9  $T_L$  VALUES FOR THE MANN-WHITNEY-WILCOXON TEST

Reject the hypothesis of identical populations if the sum of the ranks for the  $n_1$  items is *less* than the value  $T_L$  shown in the following table or if the sum of the ranks for the  $n_1$  items is *greater* than the value  $T_U$  where

$$T_U = n_1(n_1 + n_2 + 1) - T_L$$

$\alpha = .10$		$n_2$								
		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
$n_1$	2	3	3	3	4	4	4	5	5	5
	3	6	7	7	8	9	9	10	11	11
	4	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	5	16	17	18	20	21	22	24	25	27
	6	22	24	25	27	29	30	32	34	36
	7	29	31	33	35	37	40	42	44	46
	8	38	40	42	45	47	50	52	55	57
	9	47	50	52	55	58	61	64	67	70
	10	57	60	63	67	70	73	76	80	83

$\alpha = .05$		$n_2$								
		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
$n_1$	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4
	3	6	6	6	7	8	8	9	9	10
	4	10	10	11	12	13	14	15	15	16
	5	15	16	17	18	19	21	22	23	24
	6	21	23	24	25	27	28	30	32	33
	7	28	30	32	34	35	37	39	41	43
	8	37	39	41	43	45	47	50	52	54
	9	46	48	50	53	56	58	61	63	66
	10	56	59	61	64	67	70	73	76	79