

SECOND SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, JUNE 2019  
(CUCSS)

Economics

EC 02 C08—QUANTITATIVE METHODS FOR ECONOMIC ANALYSIS—II  
(2015 Admissions)

Time: Three Hours

Maximum : 36 Weightage

Part A (Multiple Choice)

Answer all questions.

Each question carries a weightage of  $\frac{1}{4}$ .

1. For a discrete random variable  $X$  with distribution function  $F(x)$ ,  $P(a < X \leq b)$  is ———.
- (a)  $F(b) - F(a) + P(X = b)$ .                      (b)  $F(b) - F(a) - P(X = b)$ .  
(c)  $F(b) - F(a) - P(X = a)$ .                      (d)  $F(b) - F(a)$ .
2. Mean of  $X$  following binomial distribution with parameters 8 and 0.5 is ———.
- (a) 16.    (b) 8.  
(c) 4.    (d) None of these.
3. Variance of  $X$  following Poisson distribution is 2.  $P(X > 0) =$  ———.
- (a)  $e^{-2}$ .    (b)  $1 - e^{-2}$ .  
(c)  $e^{-\sqrt{2}}$ .    (d)  $1 - e^{-\sqrt{2}}$ .
4. For a continuous random variable  $X$  with p.d.f.  $f(x)$ ,  $P(a < X < b)$  is same to ———.
- (a)  $P(a < X \leq b)$ .    (b)  $P(a \leq X \leq b)$ .  
(c) Both (a) and (b).    (d) None of these.
5. For  $X$  following normal distribution with mean 5 and variance 2,  $P(X > 5) =$  ———.
- (a) 0.5.    (b) 1.  
(c) 0.    (d) 0.25.
6.  $X$  is a  $N(0, 1)$  random variable with  $P(X < -a) = 0.2$ . Then  $P(-a < X < a)$  is ———.
- (a) 0.2.    (b) 0.8.  
(c) 0.6.    (d) 0.4.
7. 25 random samples are taken from normal distribution with mean 15 and SD 3,  $d \sim N(15, 3)$ . Then the mean of the sample follows ———.
- (a)  $N(15, 3/25)$ .    (b)  $N(10, 3/25)$ .  
(c)  $N(15, 3/5)$ .    (d)  $N(10, 3/5)$ .

8. Probability distribution of the square of a standard normal random variable is ———.
- (a) Normal. (b) Chi-square.  
(c)  $t$ . (d) F.
9. Range of variation of a random variable following F distribution is ———.
- (a) 0 to 1. (b) 0 to  $\infty$ .  
(c)  $-\infty$  to  $\infty$ . (d) None of these.
10. Which of the following properties are satisfied by the mean of the sample as an estimator of parameter  $\lambda$  involved in a Poisson distribution ?
- (a) Consistency. (b) Unbiasedness.  
(c) Both. (d) None.
11. Power of a test is ———.
- (a) P (Type I error). (b) P (Type II error).  
(c)  $1 - P$  (Type I error). (d)  $1 - P$  (Type II error).
12. Statistic following ——— distribution is used in small sample test to test the mean of a population when population variance is not known.
- (a) Normal. (b) Chi-square.  
(c)  $t$ . (d) F.

(12 × ¼ = 3)

**Part B (Very Short Answers)**

*Answer any five questions.  
Each question carries 1 weightage.*

13. Define Bernoulli trial.
14. If mean and variance of a binomial distribution with parameters  $n$  and  $p$  are respectively 1.2, identify the values of  $n$  and  $p$ .
15. If  $X$  follow Poisson distribution with parameter 4, find  $V(3X - 4)$ .
16. State any two properties of normal distribution.
17. What are the desirable properties of a good estimator ?
18. Define type I and type II errors.
19. State Neyman-Pearson Lemma.
20. Write down the test statistic used in testing of the proportion of success of a population.

(5 × 1 = 5)

**Part C (Short Answers)**

*Answer any eight questions.  
Each question carries 2 weightage.*

21. State and prove the multiplication theorem on Mathematical expectation for two random variables  $X$  and  $Y$ .

22. When an unbiased die is tossed, the occurrence of the sides 4 or 6 is considered as a success. If  $X$  denote total number of successes out of the six tosses, find (i)  $P(X = 0)$ ; (ii)  $P(X > 5)$ .
23. Obtain the expectation of a Poisson random variable  $X$  with parameter  $\lambda$ .
24. If  $X$  follows  $N(15, 5)$ , find (i)  $P(X > 20)$ ; (ii)  $P(X < 5)$ .
25. A sample of size 36 was taken from a normal population with mean 14 and S.D. 6. Find the probability that the sample mean to differ from the population mean by more than 2.
26. Obtain the variance of a Chi-square random variable  $X$  with  $n$  degrees of freedom.
27. Differentiate between point and interval estimation.
28. What is statistical hypothesis? Define (i) level of significance; (ii) power of a test.
29. A sample of 900 screws has mean weight 4.45 g. Can we consider it as a sample taken from the box of screws with mean weight 5 g. and with the variance 4 at a 5% level of significance?
30. Explain paired  $t$ -test.
31. Write a short note on ANOVA.

(8 × 2 = 16 weightage)

**Part D (Essays)**

Answer any **three** questions.  
Each question carries 4 weightage.

32. Fit a Poisson distribution to the following data and identify the theoretical frequencies:
- |       |    |     |     |    |    |    |   |   |   |
|-------|----|-----|-----|----|----|----|---|---|---|
| $x$ : | 0  | 1   | 2   | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| $y$ : | 56 | 156 | 132 | 92 | 37 | 22 | 4 | 0 | 1 |
33. The steel nails packed to distribute to local stores by a certain company have an average length of 5 centimeters and a standard deviation of 0.05 centimeters. Assuming that the lengths are normally distributed, what percentage of the nails are:
- Longer than 5.05 centimeters.
  - Between 4.95 and 5.05 centimeters in length.
  - Shorter than 4.90 centimeters.
34. As a part of the research on nutrition, a group of researchers applied a particular protein diet for a large group of mice. They claim that the diet results in increases of the gain in weight. Assuming that it is known from previous studies that  $\sigma = 4.5$  grams, how many mice should be included in our sample if we wish to be 95% confident that the mean weight of the sample will be within 3 grams of the population mean for all mice subjected to this protein diet.
35. From two different normal populations, samples of sizes  $n_1 = 26$  and  $n_2 = 38$  are taken independently. The mean of 26 samples taken from first population is noted as  $\bar{x}_1 = 78$  and the mean of 38 samples taken from second population is recorded as  $\bar{x}_2 = 74$ . The population standard deviations of the two normal populations are  $\sigma_1 = 4.9$  and  $\sigma_2 = 3.2$  respectively. Test the hypothesis that  $\mu_1 = \mu_2$  against the alternative  $\mu_1 \neq \mu_2$ .

Turn over

36. Explain Chi-square test of independence. Using following data on 100 students test scores and ability in Mathematics are associated :

Ability in Maths →	Poor	Average	Excellent
Boys	10	15	25
Girls	25	10	15

(3 × 4 = 12)