

# UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2016/2017

#### DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHOLOSOPHY IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION BMS 6103: ECONOMETRICS SET A

#### DATE: DECMBER 2016

**DURATION:** 2 HOURS

## INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER THREE

#### **QUESTION ONE (a)**

a) What is the meaning of the following terms / acronyms

(i) Econometrics

(ii) BLUE

(iii) Causation

(iv) Homoscedasticity

(v) Autocorrelation

b) Describe the methodology of econometrics

## **QUESTION TWO (a)**

(a) Define z and t-distribution. What is their difference? When do you use z or t-Distribution

(10 marks)

(15 marks)

(9 marks)

(16 marks)

(b) Suppose you estimate the linear model  $y_i = 93 + 0.68X$  sample of 20 farmers using OLS

and obtain  $\hat{\beta}_1 = 64.2$  and  $se(\hat{\beta}_1) = 0.25$ . Given n=18 and level of significance to be 5%,

determine significance of the parameters using:i) Standard Error test ii) t-test

## **QUESTION THREE** (a)

i) Are the following models linear regression models? Why or why not?

i. 
$$Y_i = e^{\beta_1 + \beta_2 X_i + \overline{u}_i}$$
  
ii.  $Y_i = 1/(1 + e^{\beta_1 + \beta_2 X_i + \overline{u}_i})$   
iii.  $In Y_i = \beta_1 + \beta_2 \left(\frac{1}{X_i}\right) + u_i$   
iv.  $Y_i = \beta_1 + (0.75 - \beta_1)e^{-\beta_2(X_i - 2)} + u$ 

$$v. \quad Y_i = \beta_1 + \beta_2^3 X_i + u_i$$

(10 marks)

Consider the following formulations of the two-variable PRF: Model I:  $Yi = \beta_1 + \beta_2 X_i + u_i$ Model II:  $Yi = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 (X_i - \overline{X}) + u_i$ i. Find the estimators of  $\beta_1$  and  $\alpha_1$ . Are they identical? Are their variances identical?

**i.** Find the estimators of  $\beta$ 1 and  $\alpha$ 1. Are they identical? Are their variances identical? **ii.** Find the estimators of  $\beta$ 2 and  $\alpha$ 2. Are they identical? Are their variances identical? **iii.** What is the advantage, if any, of model II over model I?

#### **QUESTION FOUR**

You are given the data below. Fit the following model to these data and obtain the usual regression statistics and interpret the results:

100

			$\frac{100}{100-Y_i} = \beta_1 + \beta_2 \left(\frac{1}{\lambda}\right)$					
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#### **QUESTION FIVE**

Explain the differences between heteroscedasticity and autocorrelation. How can these problems be detected? Explain in general, the procedure for dealing with each.

(25 marks)

#### **QUESTION SIX**

Consider the following regression output:

 $\hat{Y}_i = 0.2033 + 0.6560Xt$ se = (0.0976) (0.1961)  $r^2 = 0.397$  RSS = 0.0544 ESS = 0.0358

where Y = labor force participation rate (LFPR) of women in 2004 and X = LFPR of women in 2000. The regression results were obtained from a sample of 19 cities in a certain Country.

**a.** How do you interpret this regression?

**b.** Test the hypothesis:  $H0: \beta 2 = 1$  against  $H1: \beta 2 > 1$ . Which test do you use? And why? What are the underlying assumptions of the test(s) you use?

**c.** Suppose that the LFPR in 2000 was 0.58 (or 58 percent). On the basis of the regression results given above, what is the mean LFPR in 2004? Establish a 95% confidence interval for the mean prediction.

**d.** How would you test the hypothesis that the error term in the population regression is normally distribute? Show the necessary calculations.

(25 marks)

#### (25 marks)

#### (15 marks)

b.