



# TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF MOMBASA

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FACULTY OF APPLIED AND HEALTH SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS & PHYSICS

## UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION FOR:

FOR THE FIRST SEMESTER IN THE SECOND YEAR OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE  
IN MATHEMATICS & COMPUTER SCIENCE, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN  
STATISTICS & COMPUTER SCIENCE, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN  
MATHEMATICS & FINANCE

AMA 4210: PROBABILITY & STATISTICS II

SPECIAL/ SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS

**SERIES:** September 2018

**TIME:** 2 HOURS

**DATE:** Pick Date Sep 2018

### Instructions to Candidates

You should have the following for this examination

-Answer Booklet, examination pass and student ID

This paper consists of **FIVE** questions. Attempt question ONE (Compulsory) and any other TWO questions.

**Do not write on the question paper.**

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### SECTION A (COMPULSORY)

#### Question 1 (30 marks)

(a) Define the following terms:

- (i) Random variable
- (ii) parameter
- (iii) Random experiment

(iv) Sample space (4 marks)

(b) Let X be a discrete random variable with distribution

X	0	1	2
P(X=x)	3/8	1/4	3/8

Find:

(i) P(X=0 or X=1) (2 marks)

(ii) Mean and variance of X (4marks)

(c) A lot of size 100 contains 50 defective articles. Suppose that a sample of 10 articles is drawn at random from the lot, find:

(i) The probability mass function of the number of defectives, X(2 marks)

(ii) The probability that the sample contains less than 2 defectives(4 marks)

(d) The mean weight of 500 packets of sugar is found to be 1012g. of the 500 packets, 35 were found to have a weight in excess of 1015 g. Assuming the weights are normally distributed about the mean, estimate :

(i) The standard deviation of the weights (3 marks)

(ii) The number of packets weighing less than 1008g (2 marks)

(e) Let X be a continuous random variable with probability distribution

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{12} & , 1 < x < 5 \\ 0, & elsewhere \end{cases}$$

Find the probability distribution of the random variable  $Y = 2X - 3$  (6marks)

(f) Find the mean, variance and standard deviation of a binomial random variable with  $n=10$ ,  $p=0.8$  (3 marks)

## SECTION B (Answer any TWO questions from this section)

### Question2 (20 marks)

(a) Find the moment generating function of a random variable whose probability density function is given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} e^{-x}, & x > 0 \\ 0, & elsewhere \end{cases} \quad (6 \text{ marks})$$

(b) Using the moment generating function of the random variable in (a), find:

(i) the mean  $\mu$  (2 marks)

(ii) the second moment  $\mu_2'$  (2 marks)

(iii) the variance  $\mu_2$  (2 marks)

(c) The number of cars, X, that pass through a car wash between 4.00p.m. and 5.00 p.m. on any sunny Friday has the following probability distribution:

X	4	5	6	7	8	9
P(X=x)	1/12	1/12	1/4	1/4	1/6	1/6

Let  $g(X) = 2X - 1$  represent the amount paid in K£ paid to the attendant by the manager. Find:

- (i) The attendant's expected earnings for this particular time (3 marks)
- (ii) The variance of the attendant's earnings for the given period (5 marks)

### Question3 (20 marks)

- (a) Compilation of a computer program consists of 3 blocks that are processed sequentially, one after the other. Each block takes an exponential time with mean of 5 minutes, independently of other blocks. Compute:
  - (i) The expectation and variance of the total compilation time (4 marks)
  - (ii) The probability for the entire program to be compiled in less than 12 minutes (7 marks)
- (b) The Kenya Revenue Authority is a body mandated to collect tax on behalf of the Kenya government. If the annual proportion of erroneous tax returns filed with KRA is found to be a random variable having a beta distribution with  $\alpha = 6$  and  $\beta = 9$ , determine:
  - (i) The mean of erroneous tax returns (3 marks)
  - (ii) The probability that there will be less than 10% erroneous tax returns (6 marks)

### Question4 (20 marks)

- (a) A shipment of 7 computers contains 2 computers suspected to be defective. The IT workshop makes a random purchase of 3 computers. If  $X$  is the number of defective computers bought by the workshop;
  - (i) Express the results graphically on probability histogram (7marks)
  - (ii) Find the CDF of  $X$  (2marks)
- (b) Using (a)(iii), determine:
  - (i)  $P(X=1)$  (1 mark)
  - (ii)  $P(0 < x < 2)$  (1 mark)
- (c) The time to failure of a certain brand of electric bulb can be represented by the density function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2000} e^{-\frac{1}{2000}x}, & x > 0 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

Determine:

- (i)  $F(x)$  (2 marks)
- (ii) The probability that the bulb lasts more than 100hours (1 mark)
- (iii) The probability that the bulb fails before 2000 hours (1 mark)
- (iv) The time to failure of the bulb (5 marks)

**Question5 (20 marks)**

The table below shows the joint distribution of two random variables,  $X$  and  $Y$ .

		<i>Values of Y</i>			
		1	2	3	4
<i>Values of X</i>	1	6c	3c	2c	4c
	2	4c	2c	4c	0
	3	2c	c	0	2c

- (a) Find  $c$ . (2marks)
- (b) Calculate the marginal distributions of  $X$  and  $Y$ . (4marks)
- (c) Calculate  $E(X)$  and  $Var(X)$ , and show that the covariance  $Cov(X, Y) = 0$ . (7marks)
- (d) State, with a reason, whether or not  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent.(2marks)
- (e) The random variables  $U$  and  $V$  are defined by

$$U = 1 \text{ if } X = 1 \text{ or } 3, \quad U = 0 \text{ if } X = 2,$$

$$V = 1 \text{ if } Y = 1 \text{ or } 3, \quad V = 0 \text{ if } Y = 2 \text{ or } 4.$$

Tabulate the joint distribution of  $U$  and  $V$  and state with a reason whether or not  $U$  and  $V$  are independent (5 marks)

