

2012  
B.A./B.Sc. (General), Fifth Semester  
Mathematics  
Paper – III: Probability Theory

Time allowed: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 30

**NOTE:** Attempt five questions in all, selecting atleast two questions from each Unit.

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**UNIT – I**

I. a) For any  $n$  events  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$ , prove that  $P\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i\right) \geq \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i) - (n-1)$ .

b) The probabilities of  $x, y$  and  $z$  becoming managers are  $\frac{4}{9}, \frac{2}{9}$  and  $\frac{1}{3}$  respectively.

The probabilities that the bonus scheme will be introduced if  $x, y$  and  $z$  becomes managers are  $\frac{3}{10}, \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{4}{5}$  respectively.

i) What is the probability that bonus scheme will be introduced?

ii) If the bonus scheme has been introduced, what is the probability that the manager appointed was  $x$ ? (3,3)

II. a) Let  $x$  be a random variable with probability mass function given by

$$P(X=x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{10}; & x=0,1,2,3,4 \\ 0; & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}. \text{ Find } P\left(\frac{1}{3} < x < \frac{7}{2} \mid x > 1\right).$$

b) Let  $x$  be a random variable having p.d.f.  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 6x(1-x), & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$ . Then find

i)  $E(x)$

ii) Variance of  $x$

iii)  $P(\mu - 2\sigma < x < \mu + 2\sigma)$  (3,3)

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III. a) Let  $x$  be a continuous random variable having p.d.f.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{3}{4}x(2-x), & 0 \leq x < 2 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}. \text{ Find measure of skewness and kurtosis of the distribution.}$$

b) If a random variable  $x$  follows binomial distribution with parameters  $n$  and  $p$ ,

$$\text{prove that } P(X = \text{even}) = \frac{1}{2} [1 + (q - p)^n]. \quad (3.3)$$

IV. a) If  $x$  is a Poisson random variable with parameters  $m$  and  $\mu_r$  is the  $r^{\text{th}}$  central moment, then show that  $\mu_{r+1} = m(r_c \mu_{r-1} + r_c \mu_{r-2} + \dots + r_c \mu_0)$

b) If a fair coin is tossed 10 times, find the probability of getting

i) exactly six heads

ii) atleast six heads

iii) atmost six heads

(3.3)

### UNIT – II

V. a) Let  $x$  be uniformly distributed random variable in  $[-2, 2]$ . Find  $P\left(|x-1| \geq \frac{1}{2}\right)$

b) Prove that mean deviation about mean of an exponential distribution with parameter  $\lambda$  is  $\frac{2}{\lambda} e^{-1}$ . (3.3)

VI. a) Prove that in a normal distribution, mean, median and mode coincide.

b) Prove that  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}b} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-a}{b}\right)^2}$ ,  $-\infty < x < \infty$ ,  $b > 0$  is a p.d.f. (3.3)

VII. a) Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two random variables having joint p.d.f.

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} k(6-x-y), & 0 < x < 2, 2 < y < 4 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}.$$

Find (i) value of  $k$  (ii)  $P(x < 1 / y < 3)$  (iii)  $P(x + y < 4)$

(3)

- b) If  $M(t_1, t_2)$  is the movement generating function of two independent random variables  $X$  and  $Y$ , then show that  $M(t_1, t_2) = M(t_1, 0) M(0, t_2)$  (3,3)

VIII. a) Two positively correlated variables  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  have variances  $\sigma_1^2$  and  $\sigma_2^2$  respectively. Determine the value of constant  $a$  such that  $x_1 + ax_2$  and  $x_1 + \frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_2}x_2$  are uncorrected.

- b) Let  $X$  and  $Y$  have a bivariate normal distribution with respective parameters  $\mu_x = 2.8$ ,  $\mu_y = 110$ ,  $\sigma_x^2 = 0.16$ ,  $\sigma_y^2 = 100$  and  $r = 0.6$ .

Compute:-

- i)  $P(106 < y < 124)$   
 ii)  $P(106 < y < 124 \mid x = 3.2)$  (3,3)

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