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MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES (STATISTICS)

Paper II – Probability

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 38

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on receipt of this question paper.)*

*Attempt six questions in all.*

*Question No. 1 is compulsory and  
select five from the remaining questions.*

1. (a) A man has tossed two fair dice. Find the conditional probability that he has tossed two sixes given that he has tossed at least one six.
- (b) If  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  then show that  $P(A) \leq P(\bar{B})$ .
- (c) If a random variable takes values 0 & 1 only, show that all its moments about origin are equal.
- (d) (i) State the relation between first four central moments and moments about origin.

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(ii) The c.d.f. of a random variable  $X$  is

$$F(x) = \frac{x-a}{b-a}; a < x < b$$

Find its p.d.f. (2,2,2,2)

2. (a) State the axioms of probability and explain their frequency interpretations.

(b) Suppose that events  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  are independent and

$$P\left(A_i = \frac{1}{i+1}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n\right).$$

Find the probability that at least one of them occurs. (3,3)

3. (a) In a group of 20,000 men and 10,000 women. 6% of the men and 3% of the women have certain affliction. What is the probability that an afflicted member of a group is a man?

(b) Three newspapers A, B and C are published in a city. It is estimated from a survey that 20% read A, 16% read B, 14% read C, 8% read A and B, 5% read A and C, 4% read B and C and 2% read all the newspapers. What is the probability that a randomly chosen person (i) does not read any

paper. (ii) does not read C. (iii) reads A but not B. (iv) reads only one of these papers and (v) reads only two of these newspapers. (3,3)

4. (a) Two ideal dice are thrown. Let  $X_1$  be the score on the first dice and  $X_2$  the score on the second dice. Let  $Y$  denote the maximum of  $X_1$  and  $X_2$ . Write the joint distribution of  $Y$  and  $X_1$ . Find the mean and variance of  $Y$ .

- (b) Calculate the coefficient of variation for the random variable  $X$  taking values in  $(0, b)$  with the probability law being  $P(X \leq t) = \frac{t}{b}$ . (3.5, 2.5)

5. (a) The joint p.d.f. of two random variables  $X$  &  $Y$  is  $f(x, y) = 6x^2y$ ;  $0 < x < 1$ ,  $0 < y < 1$ . Find

(i)  $P\left(0 < X < \frac{3}{4}, \frac{1}{3} < Y < 2\right)$ .

(ii)  $P(X + Y < 1)$ .

(iii)  $P(X > Y)$ .

(iv)  $P(X < 1 | Y < 2)$ .

- (b) The p.d.f. of a random variable  $X$  is given by :

$$f(x) = kxe^{-x^2/2}, \quad x > 0.$$

where  $k$  is a constant. Find the median of the distribution. (3,3)

P.T.O.

6. (a) Find the expectation of the sum of the number of points on  $n$  dice when thrown.
- (b) A random variable  $X$  has the p.d.f.  $f(x) = A(x + 1)$ ;  $-1 < x < 1$ . Find  $A$  and first four central moments about mean. (3,3)

7. (a) For the given distribution :

$$f(x) = \frac{e^{-1}}{x!}, \quad x = 0, 1, 2, \dots,$$

find m.g.f. cumulant generating function and the first four cumulants.

- (b) A random variable  $X$  has p.d.f.  $f(x) = e^{-x}$  for  $x \geq 0$ . Show that Chebyshev's inequality gives  $P(|X - 1| > 2) < \frac{1}{4}$  and the actual probability is  $e^{-3}$ . (3.3)

8. (a) If  $X_i$  can have only two value  $i^\alpha$  and  $-i^\alpha$  with equal probabilities. show that the law of large numbers can be applied to the independent variables  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  if  $\alpha < \frac{1}{2}$ .
- (b) Is there any relation between CLT and WLLN? Out of CLT and WLNN, which result is stronger and why? (3.5,2.5)