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( February )

STATISTICS

( Elective/Honours )

( Descriptive Statistics, Numerical  
Analysis, Probability )

[ STEH-1 (TH) ]

Marks : 56

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks  
for the questions*

Answer **five** questions, selecting **one** from each Unit

#### UNIT—I

1. (a) State various methods of collecting primary data and comment on their relative merits. 6
- (b) Show that mean deviation is the least when calculated about median. 6

2. (a) What do you mean by the term 'central tendency'? Compare the merits and demerits of arithmetic mean, the median and the mode. 2+4=6
- (b) Define moments. Establish the relationship between the moments about mean in terms of moments about any arbitrary point. 1+5=6

#### UNIT—II

3. (a) Explain the concepts of correlation ( $r$ ). Can it be used to measure any relationship between two variables? Show that  $|r| \leq 1$ . 2+1+3=6
- (b) Explain the method of least squares as applied to regression analysis. 5
4. (a) Explain multiple and partial correlation coefficients with examples. 2+2=4
- (b) Why are there in general two lines of regression? 2
- (c) Write a note on intra-class correlation. 5

#### UNIT—III

5. (a) Define the terms 'argument' and 'entry' involved in a difference table. 2

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- (b) Explain the difference between

$$\frac{2}{E} U_x \text{ and } \frac{2U_x}{EU_x}$$

and find the values of these functions

$$\text{when } U_x = x^2. \quad 2+2+2=6$$

- (c) Show that

$$\log f(x) - \log 1 = \frac{f(x)}{f(x)} \quad 3$$

6. (a) Define divided differences and show that the  $r$ th order divided difference is a symmetric function of argument.  $1+5=6$
- (b) State and prove Simpson's three-eighth rule for approximate integration. 5

#### UNIT—IV

7. (a) State and prove multiplicative law of probability.  $1+3=4$
- (b) If  $P(\bar{A})$  and  $P(\bar{B})$ , then prove that  $P(A \cap B) = 1 - P(\bar{A} \cup \bar{B})$ . 3
- (c) Show that for any two arbitrary events  $A$  and  $B$
- $$P(A \cap B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cup B) \quad 4$$

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8. (a) State and prove Bayes' theorem of probability. 5
- (b) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two events such that  $P(A) = \frac{3}{4}$  and  $P(B) = \frac{5}{8}$ . Show that  $P(A \cap B) = \frac{3}{8}$ . 2
- (c) Two urns, similar in appearance, certain following numbers of white and black balls are as follows :
- Urn I : 6 white and 4 black balls
- Urn II : 5 white and 5 black balls
- One urn is selected at random and a ball is drawn from it. It happens to be white. What is the probability that it has come from the urn I? 4

#### UNIT—V

9. (a) Define probability distribution function. 2
- (b) Let  $X$  be a continuous random variable with p.d.f.
- $$f(x) = \begin{cases} ax & , 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ a & , 1 \leq x \leq 2 \\ ax - 3a & , 2 \leq x \leq 3 \\ 0 & , \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
- Determine the constant  $a$  and compute  $P(X \leq 2.5)$ . 4

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- (c) Define moment-generating function (m.g.f.) and cumulant-generating function of a random variable. Also, find the m.g.f. of the random variable whose moments are

$$\mu_r = (r-1)!2^r \quad 2+3=5$$

10. (a) If  $X$  is a discrete random variable, then prove that

$$E(X) = \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} r P(X=r) \quad 3$$

- (b) Two random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  have the following joint probability function :

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 2 - x - y; & 0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1 \\ 0 & ; \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Find the following :  $2+2+2+2=8$

- (i) Marginal probability density functions of  $X$  and  $Y$
- (ii) Conditional density functions
- (iii)  $\text{Var}(X)$  and  $\text{Var}(Y)$
- (iv) Covariance between  $X$  and  $Y$

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