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**CORE COURSE IN STATISTICS**  
**3B03 STA : Probability Theory**

Time : 3 Hours

Max.Weightage : 30

*Instruction : Use of calculators and statistical tables permitted.*

PART – A

Answer any 10 questions (Weightage 1 each) :

(10×1=10)

1. Define :

- i) Random experiment                      ii) Sample space  
iii) Sample print                              iv) Event

2. A coin is tossed continuously till head appears for the first time. Write down the sample space.

3. Give the axiomatic definition of probability.

4. Distinguish between pair-wise independence and total independence of three events.

5. A random variable X has the following density function  $f(x) = \begin{cases} K & \text{if } 0 < x < y < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$   
Evaluate the value of K.

6. The distribution function of a random variable X is given below :

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x < 0 \\ \frac{1}{8} & \text{if } 0 \leq x < 1 \\ \frac{3}{8} & \text{if } 1 \leq x < 2 \\ \frac{6}{8} & \text{if } 2 \leq x < 3 \\ 1 & \text{if } x \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

Find  $P\{1 \leq x \leq 2\}$ .

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7. The following table gives the probability distribution of a random variable X.

X	:	-2	-1	0	1	2
P{X = x}	:	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{3}{8}$

Find the probability distribution of  $\chi^2$ .

8. Show that the mathematical expectation of a random variable X exists, if and only if,  $E|x|$  exists.
9. Find the mean and variance of a random variable X with probability density function.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 6x(1-x) & \text{if } 0 < x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

10. The joint density function of two random variables X and Y is given by

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} x+y & \text{if } 0 < x < 1, 0 < y < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Find  $E(X/Y = y)$ .

11. Define the characteristic function of a random variable.

### PART - B

Answer **any 6** questions (Weightage **2 each**)

(6x2=12)

12. State and prove the addition theorem for probabilities.

13. State and Bayes theorem.

14. The probability distribution of a random variable X is given as follows :

X	:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
P{X = x}	:	k	2k	2k	3k	$k^2$	$2k^2$	$7k^2 + k$

i) Find the value of k

ii) Find  $P\{x \geq 6\}$  and  $P\{x < 6\}$ .

15. Show that the correlation coefficient between two random variables lies between -1 and 1.

16. A random variable X has the following mass function.

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{n}; n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$$

Find the moment generating function of X.



- 17. Define cumulants. Express the first three cumulants in terms of the moments.
- 18. Define probability generating function (Pgt). Discuss how the mean and variance of a discrete random variable can be obtained from the pgt.
- 19. Express the first four central moments in terms of the raw moments.
- 20. Two random variables X and Y have the joint density

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 8xy & \text{if } 0 < x < y < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Find :

- i)  $P\{x < 1/2 \cap y < 1/4\}$
- ii) The conditional densities
- iii) Are X and Y independent ?

PART - C

Answer **any two** questions (Weightage 4 each) :

(2x4=8)

- 21. A company produces an item in three machines A, B and C. The daily production figures of these three machines are respectively 300, 450 and 250 units. The percentage of defectives produced by these machines are 1, 2 and 7 respectively. An item is drawn at random from a days production and is formed to be defective. What is the probability that it is not produced by machine C ?
- 22. i) Define joint, marginal and conditional distributions of two random variables X and Y.  
ii) Two random variables X and Y have the joint probability mass functions.

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 + y}{32}, & x = 0, 1, 2, 3 \\ & y = 0, 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Find the marginal distributions of X and Y. Also find the conditional distribution of X given Y = y.



23. Two random variables X and Y have the joint density

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 21x^2y^3 & \text{if } 0 < x < y < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Find the conditional mean and variance of X given  $Y = y$ .

24. i) If X is a continuous random variable with density function  $f(x)$  and  $y = g(x)$  is a monotonic functions of X, show that the density function of Y is given by

$$h(y) = f(x) \left| \frac{dx}{dy} \right|.$$

- ii) A random variable X has the following density function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\pi} & \text{if } -\pi/2 < x < \pi/2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Find the density function of  $\tan X$ .

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