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#### FIRST OPPORTUNITY EAMINATION QUESTION PAPER

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### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 1. Answer all questions on the separate answer sheet.
- 2. Write your answers neatly and legibly.
- 3. Do not use the left side margin of the exam paper. This must be allowed for the examiner.
- 4. No books, notes and other additional aids are allowed.
- 5. Mark all answers clearly with their respective question numbers.

### **PERMISSIBLE MATERIALS:**

1. Non-Programmable Calculator without cover

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### Question 1 [15 Marks]

1.1. Let  $Y_1 < Y_2 < \dots < Y_5$  be the ordered statistics of 5 independently and identically distributed continuous random variables  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_5$  with pdf f given by

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} 6x^2, & for \ 0 < x < 1 \\ 0, & Otherwise \end{cases}$$

Then,

**1.1.1.** Show that the cumulative density function of X is 
$$F_X(x) = 2x^3$$
 [3]

$$Hint: f_{Y_i,Y_j}(y_i, y_j) = \frac{n!}{(i-1)!(j-i-1)!(n-j)!} [F_X(y_i)]^{i-1} [F_X(y_j) - F_X(y_i)]^{j-i-1} [1 - F_X(y_j)]^{n-j} f_X(y_i) f_X(y_j)$$

# Question 2 [13 marks]

**2.1** Let  $X_1, X_2, ..., X_n$  be independently and identically distributed random variable with normal distribution having  $E(X_i) = \mu$  and  $Var(X_i) = \sigma^2$ .

Show, using the moment generating function, that  $Y = \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i$  has a normal distribution with  $\mu_Y = n\mu$  and  $\sigma_Y^2 = n\sigma^2$ . [8]

(Hint: If 
$$X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$
, then  $M_{X_i}(t) = e^{\mu t + \frac{\sigma^2 t^2}{2}}$ )

**2.2** If  $X \sim \chi_m^2$  and  $Y \sim \chi_n^2$  such that X and Y are independent, what is the distribution of X + Y? [5]

# Question 3 [8 marks]

3. Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample of observations from a Bernoulli distribution

Show that 
$$T = \frac{y(y-1)}{n(n-1)}$$
 is an unbiased estimator of  $\theta^2$  where  $y = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$ . (Hint:  $E(y) = n\theta$  and  $Var(y) = n\theta(1-\theta)$ 

### Question 4 [44 marks]

**4.1** If  $X \sim \Gamma(\alpha, \theta)$  a random sample of n observations  $X_1, X_2, ..., X_n$  is selected from a population  $X_i$  for i = 1, 2, ..., n posses a gamma probability density function with parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\theta$ . Use the method of moment to estimate  $\alpha$  and  $\theta$ . Hint:  $E(X) = \alpha \theta$ ,  $Var(X) = \alpha \theta^2$  and

$$M_{x}(t) = \left(\frac{1}{1 - \theta t}\right)^{\alpha}$$
 [8]

**4.2** Let  $X_1, X_2, ..., X_n$  be a random variable from a Bernoulli distribution with pdf:

$$f(X; p) = p^{X}(1-p)^{1-X}, X = 0,1.$$

- **4.2.1** Using the m.g.f of X, show that the mean and variance of  $X_i$  are p and p(1-p), respectively (Hint:  $M_{X_i}(t) = pe^t + q$ ) [6]
- **4.2.2** Find the maximum likelihood estimate of p. [6]
- **4.2.3** Let  $T_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ , show that  $T_n$  is sufficient for p.

$$\left(\mathbf{Hint}: f(T_n) = \binom{n}{T_n} p^{T_n} (1-p)^{n-T_n}\right)$$
 [8]

**4.2.4** Show that the  $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i$  is a minimum variance unbiased estimator (MVUE)

of 
$$p.\left(Hint: CRB = \frac{1}{nE\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \rho}\log f(x;\rho)\right)^2}\right)$$
 [16]

### Question 5 [20 marks]

**5.1** Suppose that the prior distribution of  $\theta$  follow a Gamma distribution with shape  $\alpha = 2$  and rate  $\beta$ ,

$$h(\theta) = \beta^2 \theta e^{-\beta \theta}$$
 for  $\theta > 0$ 

Given  $\theta$ , X is uniform over the interval  $(0, \theta)$  with pdf given by

$$f(x|\theta) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\theta}, & 0 < x < \theta \\ 0, & Otherwise \end{cases}$$

What is the posterior distribution of  $\theta$ .  $\left( Hint: \phi(\theta|x) = \frac{f(x|\theta)h(\theta)}{\int_x^{\infty} f(x|\theta)h(\theta)d\theta} \right)$  [8]

**5.2** Let  $X_1, ..., X_n$  be random samples from the binomial distribution:

$$f(x|\theta) = \binom{n}{x} \theta^x (1-\theta)^{n-x}, \quad \text{for } x = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

The prior distribution of  $\theta$  is a beta distribution with the parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ ,

$$h(\theta) = \begin{cases} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha) \cdot \Gamma(\beta)} \; \theta^{\alpha-1} \, (1-\theta)^{\beta-1}, & for \; 0 < \theta < 1 \\ 0, & Otherwise \end{cases}$$

Show that posterior distribution of  $\theta$  given X = x is a beta distribution with parameter  $x + \alpha$ 

and 
$$n - x + \beta$$
.  $\left( Hint: \int_0^1 \theta^{x+\alpha-1} (1-\theta)^{n+\beta-1} d\theta = \frac{\Gamma(x+\alpha)\Gamma(n-x+\beta)}{\Gamma(n+\alpha+\beta)} \right)$  [12]

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