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SECOND OPPORTUNITY / SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION – QUESTION PAPER	
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INSTRUCTIONS
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Answer ALL the questions.2. Write clearly and neatly.3. Number the answers clearly.

PERMISSIBLE MATERIALS

1. Examination paper
2. Examination script
3. Scientific calculator

ATTACHMENTS

1. Standard Normal Probability Distribution Table
2. 1 x A4 Graph Sheet

THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF 4 PAGES (INCLUDING THIS FRONT PAGE)

QUESTION 1 [6 x 2 = 12]

Flowers Industries, Inc. is one of America's leading producers of fresh and frozen baked foods for retail and food service customers throughout the United States. In 1997 annual report contains large amounts of data. For each of the following variables indicate whether it is quantitative or qualitative and the level of data measurement.

- 1.1 Brand names of its products
- 1.2 Years of service of board of director members
- 1.3 Office and staff titles
- 1.4 Quarterly dividends for the past two years
- 1.5 Net income for the past three years
- 1.6 National ranking of a brand

QUESTION 2 [23]

The monthly rentals paid by 30 flat tenants (in N\$) are

189	156	250	265	195	300
350	315	290	285	165	178
415	280	212	580	395	360
285	225	230	450	185	193
580	248	460	250	520	300

- 2.1 Construct a frequency distribution of the rents paid by tenants, starting the first interval at N\$ 149.5, and maintaining a constant width of N\$ 100-00. (6)
- 2.2 In the frequency distribution, include a column for the cumulative "less-than" frequencies. (2)
- 2.3 Use your frequency distributions to draw the following graphs :
 - 2.3.1) Histogram (5)

2.3.2 Cumulative "less-than" ogive/polygon. (6)

2.4 From your graphs drawn in Question 2.3 , read-off the following :

2.4.1) The modal rental paid. (2)

2.4.2) The median rental paid. (2)

QUESTION 3 [15]

The human resource department of a company analyzed the level of absenteeism of 530 employees who reported ill over the past year.

Absenteeism level (days absent)	Number of employees
3 - < 7	104
7 - < 11	138
11 - < 15	121
15 - < 19	95
19 - < 23	72

Use the data provided to calculate the:

3.1 mean, (5)

3.2 median, (5)

3.3 and modal level of absenteeism. (5)

QUESTION 4 [25]

4.1 A statistics professor believes that there is a relationship between the number of missed classes and the grade on his mid-semester test. After examining his records he produced the following table of joint probabilities.

	Student fails the test	Student passes the test
Student misses fewer than 5 classes	0.02	0.86
Student misses 5 or more classes	0.09	0.03

4.1.1 What is the pass rate on the mid-semester test? [3]

4.1.2 What proportion of students who miss 5 or more classes passes the test? [3]

4.1.3 What proportion of students who miss fewer than 5 classes passes the test?

[2]

4.1.4 Are the events failing the test and missing 5 or more classes independent?

[2]

4.2 The Office of the Registrar has revealed that only 12 out of every 20 students graduate. Based upon this assumption, determine the probability that out of a random sample of 5 students

4.2.1 None will graduate [3]

4.2.2 All will graduate. [3]

4.2.3 At least one student will graduate [4]

4.2.4 At most one student will graduate [4]

4.2.5 The expected (mean) number of students to graduate [1]

QUESTION 5 [15]

5.1 A student is enrolled for three courses, Biology, Chemistry, and Physics. This student spends 50% of the time on Biology, 30% of the time on Chemistry and the rest of his time on Physics. Despite all the time the student spent on his courses, there is a two percent chance of failing Biology, and also 2% chance of failing Chemistry, while there is a three percent chance of failing Physics.

5.1.1 Determine the probability that the student will fail one of his courses. (7)

5.1.2 Determine the probability that the course the student failed was Biology? (3)

5.2 The traffic department reports 0 to 5 accidents in any given week. The probability distribution for the number of accidents are as follows

Number of accidents (x)	Probability, p(x)
0	0.10
1	0.15
2	0.30
3	0.20
4	0.15
5	0.10

5.2.1) Find $P(1 \leq x \leq 3)$ (1)

5.2.2) What is the expected number of accidents? (3)

5.2.3) What is the variance in the number of accidents? (5)

5.2.4) What is the standard deviation? (1)

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