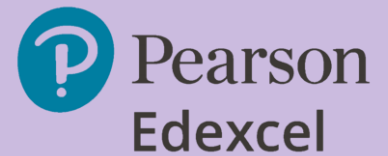


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Student answers with examiner comments

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## About this booklet

This booklet has been produced to support mathematics teachers delivering the new Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Advanced Subsidiary and Advance Level GCE in Further Mathematics specification (8FM0 & 9FM0). The booklet looks at questions from the AS and A Level Further Mathematics – Further Statistics June 2019 Examination Papers. It shows student responses to questions, and how the examining team follow the mark schemes to demonstrate how the students would be awarded marks on these questions.

## How to use this booklet

Our examining team have selected student responses to all questions from the June 2018 Examination Papers. Following each question, you will find the mark scheme for that question and then a range of student responses with accompanying examiner comments on how the mark scheme has been applied and the marks awarded, and on common errors for this sort of question.

### Student Response B

Student response

(a)  $X \sim B(40, 0.02)$   
 $P(X \leq 3) = 0.9918$

b)  $X \sim NB(\overset{3}{\cancel{40}}, 0.02)$   
 $P(X=40) = {}^{39}C_2 (0.02)^3 (1-0.02)^{\overset{37}{\cancel{39}}}$   
 $= 0.0028$

(c)

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#### Examiner Comments

In part (a) the correct model is given (M1) but the answer is incorrect (A0)

In part (b) the correct model is stated (M1) and a correct expression is given (M1) but the answer is only given to 2s.f. not 3 and so the last mark was lost (A0)

In part (c) there is no attempt (B0)

Examiner commentary  
on the student response

Marks awarded for the  
question or question parts



## AS Further Maths – Further Statistics 1 (8FM0 23)

### Exemplar Question 1

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- 1 A leisure club offers a choice of one of three activities to its 150 members on a Tuesday evening. The manager believes that there may be an association between the choice of activity and the age of the member and collected the following data.

Activity Age $a$ years	Badminton	Bowls	Snooker
$a < 20$	9	3	3
$20 \leq a < 40$	10	10	14
$40 \leq a < 50$	16	15	5
$50 \leq a < 60$	15	13	11
$a \geq 60$	4	19	3

- (a) Write down suitable hypotheses for a test of the manager's belief.

(1)

The manager calculated expected frequencies to use in the test.

- (b) Calculate the expected frequency of members aged 60 or over who choose snooker, used by the manager.

(1)

- (c) Explain why there are 6 degrees of freedom used in this test.

(2)

The test statistic used to test the manager's belief is 19.583

- (d) Using a 5% level of significance, complete the test of the manager's belief.

(2)

**(Total for Question 1 is 6 marks)**

**Mean Score 3.7 out of 6**

**Examiner Comments**

Nearly all the students knew the hypotheses were about association or independence and mentioned the context, but a surprising number gave  $H_0$  and  $H_1$  the wrong way around.

Part (b) was answered very well and the critical value in part (d) was usually quoted correctly with these two marks being scored by the vast majority of the students.

The explanation in part (c) was not always answered thoroughly enough. We were looking for students to realise that some of the rows would need amalgamating because some expected frequencies were less than 5. Some calculated all of the expected frequencies but their calculation in part (b) should have steered them towards the top right-hand cell which had an expected frequency of 3.6 and therefore meant that some amalgamation was required. Those who did identify this value usually realised that amalgamating the first two rows would deal with the small expected frequencies and the ensuing  $4 \times 3$  table would lead to 6 degrees of freedom. Few students calculated the 3.6 (though one mark was available for mentioning the combining of rows leading to the  $4 \times 3$  table) and some confused rows and columns or just mentioned vaguely combining cells. A common error was to think that amalgamation of cells was required because of the observed frequencies being less than 5 and this sometimes led to combining snooker and bowls or the first and last rows. Others simply thought that the 6 came from a calculation of  $8 - 2$  presumably confusing with the calculations required for goodness of fit tests.

In the final part, (d), only a small minority did not know how to use the tables and gave the value 1.635 and those who had their hypotheses the correct way round in part (a) were usually able to give an appropriate conclusion either in terms of there being evidence of association between age and choice of activity or, more simply, stating that there was evidence to support the manager's belief.

## Mark Scheme

Qu	Scheme	Marks	AO
1(a)	$H_0$ : There is no association between age and activity $H_1$ : There is an association between age and activity	B1 (1)	1.2
(b)	$\frac{26 \times 36}{150} = 6.24$	B1 (1)	1.1b
(c)	Since expected value in $a < 20$ and snooker = $3.6 < 5$ we amalgamate two rows Table is now $4 \times 3$ so degrees of freedom is $(4-1) \times (3-1) = 6$ (*)	B1 B1*	2.4 1.1b
(d)	Critical value $\chi_6^2(5\%) = 12.592$ [Significant result]: so there is evidence to support manager's belief	B1 B1ft (2)	1.1b 2.2b
		(6 marks)	

## Notes

(a)	B1 for both hypotheses in terms of “association” or “independence”. Must mention age and activity (or sport). [Use of “relationship” or “link” here is B0 but allow for last B1ft]
(b)	B1 for 6.24
(c)	1 <sup>st</sup> B1 for a reason to get a $4 \times 3$ table based on amalgamation of rows Must mention $a < 20$ and snooker and see 3.6 and be combining <u>rows</u> (not columns) 2 <sup>nd</sup> B1* for 6 degrees of freedom clearly coming from a $4 \times 3$ table formed from amalgamation of <u>rows</u> . [ $8 - 2 = 6$ is B0 ]
(d)	1 <sup>st</sup> B1 for correct critical value (allow 12.6 or 12.59 or awrt 12.592) NB $p$ -value = 0.0032839... so allow awrt 0.00328 2 <sup>nd</sup> B1ft for a correct comparison and conclusion (ft their cv) [ <u>Independent of hypotheses</u> ] e.g. there is an “association” or “relationship” or “link” between age and activity is OK BUT there is a “correlation” between age and activity is B0 Do not accept contradictory contextual statements e.g. “manager’s belief supported, there is no association between age and activity”

## Examiner Comments

The Assessment Objective addressed in part (c) requires students to give an explanation and many lost the first mark for failing to identify which cell was the cause of the need for pooling of rows.

The final conclusion in part (d) should always be given using the context of the question, so simply stating that the result was “significant” or you “reject  $H_0$ ” was not sufficient.

## Student Response A

(a)  $H_0$ : there is ~~an~~ association between the choice of activity and the age of the member.

$H_1$ : there is no association between the choice of activity and the age of the member.

$$(b) \frac{\text{row} \times \text{column}}{\text{total}} = \frac{(4+19+3)(3+14+5+11+3)}{150}$$

$$= \frac{(26)(36)}{150} = 6.24$$

$$(c) (\text{row}-1)(\text{column}-1)$$

must take 1 from each for constraints.

Must take 2 ~~to~~ away as ~~we~~ have to work out probability.

$$(d) 5\% \text{ test statistic} = 19.583.$$

$$\gamma = 6$$

$$\chi^2_{6(5\%)} = 12.5915872.$$

$12.592 < 19.583 \therefore$  reject  $H_0$ , there is sufficient evidence to show that there is no association between choice of activity and age of member - the manager's belief is rejected.

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**Examiner Comments**

In part (a) the hypotheses are the wrong way around (B0).

In part (b) the calculation is correct here and the answer of 6.24 is seen (B1).

In part (c) they do not seem to realise that the 6 degrees of freedom comes from a 4x3 table and this table comes about after amalgamating two rows (B0B0).

In part (d) the correct critical value is quoted. We provide these values in the tables, but this student has clearly used their calculator to find this value which is fine as long as their answer is at least as accurate as the tables so the first B1 is scored. They have said they reject  $H_0$  and given a conclusion in terms of the context of the manager's belief, but their conclusion is incorrect because their hypotheses are incorrect. We would always expect a correct conclusion to a hypothesis test and not allow any follow through from incorrect hypotheses (B0).

## Student Response B

a)  $H_0$ : There is no association between age and choice of sport.  
 $H_1$ : There is an association between age and choice of sport.

b) Expected  $36 \times 26 \div 150 = 6.24$

c) The expected value of a < 20 for snooker is less than 5 (3.6), so you combine this with <sup>column</sup> bowls. Therefore you have  $(2-1)(5-1)$  degrees of freedom which is 4. Because you do 1 - the number of cells across and down multiplied together.

d)  $\chi^2_{(5\%)} = 9.488$ .  $19.583 > 9.488$  therefore there is sufficient evidence at 5% significance level to reject  $H_0$ . There is an association between age and sport.

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**Examiner Comments**

In part (a) the hypotheses are both correct (B1).

In part (b) the correct expected frequency is found (B1).

In part (c) they have identified the cell where the expected frequency is 3.6 and therefore less than 5. But they have suggested combining the columns of snooker and bowls. They go on to show that this would give a  $2 \times 5$  table and therefore 4 degrees of freedom. The question clearly asked them to explain why there were 6 degrees of freedom and the first mark required identification of the correct cell and mention of combining rows so that mark cannot be given and the calculation of 6 degrees of freedom had to come from a  $4 \times 3$  table for the second mark (B0B0).

In part (d) they have persisted with using 4 degrees of freedom and so the critical value is incorrect (B0) but their conclusion is correct and in the context of age and choice of activity, so the final mark is scored (B1).

## Student Response C

1) a)  $H_0$ : There is no association between the choice of activity and the age of the member on a ~~th~~<sup>(2)</sup> ~~er~~<sup>day</sup> ~~evening~~<sup>evening</sup>

$H_1$ : There is an association between the choice of activity and the age of the member on a ~~th~~<sup>day</sup> ~~evening~~<sup>evening</sup>

$$b) E_{01} = \frac{(3 + 14 + 5 + 11 + 13)(4 + 19 + 3)}{150}$$

$$= 6.24$$

c) Since  $(e_{ij} - \text{moder } a < 20)$ ;  $i < 5$ ,  $h < 4$ , ~~to be~~  $a < 20$  has to be combined with  $20 \leq a < 40$

$$\therefore v = (3-1)(4-1) = 6$$

d)  $H_0$ : ~~there~~ ~~reject~~  ~~$H_0$~~  if  $\sum \frac{(o_i - E_i)^2}{E_i} > \chi^2_{v}(5\%)$

$$19 - \chi^2_{6}(5\%) = 12.592$$

$$19.583 > 12.592 \therefore \text{Reject } H_0.$$

There is sufficient evidence to suggest an association between the choice of activity and the age of the member on a ~~th~~<sup>day</sup> ~~evening~~<sup>evening</sup> at a 5% level of significance.

$H_0$ : there is no association between the choice of activity and the age of the member on a ~~th~~<sup>day</sup> ~~evening~~<sup>evening</sup>.

$H_1$ : there is an association between the choice of activity and the age of the member on a ~~th~~<sup>day</sup> ~~evening~~<sup>evening</sup>.

**Examiner Comments**

In part (a) the hypotheses are correct (B1).

In part (b) the correct expected frequency is given (B1).

In part (c) they have identified the correct cell and stated that the expected frequency is less than 5 but have not given the value (3.6) of this expected frequency so we cannot be sure that their reason is correct and so the first mark is not awarded. However, they do show that the 6 degrees of freedom clearly comes from a 4x3 table (B0B1).

In part (d) they have a correct critical value and a correct conclusion using the context of age and activity rather than the manager's belief, but this is fine (B1B1).

## Exemplar Question 2

2. A spinner used for a game is designed to give scores with the following probabilities

<b>Score</b>	1	2	3	4	6
<b>Probability</b>	$\frac{3}{10}$	$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{2}{5}$	$\frac{1}{10}$

The spinner is spun 80 times and the results are as follows

<b>Score</b>	1	2	3	4	6
<b>Frequency</b>	15	4	12	41	8

Test, at the 10% level of significance, whether or not the spinner is giving scores as it is designed to do. Show your working and state your hypotheses clearly.

(7)

(Total for Question 2 is 7 marks)

Mean Score 5.3 out of 7

**Examiner Comments**

This question was generally answered very well. Some lost marks for the hypotheses: statements such as the “observed frequencies match the expected frequencies” or “a uniform distribution is a suitable model” were given rather than a comment about the spinner’s design such as “the spinner is giving probabilities as it is designed to do”. The expected frequencies were usually found correctly but a number of students lost marks for incorrectly combining the scores for 1 and 2 because the observed frequency for a score of 2 was less than 5; students need to understand that the amalgamation of cells is only required when expected frequencies fall below 5. The calculations and selection of the critical value were usually correct and most realised that the test suggested the spinner was not working as designed.

The final mark here was dependent on all previous marks being scored. This is a fairly common situation in questions involving hypothesis tests. In this question a number of students therefore lost the first and last marks

## Mark Scheme

Qu	Scheme	Marks	AO																								
2.	<p>H<sub>0</sub>: Spinner is working as designed (o.e.)  H<sub>1</sub>: Spinner is not working as designed (o.e.)</p> <table border="1"> <tbody> <tr> <td><math>E_i</math></td> <td>24</td> <td>8</td> <td>8</td> <td>32</td> <td>8</td> </tr> <tr> <td><math>O_i</math></td> <td>15</td> <td>4</td> <td>12</td> <td>41</td> <td>8</td> </tr> <tr> <td><math>\frac{(O_i - E_i)^2}{E_i}</math></td> <td><math>\frac{81}{24}</math></td> <td><math>\frac{16}{8}</math></td> <td><math>\frac{16}{8}</math></td> <td><math>\frac{81}{32}</math></td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td><math>\frac{O_i^2}{E_i}</math></td> <td><math>\frac{225}{24}</math></td> <td><math>\frac{16}{8}</math></td> <td><math>\frac{144}{8}</math></td> <td><math>\frac{1681}{32}</math></td> <td><math>\frac{64}{8}</math></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><math>\sum \frac{(O_i - E_i)^2}{E_i} = 3.375 + 2 + 2 + 2.53125 + 0 = 9.90625</math>  or <math>\sum \frac{O_i^2}{E_i} - N = 9.375 + 2 + 18 + 52.53125 + 8 - 80 = 9.90625</math></p> <p><math>\nu = 5 - 1 = 4</math> so <math>\chi_4^2(10\%)</math> cv = 7.779 or better</p> <p>Result is significant so there is evidence that the spinner is not operating as designed</p>	$E_i$	24	8	8	32	8	$O_i$	15	4	12	41	8	$\frac{(O_i - E_i)^2}{E_i}$	$\frac{81}{24}$	$\frac{16}{8}$	$\frac{16}{8}$	$\frac{81}{32}$	0	$\frac{O_i^2}{E_i}$	$\frac{225}{24}$	$\frac{16}{8}$	$\frac{144}{8}$	$\frac{1681}{32}$	$\frac{64}{8}$	<p>B1</p> <p>M1 A1</p> <p>M1</p> <p>A1</p> <p>B1 A1cso</p>	<p>1.2</p> <p>3.4 1.1b</p> <p>1.1b</p> <p>1.1b</p> <p>3.4 3.5a</p>
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<p>1<sup>st</sup> B1 for both hypotheses given in suitable context  1<sup>st</sup> M1 for using the model to find at least 2 correct expected frequencies  1<sup>st</sup> A1 for all correct <math>E_i</math>  2<sup>nd</sup> M1 for attempt to find test statistic (at least two correct expressions, fractions or decimals)  2<sup>nd</sup> A1 for a correct test statistic (awrt 9.91) [ accept <math>\frac{317}{32}</math> ]  2<sup>nd</sup> B1 for correct critical value (allow 7.78)  NB <math>p</math>-value = 0.042036...so allow awrt 0.042  3<sup>rd</sup> A1cso dep on <u>all</u> previous marks for a correct conclusion in context  (can be in terms of model or spinner's design) Must mention spinner <b>and</b> scores <u>or</u> design  Accept "spinner is not accurate"</p>																											

**Examiner Comments**

The final mark here was dependent on all previous marks being scored. This is a fairly common situation in questions involving hypothesis tests. In this question a number of students therefore lost the first and last marks.

## Student Response A

If working as it should the frequencies should be

Score	1	2	3	4	6
Frequency	24	8	8	32	8

$$\frac{3}{10} \times 80 = 24 \quad \frac{1}{10} \times 80 = 8 \quad \frac{1}{10} \times 80 = 8 \quad \frac{2}{5} \times 80 = 32 \quad \frac{1}{10} \times 80 = 8$$

Hypothesis

If the spinner is working correctly the frequencies shouldn't be of 10% out from expected.

The scores 1 and 4 are out greater than a 10% level of significance. For score 1  $\frac{24-15}{24} = 20.8\%$

For score 4  $\frac{41-32}{41} = 21.9\%$  so not working correctly

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**Examiner Comments**

There was no clear statement of the hypotheses (B0) but the expected frequencies were all correct (M1A1). This student hasn't attempted to carry out a Chi-squared goodness of fit test but has simply shown that the differences between some of the expected and observed frequencies are greater than 10% so no further marks were scored (M0A0B0A0).

## Student Response B

(1)

Expected: 
$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} S & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 6 \\ \hline EP & 24 & 8 & 8 & 16 & 8 \end{array}$$

$H_0$ : The spinner is unsuitable  
 $H_1$ : The spinner is suitable

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} S & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 6 \\ \hline (O-E)^2 & 3375 & 2 & 2 & 39.0625 & 0 \\ \hline E & & & & & \end{array}$$

$(S-1) = 4 \text{ DoF}$

$$\chi^2 = \frac{\sum (O-E)^2}{E} = \frac{743}{16} = 46.4375$$

$\chi^2_{4}(10\%) = 7.779$

$\therefore$  not in CR:

$46.4375 > 7.779 \therefore$  don't rej  $H_0$ : there is no evidence to suggest that the spinner is suitable.

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**Examiner Comments**

The hypotheses are not given in terms of the spinner's design. By assuming the null hypothesis is true we should be able to calculate the expected frequencies: just saying the spinner is "suitable" does not give us sufficient information to do this (B0). The expected frequencies for scores of 1, 2, 3 and 6 are correct but the value given for 4 is not (M1A0) and the values for the test statistic for these values are also correct (M1A0). The critical value is correct (B1) and because other marks have been lost the final mark cannot be given (A0). Their interpretation of their critical value and their test statistic is incorrect as well as a test statistic value greater than a critical value should lead to rejection of the null hypothesis.

## Student Response C

$H_0$ : The spinner is giving <sup>probabilities of</sup> scores it should. <sup>(1)</sup>

$H_1$ : The spinner is not giving the right probabilities of scores. Not working as designed to.

	1	2	3	4	5
Observed:	15	6	12	4	8
Expected:	8	8	8	8	8
Contribution	3.375	2	2	2.53125	0

$$\chi^2 = 9.90625$$

$$\text{Expected} = \text{probability} \times 80$$

$$\text{Contribution} = \frac{(o-e)^2}{e}$$

$$\text{Degrees of freedom} = 5 - 1 = 4$$

$$\chi^2_{4}(0.1) = 7.779$$

$$9.90625 > 7.779$$

~~Reject~~ Not sufficient evidence to reject  $H_0$ .

Accept that it is working how it was designed.

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**Examiner Comments**

The hypotheses are correct (B1). The expected frequencies are correct (M1A1) and the calculation of the test statistic is correct too (M1A1). The critical value is correct (B1) but they have said that there is not sufficient evidence to reject  $H_0$  which is incorrect (A0).

### Exemplar Question 3

3. Andreia's secretary makes random errors in his work at an average rate of 1.7 errors every 100 words.
- (a) Find the probability that the secretary makes fewer than 2 errors in the next 100-word piece of work. (2)

Andreia asks the secretary to produce a 250-word article for a magazine.

- (b) Find the probability that there are exactly 5 errors in this article. (2)

Andreia offers the secretary a choice of one of two bonus schemes, based on a random sample of 40 pieces of work each consisting of 100 words.

In scheme **A** the secretary will receive the bonus if more than 10 of the 40 pieces of work contain no errors.

In scheme **B** the bonus is awarded if the total number of errors in all 40 pieces of work is fewer than 56

- (c) Showing your calculations clearly, explain which bonus scheme you would advise the secretary to choose. (5)

Following the bonus scheme, Andreia randomly selects a single 500-word piece of work from the secretary to test if there is any evidence that the secretary's rate of errors has decreased.

- (d) Stating your hypotheses clearly and using a 5% level of significance, find the critical region for this test. (4)

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**(Total for Question 3 is 13 marks)**

**Mean Score 9.3 out of 13**

**Examiner Comments**

A few students did not realise the significance of the terms “random” and “average rate” and used binomial rather than Poisson models throughout the question but for most students this question provided a good source of marks. In part (a) the most frequent error was a mis-interpretation of the phrase “fewer than 2” with many simply finding the probability of less than or equal to 2.

Responses to part (b) were often better and most found the new Poisson distribution and used it correctly.

Part (c) was the most challenging part of the question with many unable to work out the probability connected with scheme **A**. Most realised there was something to do with a  $Po(1.7)$  model but far fewer realising that finding  $P(X = 0)$ , where  $X \sim Po(1.7)$ , was giving them a parameter in a binomial model. Those who realised this often failed to use sufficient accuracy to achieve their final probability correct to 3 significant figures and  $Y \sim B(40, 0.183)$  was commonly used. The next problem was interpreting “more than 10” correctly and many failed to use  $1 - P(Y \leq 10)$ . There was often more success with the probability associated with scheme **B** and those who had correct probabilities were usually able to correctly recommend scheme **A**.

There were many correct answers to part (d) with hypotheses usually given correctly in terms of  $\lambda$  or  $\mu$  but the common errors were to leave the final answer as  $P(E \leq 3)$  rather than  $E \leq 3$  or confusing a critical region with a critical value and having a final incorrect answer of  $E = 3$ .

## Mark Scheme

Qu	Scheme	Marks	AO
3(a)	[ $X$ = number of errors in 100-word piece] $X \sim \text{Po}(1.7)$ $P(X < 2) = P(X \leq 1) = 0.49324\dots$ awrt <b>0.493</b>	M1 A1	3.3 1.1b
		(2)	
(b)	[ $R$ = number of errors in the article] $R \sim \text{Po}(4.25)$ $P(R = 5) = 0.16482\dots$ awrt <b>0.165</b>	M1 A1	3.3 1.1b
		(2)	
(c)	Scheme <b>A</b> : Let $A \sim \text{B}(40, e^{-1.7})$ or $\text{B}(40, 0.18268\dots)$ $P(A > 10) = 1 - P(A \leq 10)$ $= 0.0995591\dots$ awrt <b>0.0996</b>	M1 M1 A1	3.3 1.1b 1.1b
	Scheme <b>B</b> : Let $B \sim \text{Po}(40 \times 1.7)$ or $\text{Po}(68)$ $P(B < 56) = P(B \leq 55) = 0.061133\dots$	M1	3.3
	So choose scheme <b>A</b> (since the probability of a bonus is greater)	A1	2.4
		(5)	
(d)	$H_0: \lambda = 1.7$ (or $\mu = 8.5$ ) $H_1: \lambda < 1.7$ (or $\mu < 8.5$ )	B1	2.5
	[ $E$ = no. of errors in the piece of work] $E \sim \text{Po}(8.5)$	M1	3.3
	$P(E \leq 3) = 0.0301$ <u>or</u> $P(E \leq 4) = 0.0744$	A1	1.1b
	So critical region is $E \leq 3$	A1	2.2a
	(4)		
<b>(13 marks)</b>			
Notes			
(a)	M1 for selecting the correct Poisson distribution A1 for awrt 0.493		
(b)	M1 for selecting the correct Poisson distribution A1 for awrt 0.165		
(c)	1 <sup>st</sup> M1 for choosing a correct model for scheme <b>A</b> i.e. $\text{B}(40, P(X = 0))$ , where $X \sim \text{Po}(1.7)$ Allow use of awrt 0.183 for $P(X = 0) \dots 0.183$ gives answer awrt 0.101 Condone $\text{B}(0.183, 40)$ (o.e.) if it leads to a prob rounding to range (0.09~0.1) otherwise M0 2 <sup>nd</sup> M1 for $1 - P(A \leq 10)$ 1 <sup>st</sup> A1 for awrt 0.0996 [NB use of 0.183 will give awrt 0.101 and scores M1M1A0] 3 <sup>rd</sup> M1 for selecting a correct Poisson model for scheme <b>B</b> i.e. $\text{Po}(40 \times 1.7)$ or better 2 <sup>nd</sup> A1 for a correct conclusion based on comparing two probs: awrt 0.1 vs 0.061 or better So can allow $0.1 > 0.061$ leading to choosing <b>A</b> [Probably scores M1M1A0M1A1]		
<b>NB</b>	[ Normal approx.(not on spec) leading to 0.06477... might score 3 <sup>rd</sup> M1 if $\text{Po}(68)$ seen but 2 <sup>nd</sup> A0]		
(d)	B1 for both hypotheses in terms of $\lambda$ or $\mu$ (can be interchanged) M1 for selecting $\text{Po}(8.5)$ (sight of or use of e.g. may be implied by 1 <sup>st</sup> A1) 1 <sup>st</sup> A1 for some evidence of correct use of $\text{Po}(8.5)$ i.e. either of these probs (2dp or better) May be implied by a correct critical region 2 <sup>nd</sup> A1 for a correct critical region. Allow $E < 4$ and allow any letter for $E$ . <u>Two</u> different regions (e.g. from 2 tail test) is 2 <sup>nd</sup> A0		
<b>SC</b>	<b>Use of binomial throughout:</b> (with hypotheses $H_0: p = 0.017$ and $H_1: p < 0.017$ in (d)) Scores 0 in (a) 0 in (b) possibly just 2 <sup>nd</sup> M1 in (c) But allow all 4 marks in (d): B1 hypotheses, M1 for $Y \sim \text{B}(500, 0.017)$ , 1 <sup>st</sup> A1 for $P(Y \leq 3) = 0.02913\dots$ <u>or</u> $P(Y \leq 4) = 0.07266\dots$ 2 <sup>nd</sup> A1 $Y \leq 3$ Allow probs to be to 2dp or better so 0.03 and 0.07 as in main scheme.		

**Examiner Comments**

We allow hypotheses to be given in terms of  $\lambda$  (the rate of the Poisson distribution) or  $\mu$  (the mean of the distribution).

## Student Response A

$X \sim Po(1.7)$  every 100 words

a)  $P(X < 2) = P(X \leq 1) = \underline{\underline{0.49}}$

b) 250 words  $X \sim Po(4.25)$   
 $P(X=5) = \frac{e^{-4.25} 4.25^5}{5!} = \underline{\underline{0.16}}$

c) Scheme A

$$X \sim Po(1.7)$$

$P(X=0)$  is more than 10% more than 10

$$P(X \leq 0) = 0.18$$

~~more~~  $0.18^{10} = 6.4 \times 10^{-9}$   
~~0.18^{10} = 3.57 \times 10^{-8}~~

Scheme B

$$X \sim Po(68)$$

$$P(X < 56) = P(X \leq 55) = 0.061$$

$$6.4 \times 10^{-9} < 0.061$$

$\therefore$  Use scheme B as there is a higher probability of achieving this goal

d)  $H_0: \lambda = 8.5$

$H_1: \lambda < 8.5$

5% sig level

$$P(X \leq 4) = 0.074 > 0.05$$

$$P(X \leq 3) = 0.03 < 0.05$$

critical region  $X \leq 4$

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**Examiner Comments**

In part (a) the correct Poisson model is stated (M1) but the answer is not given to 3s.f. (A0).

In part (b) again the correct model is used but the answer is not given to 3s.f. despite the clear instruction to this effect on the front of the question paper (M1A0).

In part (c) for scheme **A** they have used  $Po(1.7)$  to find  $P(X = 0)$  but have not realised that the distribution they then need is a binomial (M0) and there is no clear statement of the correct probability (M0A0). For scheme **B** they do use the correct distribution (M1) but the final mark requires a comparison of two correct probabilities (A0).

In part (d) we allow  $\lambda = 8.5$  and  $\lambda < 8.5$  in the hypotheses (B1) and there is at least 1 correct probability (2dp accuracy is fine here as they only need to be comparing to 0.05) (M1A1) but the final critical region is incorrect (A0).

## Student Response B

2)  $H_0$ : Age There is an association between <sup>(2)</sup>  
the choice of activity and the age  
of the member  
 $H_1$ : There is no association between  
age and activity

B) 4 members

C) There are 5 rows in the table  
and then you ~~add~~ add 1 to  
calculate the degrees of freedom  
because you use the data once,  
therefore ~~it~~ it is 6.

D) 5% sig = 0.05

$X \sim Po(4)$

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**Examiner Comments**

In part (a) this is correct (M1A1).

In part (b) this is correct (M1A1).

In part (c) the correct binomial model for scheme **A** is not identified (M0M0A0) but the correct model for scheme **B** is used (M1) but there is no comparison of two correct probabilities (A0).

In part (d) the hypotheses are correct (B1) and a correct Poisson model is stated (M1) but there are no correct probability statements and the critical region is not correct (A0A0).

## Student Response C

$$X \sim \text{po}(1.7) \text{ per } 100 \text{ words}$$

$$(a) P(X < 2) = P(X \leq 1) = \cancel{e^{-1.7} \times 1.7} \approx 0.443 \text{ (3sf)}$$

$$(b) X \sim \text{po}(1.7 \times 2.5)$$

$$X \sim \text{po}(4.25)$$

$$P(X=5) = e^{-4.25} \times \frac{4.25^5}{5!} = 0.165 \text{ (3sf)}$$

$$P(\text{no errors in } 100 \text{ words}) \rightarrow P(X=0) = 0.183 \text{ (3sf)}$$

$$X \sim \text{po}(1.7)$$

$$\text{In scene A } X \sim B(40, 0.183)$$

$$P(X \geq 10) = P(X \geq 11) = 1 - P(X \leq 10)$$

$$= 1 - 0.899 = 0.101 \text{ (3sf)}$$

$$(P \text{ of getting bonus in scene A} = 0.101)$$

In scene B

Total number of errors is  $< 50$  in 40 pieces of music

$$40 \text{ pieces} = 40 \times 100 \text{ words} = 4000 \text{ words}$$

$$X \sim \text{po}(1.7) \text{ per } 100 \quad X \sim \text{po}(1.7 \times 40) \text{ per } 4000 \text{ words}$$

$$X \sim \text{po}(68)$$

$$P(X < 50) = P(X \leq 55) = 0.0611 \text{ (3sf)}$$

So she has a better probability of getting the bonus in

scene A as  $0.101 > 0.0611$  So I would advise

the secretary to choose scene A.

(d)  $H_0: \lambda = 1.7 \times 5 = 8.5$  one tailed test  
 $H_1: \lambda < 1.7 \times 5$  5% significance level  
 $\therefore \lambda < 8.5$   
 $X \sim \text{PO}(8.5)$

$P(X \leq 5) = 0.150$ (3sf)	$0.150 > 0.05$	Not reject
$P(X \leq 4) = 0.0745$ (3sf)	$0.0745 > 0.05$	Not reject
$P(X \leq 3) = 0.0301$	$0.0301 < 0.05$	is reject

$\therefore$  the critical region for that one tailed test is  
 $P(X \leq 3)$

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**Examiner Comments**

In part (a) this is correct (M1A1).

In part (b) this is correct (M1A1).

In part (c) for scheme **A** they have identified and used an appropriate binomial model (M1M1) but the value for  $P(X=0)$  they have used as the parameter was not sufficiently accurate to enable them to get a final probability correct to 3s.f. (A0). The correct probability for scheme **B** is found (M1) and a correct comparison and conclusion is made (A1) [We allow comparison of a probability of 0.1 with 0.061 for this mark].

In part (d) the hypotheses are correct (B1) and the correct model is used to obtain some correct probabilities (M1A1) but the critical region is written inside a probability statement, so the final mark is lost (A0).

## Exemplar Question 4

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4. The discrete random variable  $X$  has probability distribution

$x$	-3	-1	1	2	4
$P(X = x)$	$q$	$\frac{7}{30}$	$\frac{7}{30}$	$q$	$r$

where  $q$  and  $r$  are probabilities.

- (a) Write down, in terms of  $q$ ,  $P(X \leq 0)$  (1)

- (b) Show that  $E(X^2) = \frac{7}{15} + 13q + 16r$  (2)

Given that  $E(X^3) = E(X^2) + E(6X)$

- (c) find the value of  $q$  and the value of  $r$  (7)

- (d) Hence find  $P(X^3 > X^2 + 6X)$  (4)

**(Total for Question 4 is 14 marks)**

**Mean Score 10.4 out of 14**

### Examiner Comments

Parts (a) and (b) were answered very well but a few students miscopied their  $16r$  as  $6r$  and proceeded to use this incorrect value in part (c).

Most could make a start with part (c) by finding  $E(X)$  and hence  $6E(X)$  and  $E(X^2) + E(6X)$ . Many also managed to find an expression for  $E(X^3)$  though sometimes there were sign errors on the negative terms. Finding a second equation in  $q$  and  $r$  seemed to evade a few but most used the sum of the probabilities to form a second equation and were able to solve their two equations which, if no previous errors had been made, usually led to the correct answers.

There were a few blank responses to part (d) and a few who tried comparing expected values and then gave up, but a good number made a start on part (d) and quite a few of them, with the help of the final A1 follow through mark, achieved all 4 marks. Some started by rearranging the inequality and factorising the cubic but often they stopped here seemingly unable to draw a simple sketch and solve the cubic inequality. The most common approach though was to form a table with the 10 values for  $X^3$  and  $X^2 + 6X$  and by comparing these values to identify  $X = -1$  and  $4$  as the required cases and then write down the appropriate probability.

Mark Scheme

Qu	Scheme	Marks	AO																		
4(a)	$q + \frac{7}{30}$	B1	1.1b																		
(b)	$E(X^2) = (-3)^2 \times q + (-1)^2 \times \frac{7}{30} + 1^2 \times \frac{7}{30} + 2^2 \times q + 4^2 \times r$ $= \frac{7}{15} + 13q + 16r$ (*)	(1) M1 A1*cso	1.1b 1.1b																		
(c)	$E(X) = -3q + -\frac{7}{30} + \frac{7}{30} + 2q + 4r$ { = $4r - q$ } $E(X^2 + 6X) = \frac{7}{15} + 7q + 40r$ $E(X^3) = (-3)^3 \times q + (-1)^3 \times \frac{7}{30} + 1^3 \times \frac{7}{30} + 2^3 \times q + 4^3 \times r$ $= 64r - 19q$ Sum of probabilities = 1 gives: $2q + r = \frac{16}{30}$ (o.e.) Solve: $24r - 26q = \frac{7}{15}$ and $r + 2q = \frac{8}{15}$ e.g. $37r = \frac{111}{15}$ So $r = \frac{1}{5}$ and $q = \frac{1}{6}$	(2) M1 A1 M1 dM1 A1	3.1a 1.1b 3.4 1.1b 1.1b 1.1b																		
(d)	$X^3 > X^2 + 6X \Rightarrow X(X - 3)(X + 2) > 0$ Use of sketch or table to see: $-2 < X < 0$ or $X > 3$ So $P(X^3 > X^2 + 6X) = P(X = -1 \text{ or } 4)$ $= \frac{7}{30} + "r" = \frac{13}{30}$	(7) M1 A1 M1 A1ft	2.1 1.1b 2.2a 1.1b																		
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<b>Notes</b>	
<b>(b)</b>	<p>M1 for at least 3 correct terms of the expression for <math>E(X^2)</math>  A1*cs0 evidence of M1 scored with no incorrect working seen leading to correct answer (*)  Allow <math>-3^2 \times q + -1^2 \times \frac{7}{30}</math> etc if followed by <math>9q + \dots</math> but <u>not</u> if simply followed by given answer</p>
<b>(c)</b>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> M1 for realising the need to find <math>E(X)</math> – a correct attempt with at least 3 correct terms  1<sup>st</sup> A1 for the correct expression (needn't be simplified at this stage)  2<sup>nd</sup> M1 for a correct attempt at <math>E(X^3)</math> with at least 3 correct terms seen  Treat no <math>\frac{7}{30}</math> terms as <u>one</u> correct term  2<sup>nd</sup> A1 for <math>64r - 19q</math> (must be simplified) <u>or for</u> <math>24r - 26q = \frac{7}{15}</math>  3<sup>rd</sup> M1 for using sum of probabilities = 1 to form an equation in <math>q</math> and <math>r</math> (needn't be simplified)  Must be correct or clearly state that <math>\Sigma\text{probs} = 1</math> being attempted with only one slip  4<sup>th</sup> dM1 for solving their 2 linear equations in <math>q</math> and <math>r</math> (dep on 3<sup>rd</sup> M1 and 1<sup>st</sup> <u>or</u> 2<sup>nd</sup> M1)  Must see correct method to reduce to a linear equation in one variable  3<sup>rd</sup> A1 for <math>r = \frac{1}{5}</math> <u>and</u> <math>q = \frac{1}{6}</math> or any exact equivalents (dep on 2 correct equations seen)</p>
<b>(d)</b>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> M1 for 1<sup>st</sup> stage towards solving the inequality (factorising the cubic)  1<sup>st</sup> A1 for solving the inequality  2<sup>nd</sup> M1 for identifying the values of <math>X</math> required i.e. <math>-1</math> and <math>4</math>  2<sup>nd</sup> A1ft for <math>\frac{13}{20}</math> or exact equivalent e.g. <math>0.43</math> (Allow ft of “their <math>r</math>” + <math>\frac{7}{30}</math>)</p>
<b>ALT</b>	<p><b>Table</b> 1<sup>st</sup> M1 for at least 4 correct values for <math>X^3</math> <u>and</u> <math>X^2 + 6X</math> (must be labelled)  1<sup>st</sup> A1 for all 10 correct values. [NB Can score M1A0M1A1ft in (d)]</p>

**Examiner Comments**

Part (b) was a “show that” question and most students did show clearly how to find  $E(X^2)$  showing at least 3 of the products as required by the mark scheme.

The final part gave opportunity for students to use some of the work from pure mathematics to solve the inequality, but many chose instead to construct an exhaustive list of possibilities which was, of course, in this case quite acceptable.

## Student Response A

$$a) P(X \leq 0) = q + \frac{7}{30}$$

$$b) ((-3)^2 \times q) + ((-1)^2 \times \frac{7}{30}) + (1^2 \times \frac{7}{30}) + (2^2 \times q) + (4^2 \times r)$$

$$9q + \frac{7}{30} + \frac{7}{30} + 4q + 16r$$

$$= \frac{14}{30} + 13q + 16r$$

$$= \frac{7}{30} + 13q + 16r$$

$$c) E(6X) = 6(8q - \frac{18}{30} + \frac{18}{30} - 18q - \frac{42}{30} + \frac{42}{30} + 12q + 24r)$$

$$= 24r - 6q$$

$$E(X^3) = \frac{7}{30} + 13q + 16r + 24r - 6q$$

$$= \frac{7}{30} + 7q + 30r$$

$$E(x^3) = \cancel{27q} - 27q + 8q + 64r$$

$$\cancel{27q}$$

$$-19q + 64r = \frac{7}{30} + 7q + 30r$$

$$-26q + 34r = \frac{7}{30}$$

$$2q + r = 1 - \frac{7}{15}$$

$$2q + r = \frac{8}{15}$$

$$r = \frac{8}{15} - 2q$$

$$-26q + 34\left(\frac{8}{15} - 2q\right) = \frac{7}{30}$$

$$-26q + \frac{272}{15} - 68q = \frac{7}{30}$$

$$-94q = -17.9$$

$$q =$$

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**Examiner Comments**

In part (a) the correct answer is given (B1).

In part (b) a correct expression for  $E(X^2)$  is seen (M1) but it is not simplified correctly to the required form (A0). We require careful and accurate work to reach the printed answer and the given answer with  $7/15$  is never quite reached.

In part (c) they find  $E(6X)$  correctly but then use their incorrect expression for  $E(X^2)$  so that their final answer for  $E(X^2 + 6X)$  is incorrect (M1A0). There is a correct simplified expression for  $E(X^3)$  (M1A1) and a first equation for  $q$  and  $r$  is formed. A second equation is found using the sum of probabilities (M1) and there is clear evidence of solving these two equations (M1) but the first equation is incorrect and so the answers for  $q$  and  $r$  would be incorrect and their solution stops before these values are found (A0).

N.B. We award the mark for solving their equations because we have seen clear algebraic steps to achieve this: had this simply been done on a calculator with no evidence of method shown we would not have awarded this mark.

There is no attempt at part (d).

## Student Response B

$$4a) \frac{7}{30} + q$$

b)	$x$	-3	-1	1	2	4
	$x^2$	9	1	1	4	16
	$P(X=x)$	$q$	$\frac{7}{30}$	$\frac{7}{30}$	$q$	$r$

$$9q + \frac{14}{30} + 4q + 16r$$

$$= \frac{7}{15} + 13q + 16r$$

e)

$x$	-3	-1	1	2	4
$x^2$	9	1	1	4	16
$6x$	-18	-6	6	12	24
$P(X=x)$	$q$	$\frac{7}{30}$	$\frac{7}{30}$	$q$	$r$
	64	27		8	64

$x$	-3	-1	1	2	4
$x^2$	9	1	1	4	16
$6x$	-18	-6	6	12	24
$P(X=x)$	$q$	$\frac{7}{30}$	$\frac{7}{30}$	$q$	$r$

$$E(6X) = -18q - \frac{7}{5} + \frac{7}{5} + 12q + 24r$$

$$= 24r - 6q$$

$$\frac{7}{15} + 13q + 16r + 24r - 6q$$

$$E(X^2 + 6X) = \frac{7}{15} + 7q + 40r$$

$$E(X^2) = -27q - \frac{7}{30} + \frac{7}{30} + 8q + 64r$$

$$= -19q + 64r$$

$$-19q + 64r = \frac{7}{15} + 7q + 40r$$

$$-19q + 64r = \frac{7}{15} + 7q + 40r$$

$$\frac{7}{15} + 7q + 40r = -19q + 64r$$

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d) ~~1/30 + r~~ 1Aq

$$r = \frac{1}{5}$$

$x$	-3	-1	1	2	4
$x^2 + 6x$	-9	-5	7	16	40
$x^3$	-27	-1	1	8	64
$P(X=x)$	$q$	$\frac{7}{30}$	$\frac{7}{30}$	$q$	$r$

$$\frac{7}{30} + r$$

$$= \frac{7}{30} + \frac{1}{5}$$

$$= \frac{13}{30}$$

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**Examiner Comments**

In part (a) this was correct (B1).

In part (b) the expression for  $E(X^2)$  is seen (M1) and it is simplified correctly to the given answer (A1).

In part (c) a correct attempt at  $E(6X)$  is seen (M1) and this is added to the answer from part (b) to obtain an expression for  $E(X^2 + 6X)$  (A1). There is also a correct expression for  $E(X^3)$  (M1A1) and they combine these to form a first equation in  $r$  and  $q$ . There is no attempt to use the sum of the probabilities to form the second equation (M0) and so no attempt to solve two simultaneous equations in  $r$  and  $q$  (M0A0). Although a correct value for  $r$  is stated on the next page, we required sight of both values and 2 correct equations to give the mark in (c).

In part (d) there is a clear table showing the values of  $X^3$  and  $X^2 + 6X$  for each of the possible  $X$  values and a correct probability is written down following this. Whilst a little more explanation would have been desirable, we can clearly see where the probability is coming from and all the marks are awarded for part (d).

## Student Response C

$$(4) a) q + \frac{7}{30}$$

$$b) E(x) = \cancel{2q} - \frac{7}{30} + \frac{7}{30} + 2q + 4r$$

$$E(x^2) = 9q + \frac{7}{30} + \frac{7}{30} + 4q + \cancel{16r}$$

$$= \cancel{13} \cdot \frac{7}{15} + 13q + 16r$$

$$c) E(x^3) = E(x^2) + E(6x)$$

$$-27q - \frac{7}{30} + \frac{7}{30} + 8q + 64r = \frac{7}{15} + 13q + 16r - 18q$$

$$-\frac{7}{5} + \frac{7}{5} + 12q + 24r$$

$$\cancel{64r} - 19q = \frac{7}{15} + 7q + 40r$$

$$(1) 24r - 26q = \frac{7}{15}$$

$$\sum P(x=x) = 1$$

$$\therefore 2q + r + \frac{7}{15} = 1$$

$$(2) 2q + r = \frac{8}{15}$$

$$(1) - (2) \quad (1) \quad 24r - 26q = \frac{7}{15}$$

$$- \quad (2) \times 12 \quad \cancel{24r}$$

$$(1) + (2) \times 13 : \quad 24r - 26q = \frac{7}{15}$$

$$+ \quad 13r + 26q = \frac{104}{15}$$

$$37r = \frac{111}{15}$$

$$37r = \frac{37}{5}$$

$$r = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$q = \frac{8}{15} - \frac{1}{5}$$

$$q = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$r = \frac{1}{5}$$

d)  ~~$P(X^3 > X^2 + 6X)$~~

$x^3$	-27	-1	1	8	64
$P(X=x)$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{7}{30}$	$\frac{7}{30}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{5}$

$x^2 + 6x$	-9	-5	7	16	28
$P(X=x)$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{7}{30}$	$\frac{7}{30}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{5}$

$$\therefore P(X^3 > X^2 + 6X) = \frac{7}{30} + \frac{1}{5} = \frac{13}{30}$$

$$P(X^3 > X^2 + 6X) = \frac{13}{30}$$

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**Examiner Comments**

In part (a) the correct answer is given (B1).

In part (b) there is a correct expression for  $E(X^2)$  (M1) and it is simplified to the correct answer (A1).

In part (c) the LHS of their equation represents the calculation of  $E(X^3)$  (M1) and this is simplified correctly on the next line (A1). The RHS is their answer from (b) + the expression for  $E(6X)$  which is correct (M1A1). On the next page we see clear use of the sum of probabilities = 1 being used (M1) and then a clear demonstration of solving their 2 simultaneous equation (M1) leading to the correct values for  $r$  and  $q$  (A1).

In part (d) they again use a table of values for  $X^3$  and  $X^2 + 6X$  but there is an error in the evaluation when  $X = 4$  so an accuracy mark is lost here but it does not affect their method and the final answer is still correct. (M1A0M1A1).

## AS Further Mathematics – Further Statistics 2 (8FM0 24)

### Exemplar Question 1

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1. Bara is investigating whether or not the two judges of a skating competition are in agreement. The two judges gave a score to each of the 8 skaters in the competition as shown in the table below.

	Skater							
	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>G</i>	<i>H</i>
Judge 1	71	70	72	62	63	61	57	53
Judge 2	73	71	67	64	62	56	52	53

Bara decided to calculate Spearman's rank correlation coefficient for these data.

- (a) Calculate Spearman's rank correlation coefficient between the ranks of the two judges. (4)
- (b) Test, at the 1% level of significance, whether or not the two judges are in agreement. (4)

Judge 1 accidentally swapped the scores for skaters *D* and *E*. The score for skater *D* should be 63 and the score for skater *E* should be 62

- (c) Without carrying out any further calculations, explain how Spearman's rank correlation coefficient will change. Give a reason for your answer. (2)

**(Total for Question 1 is 10 marks)**

**Mean Score 6.9 out of 10**

**Examiner Comments**

This question is assessing the student's understanding of Spearman's rank correlation coefficient (3.2) and testing the hypothesis that a correlation is zero (3.3).

In part (a) we are testing if the students can use the given formulae to obtain the product Spearman's rank correlation coefficient. Students who forgot to rank the data were able to gain only the 3<sup>rd</sup> M1.

Part (b) requires the students to carry out a hypothesis test. They need to give the hypotheses, write down the critical value, to the minimum accuracy used in the tables and draw a correct conclusion. The main error that occurred was not writing the hypotheses in terms of  $\rho$ .

Part (c) proved to be one of the more challenging parts of the paper. On the whole students knew that the correlation coefficient would increase but were unable to give a complete reason. The required reason consisted of two parts. The first was to realise that the  $\sum d^2$  would decrease although we allowed  $d$  or  $d^2$  decrease for  $D$  and  $E$ . The second part was to indicate that the ranks of  $D$  and  $E$  would be the same.

The most common explanation given that did not have the required detail was "the judges are in more agreement therefore Spearman's rank correlation coefficient would decrease".

## Mark Scheme

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	$r_s = 0.8809$ lies in the critical region/reject $H_0$ /significant	M1	2.1																																																												
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(c)	The $\sum d^2$ will decrease since the new rankings given by Judge 1 are now the same as the rankings given by Judge 2 for Skater D and E whereas previously they were different	M1	2.4																																																												
	therefore Spearman's rank correlation coefficient will increase	A1	2.2a																																																												
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(10 marks)

## Notes

- (a) **M1:** For an attempt to rank at least one row ( at least 4 correct)  
**dM1:** dep on previous M mark being awarded. For an attempt at  $d$  or  $d^2$  row for their ranks.  
**M1:** for use of  $1 - \frac{6 \times \text{"their } \sum d^2 \text{"}}{8(64-1)}$  Allow if not ranked  $\sum d^2 = 85$   
**A1:** awrt 0.881
- (b) **B1:** Both hypotheses stated in terms of  $\rho$   
**B1:** for correct critical value. Allow even if 2 tail test (sign must match their  $r_s$ )  
**M1:** for comparing their 0.881 with "their 0.8333"  
**A1cso:** All previous marks awarded. For a correct contextual conclusion with no contradictions seen
- (c) **M1:** For a correct explanation to support their answer given.  
 $\sum d^2$  decreases or  $d/d^2$  decreases for  $D$  and  $E$   
and idea of same rankings eg  $d^2$  will reduce by 2 . Do not allow  $d^2$  will reduce by 1  
**A1:** for a correct deduction from the information. Allow closer to 1.

## Student Response A

a)  $1 - \frac{6 \sum d^2}{n(n^2-1)}$   $n=8$

$\sum d^2 = (-2)^2 + (1)^2 + 5^2 + (-2)^2 + (1)^2 + 5^2 + 5^2 + \cancel{0^2}$   
85

$\frac{6(85)}{8(63)} = \frac{510}{504} = 1.011904762$   
 $1 - \text{ANS} = -0.01190$

b)  $H_0$ : judges are in agreement  
 $H_1$ : judges are not in agreement

sig level 0.01 ~~ESC~~ CV ~~ETS~~  
 $0.01 > -0.01190$

accept  $H_1$   
enough evidence to suggest reject  $H_0$

c) 71 70 72 63 62 61 57 53  
73 71 67 64 62 56 52 53

The  $\sum d^2$  value will be smaller  
meaning the  $\frac{6 \sum d^2}{n(n^2-1)}$  value will be

smaller therefore meaning the  
Spearman's rank will be larger

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**Examiner Comments**

In part (a) there has been no attempt to rank, M0. The second Method mark is dependent on the first being awarded, M0. They have then used the correct formula with  $n = 8$  and their sum of  $d^2$  M1 but their answer is incorrect.

**M0dM0M1A0**

In part (b) the hypotheses have not been given in terms of Rho (they are also the wrong way round) No critical value is found. No critical value has been found so a comparison cannot be made.

**B0B0M0A0cso**

In part (c) they have realised that the sum of  $d^2$  will decrease but not got the idea that this is because the rankings are the same.

**M0A0**

## Student Response B

a)

	RANK		$d$	$d^2$
A	2	1	1	1
B	3	2	1	1
C	1	3	-2	4
D	5	4	1	1
E	4	5	-1	1
F	6	6	0	0
G	7	8	-1	1
H	8	7	1	1

$$r_s = 1 - \frac{6 \sum d^2}{n(n^2-1)} \quad n=8$$

$$= 1 - \frac{6 \times 10}{8(8^2-1)}$$

$$r_s = 0.8809$$

b)  $H_0$ : the judges are in agreement  
 $H_1$ : the judges are NOT in agreement

$$0.01 \text{ sig lvl } n=8$$

$$\therefore \text{critical value} = 0.2333$$

$$0.8809 > 0.2333$$

$\therefore$  there is insufficient evidence to reject  $H_0$  suggesting the judges are in agreement.

c)

$r_s$  would decrease as switching the two scores flips their ranks, lining them up with J2's ranks. Shows  $d$  and  $\therefore d^2$  would be lower, decreasing the value subtracted from 1 in  $r_s = 1 - \frac{\sum d^2}{n(n^2-1)}$

and increasing  $r_s$ .

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**Examiner Comments**

In part (a) the correct method has been used to find the awrt 0.881

**M1dM1M1A1**

In part (b) the hypotheses have not been given in terms of Rho (they are also the wrong way round). The Critical value is correct but there is an incorrect comparison as insufficient evidence to reject  $H_0$  means  $H_0$  is accepted. The final mark cannot be awarded as A0 follows M0.

**B0B1M0A0cso**

In part (c) there is the idea of the same rankings however, although they have said  $d^2$  decreases it is the sum of  $d^2$  that decreases although we allowed decreases for  $D$  and  $E$

**M0A0**

## Student Response C

(a)

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	7	6	8	4	5	3	2	1
	8	7	6	5	4	3	1	2
$d^2 =$	1	1	4	1	1	0	1	1

$$r = 1 - \frac{6 \sum d^2}{n(n^2-1)} = 1 - \frac{6(10)}{8(8^2-1)} = 0.881 \quad \sum d^2 = 10$$

(b)  $H_0: \rho = 0$                        $n = 8$   
 $H_1: \rho > 0$                        $CV = 0.8333$

$\Rightarrow$  Since  $0.881 > 0.8333$  ~~reject  $H_0$~~  there is enough evidence to reject  $H_0$ . The 2 judges are in agreement.

(c) This would mean that difference for skaters D and E would be 0 from the 2 judges and thus,  $d^2$  would be smaller. This would make correlation coefficient to be even closer to 1.

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**Examiner Comments**

In part (a) the correct value is found to the appropriate degree of accuracy.

**M1dM1M1A1**

In part (b) the hypotheses have not been given in terms of Rho. The Critical value is correct and there is a correct comparison as  $H_0$  is rejected. This is followed by a correct contextual statement.

**B1B1M1A1cso**

In part (c) stating the difference for D and E are 0 is equivalent to the rankings are the same and thus  $d^2$  would be smaller is equivalent to  $d^2$  decreases for D and E. Closer to 1 is accepted as the Spearman's rank correlation coefficient will increase.

**M1 A1**

## Exemplar Question 2

2. Lloyd regularly takes a break from work to go to the local cafe. The amount of time Lloyd waits to be served, in minutes, is modelled by the continuous random variable  $T$ , having probability density function

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{t}{120} & 4 \leq t \leq 16 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Show that the cumulative distribution function is given by

$$F(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 4 \\ \frac{t^2}{240} - c & 4 \leq t \leq 16 \\ 1 & t > 16 \end{cases}$$

where the value of  $c$  is to be found.

(2)

- (b) Find the exact probability that the amount of time Lloyd waits to be served is between 5 and 10 minutes.

(2)

- (c) Find the median of  $T$ .

(2)

- (d) Find the value of  $k$  such that

$$P(T < k) = \frac{2}{3} P(T > k)$$

giving your answer to 3 significant figures.

(3)

**(Total for Question 2 is 9 marks)**

**Mean Score 6.3 out of 9**

**Examiner Comments**

This question is assessing the student's understanding of probability density functions and cumulative distributions, their relationship and how to use them to find probabilities and the median (2.1, 2.2 and 2.3).

Part (a) was a “show that” question which means that just stating  $c$  is  $\frac{1}{15}$  is not enough. A fully correct method must also be shown.

Parts (b) and (c) require the use of standard techniques.

Part (d) required the mathematical problem to be translated into an equation which could then be solved using any method.

Mark Scheme

Question	Scheme	Marks	AOs
2(a)	$\int \frac{t}{120} dt = \frac{t^2}{240}$ and use of $F(4) = 0$ or $F(16) = 1$ or limits of $t$ and 4	M1	2.1
	or attempt at area of trapezium allow 1 mistake. $\frac{1}{2} \times (t-4) \left( \frac{4}{120} + \frac{t}{120} \right)$		
	$= \frac{t^2}{240} - \frac{1}{15}$	A1	1.1b
		(2)	
(b)	$F(10) - F(5) = \frac{100}{240} - "c" - \frac{25}{240} + "c"$	M1	1.1b
	$= \frac{5}{16}$	A1	1.1b
		(2)	
(c)	$\frac{m^2}{240} - \frac{1}{15} = 0.5$	M1	1.1b
	$m = 11.66\dots$ awrt 11.7	A1	1.1b
		(2)	
(d)	$F(k) = \frac{2}{3}(1 - F(k))$ or $\int_4^k \frac{t}{120} dt = \frac{2}{3} \int_k^{16} \frac{t}{120} dt$	M1	3.1a
	$\frac{k^2}{240} - \frac{1}{15} = \frac{2}{3} \left( 1 - \left( \frac{k^2}{240} - \frac{1}{15} \right) \right)$ or $\frac{k^2}{240} - \frac{1}{15} = \frac{2}{3} \times \left( \frac{16}{15} - \frac{k^2}{240} \right)$	dM1	1.1b
	$\frac{k^2}{144} = \frac{7}{9}$		
	$k = \sqrt{112}$ or awrt 10.6	A1	1.1b
	<b>Alternative</b>		
	Let $P(T < k) = p$ then $p = \frac{2}{3}(1 - p) \therefore p = \frac{2}{5}$	(M1)	
	$\frac{k^2}{240} - \frac{1}{15} = \frac{2}{5}$	(dM1)	
	$k = \sqrt{112}$ or awrt 10.6	(A1)	
		(3)	

(9 marks)

Notes

(a) **M1:** for attempting to integrate and a correct method

**A1:**  $= \frac{t^2}{240} - \frac{1}{15}$  or  $= \frac{t^2}{240} - 0.0667$

(b) **M1:** writing or using  $F(10) - F(5)$

**A1:** awrt  $\frac{5}{16}$  or 0.3125 or exact equivalent

(c) **M1:** setting their  $F(t) = 0.5$

**A1:** awrt 11.7 or  $2\sqrt{34}$  or exact equivalent

(d) **M1:** Setting up a correct equation to solve the mathematical problem or setting up correct equation to find  $p$  and an attempt to solve

**dM1:** attempted to integrate and limits substituted or using “Their  $F(k)$ ” = “their  $p$ ”

**A1:**  $\sqrt{112}$  or awrt 10.6

## Student Response A

$$a) \int_4^x \frac{t}{120} = \left[ \frac{t^2}{120 \times 2} \right]_4^x = \left[ \frac{t^2}{240} \right]_4^x$$

$$\left[ \frac{t^2}{240} \right]_4^{16} = \left( \frac{16^2}{240} \right) - \left( \frac{4^2}{240} \right) + C = 1$$

$$\frac{16}{15} + \frac{1}{15} + C = 1$$

$$1 + C = 1$$

$$C = 0$$

$$b) \int_5^{10} \frac{t}{120} = \left[ \frac{t^2}{240} \right]_5^{10}$$

$$\left( \frac{10^2}{240} \right) - \left( \frac{5^2}{240} \right) = \frac{5}{12} - \frac{5}{48} = \frac{5}{16}$$

$$c) \frac{t^2}{240} = 0.5$$

$$t^2 = 120$$

$$t = 2\sqrt{30}$$

$$d) P\left(\frac{5}{16} < k\right) = \frac{2}{3} P\left(\frac{5}{16} > k\right)$$

$$3 P\left(\frac{5}{16} < k\right) = 2 P\left(\frac{5}{16} > k\right)$$

**Examiner Comments**

In part (a) the integration is shown and the limits of  $x$  and 4 are used (we allow  $x$  instead of  $t$ ) leading to the incorrect value of  $c$  being found.

**M1A0**

In part (b) the correct answer is given.

**M1A1**

In part (c) they have put their  $F(t) = 0.5$  since their value of  $c$  is zero.

**M1A0**

In part (d) a correct equation has been not set up

**M0M0A0**

## Student Response B

(a) values  $t \leq 4$  the probability of this must be zero.  $\therefore$  area under graph  
when  $t < 4$  is zero.

area under  $\frac{t}{120}$  graph.

$$\int_4^x \left(\frac{t}{120}\right) dt = \left[\frac{t^2}{240}\right]_4^x = \left(\frac{x^2}{240}\right) - \frac{4^2}{240} = \frac{x^2}{240} - \frac{1}{15}$$

$$C = \frac{1}{15}$$

$$(b) \frac{x^2}{240} - \frac{1}{15} = 0.5$$

$$\frac{x^2}{240} = \frac{17}{30} \quad x^2 = 136 \quad x = 2\sqrt{34}$$

$$\text{median value} = 2\sqrt{34}$$

(b)

$$\left(\frac{10^2}{240} - \frac{1}{15}\right) - \left(\frac{5^2}{240} - \frac{1}{15}\right) = 0.3125$$

$$P(5 < t < 10) = 0.3125$$

(d)

~~$$k = t - 4 \quad k + 4 = t$$~~

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**Examiner Comments**

In part (a) the integration is shown and the limits of  $t$  and 4 are used leading to the correct value of  $c$  being found.

**M1A1**

Part (b) is after part (c) and the correct answer is given.

**M1A1**

In part (c) the correct answer is given.

**M1A1**

In part (d) no equation has been set up

**M0M0A0**

## Student Response C

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(a)} \quad \int_4^t \frac{1}{1200} t \, dt &= \left[ \frac{1}{240} t^2 \right]_4^t \\
 &= \frac{1}{240} t^2 - \frac{(4)^2}{240} \\
 &= \frac{t^2}{240} - \frac{1}{15}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$F(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 4 \\ \frac{t^2}{240} - \frac{1}{15} & 4 \leq t \leq 16 \\ 1 & t > 16 \end{cases}$$

$$c = \frac{1}{15}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(b)} \quad P(5 \leq t \leq 10) &= P(t \leq 10) - P(t \leq 5) \\
 &= \left( \frac{10^2}{240} - \frac{1}{15} \right) - \left( \frac{5^2}{240} - \frac{1}{15} \right) \\
 &= \frac{7}{20} - \frac{3}{80} \\
 &= \frac{5}{16} \\
 &= \underline{0.3125}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{(c)} \quad F(m) = \frac{m^2}{240} - \frac{1}{15} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{2m^2}{240} - \frac{2}{15} = 1$$

$$\frac{m^2}{120} - \frac{2}{15} = 1$$

$$m^2 = \left(1 + \frac{2}{15}\right) 120$$

$$m^2 = 136$$

$$m = \sqrt{136} = 11.7 \text{ minutes (2sf)}$$

$$(d) P(T < k) = \frac{2}{3} P(T > k)$$

$$P(T < k) = \frac{2}{3} (1 - P(T \leq k))$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} - \frac{2}{3} P(T \leq k)$$

$$P(T < k) = \frac{k^2}{240} - \frac{1}{15}$$

$$\frac{k^2}{240} - \frac{1}{15} = \frac{2}{3} - \frac{2}{3} \left( \frac{k^2}{240} - \frac{1}{15} \right)$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} - \frac{2k^2}{720} + \frac{2}{45}$$

$$\frac{3k^2}{720} = \frac{32}{45} - \frac{2k^2}{720}$$

$$\frac{5k^2}{720} = \frac{32}{45}$$

$$5k^2 = 512$$

$$k^2 = 102.4$$

$$k = \sqrt{102.4} = 10.1192885$$

$$k = 10.12 \text{ minutes}$$

$$k = 10.1 \text{ minutes}$$

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**Examiner Comments**

In part (a) the integration is shown and the limits of  $t$  and 4 are used leading to the correct value of  $c$  being found.

**M1A1**

In part (b) the correct answer is found.

**M1A1**

In part (c) the correct answer is found.

**M1A1**

In part (d) a correct equation has been given. A mistake has been made when rearranging the equation to isolate  $k^2$ .

**M1M1A0**

## Exemplar Question 3

3. Two students, Jim and Dora, collected data on the mean annual rainfall,  $w$  cm, and the annual yield of leeks,  $l$  tonnes per hectare, for 10 years.

Jim summarised the data as follows

$$S_{wl} = 42.786 \quad S_{ww} = 9936.9 \quad \sum l^2 = 26.2326 \quad \sum l = 16.06$$

- (a) Find the product moment correlation coefficient between  $l$  and  $w$  (2)

Dora decided to code the data first using  $s = w - 6$  and  $t = l - 20$

- (b) Write down the value of the product moment correlation coefficient between  $s$  and  $t$ . Give a justification for your answer. (1)

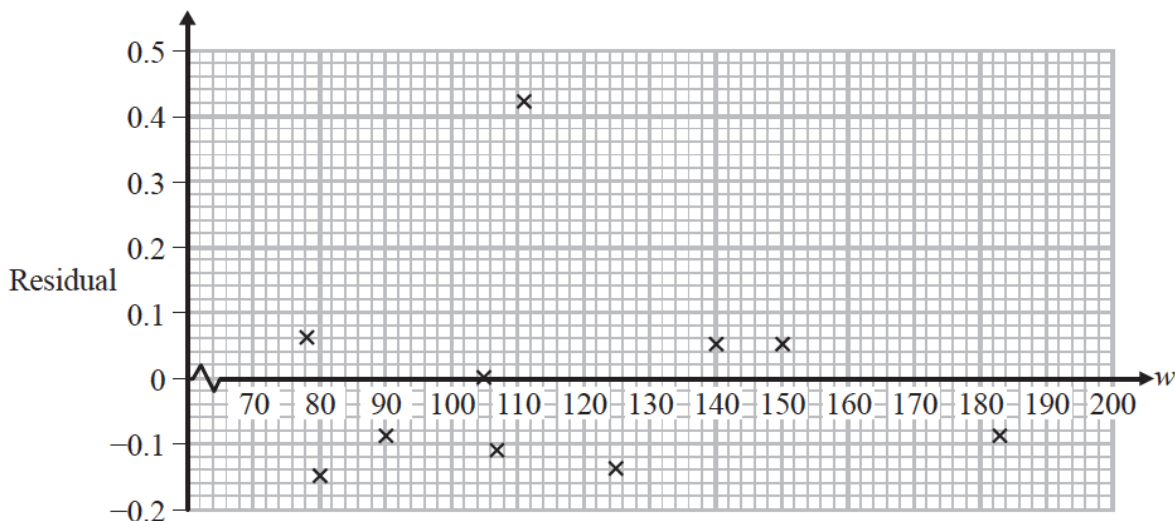
Dora calculates the equation of the regression line of  $t$  on  $s$  to be  $t = 0.00431s - 18.87$

- (c) Find the equation of the regression line of  $l$  on  $w$  in the form  $l = a + bw$ , giving the values of  $a$  and  $b$  to 3 significant figures. (3)

- (d) Use your equation to estimate the yield of leeks when  $w$  is 100 cm. (1)

- (e) Calculate the residual sum of squares. (2)

The graph shows the residual for each value of  $l$



- (f) (i) State whether this graph suggests that the use of a linear regression model is suitable for these data. Give a reason for your answer.  
 (ii) Other than collecting more data, suggest how to improve the fit of the model in part (c) to the data. (2)

(Total for Question 3 is 11 marks)

Mean Score 8.6 out of 11

### Examiner Comments

This question is assessing the student's understanding of least squares regression (1.1), residuals (1.2) and the product moment correlation coefficient (3.2)

Part (a) required the students to use the formulae to find the product moment correlation coefficient.

In part (b) whilst most students realised that the product moment correlation coefficient would be the same as part (a) a minority of students either forgot or were unable to give a suitable reason.

Part (c) required the substitution of  $s = w - 6$  and  $t = l - 20$  into the equation  $t = 0.00431s - 18.87$ . This was the most popular and successful. The most commonly used alternative method was to go back to the original summary data to find the value of  $b$  and then use a particular value for  $s$  to try and find the value of  $a$ . This was rather long winded and generally unsuccessful.

In part (e) either  $w = 100$  or  $s = 94$  needs to be substituted into the relevant equation.

Part (f) was often left blank. Students should remember that leaving a part unanswered will definitely gain zero marks but if an attempt is made there is always a chance of scoring some marks. A correct answer to both parts was rarely seen. The most common error in part (i) was to state that "all the points are close to zero" which may be true but does not necessarily mean a linear regression model is suitable. They need to be randomly scattered. Part (ii) required the recognition that there was an outlier which could be removed in order to improve the fit of the model.

## Mark Scheme

Question	Scheme	Marks	AOs
3(a)	$\left[ S_{ii} = 26.2326 - \frac{16.06^2}{10} = 0.44024 \right]$		
	$r = \frac{42.786}{\sqrt{9936.9 \times "0.44024"}}$	M1	1.1b
	$r = 0.64689\dots$ awrt 0.647	A1	1.1b
		(2)	
(b)	"0.647" coding has no effect on the pmcc	B1ft	1.1b
		(1)	
(c)	$l - 20 = 0.00431(w - 6) - 18.87$	M1	3.1a
	$l = 0.00431w + \dots$	M1	1.1b
	$l = 0.00431w + 1.10414$	A1	1.1b
		(3)	
(d)	$l = 0.00431 \times 100 + 1.10 = 1.53$	B1ft	3.4
		(1)	
(e)	$RSS = "0.44024" - \frac{(42.786)^2}{9936.9}$ or $"0.44024"(1 - "0.647"{}^2)$	M1	1.1b
	$RSS = 0.2560$	A1	1.1b
		(2)	
(f)	(i) The points appear <b>randomly</b> scattered above and below zero giving us no reason to doubt the suitability of the linear model.	B1	3.5a
	(ii) There is a possible outlier that could be removed (and the regression line recalculated).	B1	3.5c
		(2)	
<b>(11 marks)</b>			
<b>Notes</b>			
(a) <b>M1:</b> For a complete correct method to find $r$			
<b>A1:</b> for awrt 0.647			
(b) <b>B1ft:</b> stating their answer to part (a) and a correct reason			
(c) <b>M1:</b> for use of a correct model. i.e. a correct expression for $b$			
<b>M1:</b> for use of a correct model i.e. a correct expression (ft) for $a$			
<b>A1:</b> for correct model $l = 0.00431w + 1.10$ with awrt 0.00431 and awrt 1.10			
(d) <b>B1ft:</b> correct answer using their equation and $w = 100$ or using $t = 0.00431s - 18.87$ and $s = 94$ Allow awrt 1.53/1.54			
(e) <b>M1:</b> for a correct expression for RSS			
<b>A1:</b> awrt 0.256			
(f) <b>B1:</b> For explaining why the model may be suitable. Allow randomly scattered around $w$ ( $x$ ) axis. Do not allow most residuals close to zero or not suitable as not randomly scattered.			
<b>B1:</b> For explaining how the fit of the model might be improved.			

## Student Response A

$$(a) s_{ll} = \frac{\sum l^2 - \frac{(\sum l)^2}{n}}{n} = \frac{26.2326 - \frac{(16.06)^2}{10}}{10} \\ = \frac{26.2326 - 25.79236}{10} = 0.44024$$

$$r = \frac{s_{wl}}{\sqrt{s_{ll} \times s_{ww}}} = \frac{42.786}{\sqrt{9936.9 \times 0.44024}} = 0.6468915486 \\ = 0.6469(4sf)$$

(b) —

$$(c) l = 0.004315 - 18.87$$

$$l - 20 = 0.00431(w - 6) - 18.87$$

$$l = 0.00431w - 0.02586 - 18.87 + 20$$

$$l = 0.00431w - 1.15586.$$

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**Examiner Comments**

In part (a) an awrt 0.647 is given.

**M1A1**

In part (b) no answer is given.

**B0ft**In part (c) the correct model has been used resulting in the equation of the regression line being in the form  $l = 0.00431 + \dots$ . We allow  $l = 0.00431 - \dots$ . The final equation of the regression line is incorrect**M1M1A0**

In part (d) no answer is given.

**B0ft**

In part (e) no answer is given.

**M0A0**

In part (f) no answer is given.

**B0B0**

Student Response B

a)  $\frac{S_{xy}}{S_x^2} = \frac{S_{xy}}{\sqrt{S_{xx} S_y^2}}$

$\frac{42.786}{\sqrt{9936.9}} = 0.4402$

$\frac{26.2326 - (16.06)^2}{10} = 0.4402$

$r = 0.6469209387$

b)  $E(x) = 6$

$\frac{\sum w}{2w^3}$

$\bar{w} = 107.9$   
 $\bar{w} = 1.606$

c)  $b = \frac{S_{xy}}{S_{xx}} = \frac{S_{w1}}{S_{ww}} = \frac{42.786}{9936.9}$

$b = 0.004297$   
 $a = \bar{c} - b\bar{w} =$

78, 80, 105, 107, 111, 125, 140, 150, 188

$a = 11423537$

$y = 1.14235 + 0.004297w$

$r_{SS} = 0.2560$

$\hat{c} = 1.142 + 0.00430w$

$SS = \frac{(\sum w)^2}{S_{ww}}$

d) 1.572

e)  $r_{SS} = S_{yy} - \frac{(S_{xy})^2}{S_{xx} S_y^2} = 0.44024 - \frac{(42.786)^2}{9936.9}$

li) This suggests the graph is not suitable for a linear regression model as it doesn't have an elliptical shape

for) remove value (111, 0.42) from the data as it is an outlier and will reduce Pearson's product moment correlation

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**Examiner Comments**

In part (a) an awrt 0.647 is given.

**M1A1**

In part (b) no value for the pmcc is given.

**B0ft**

In part (c) there is a correct method shown for finding the value of  $b$ . However an incorrect method has been used to find the value of  $a$  and the answer is incorrect.

**M1M0A0**

In part (d) 1.572 is correct using their value of  $a$  and their value of  $b$ .

**B1ft**

In part (e) a correct formula has been used leading to the correct RSS value.

**M1A1**

In part (f) (i) there is the suggestion that the model is not suitable and there is no reference to the points being randomly scattered.

**B0**

In (ii) there is the suggestion that the outlier be removed. This is all that is needed for **B1**.

## Student Response C

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a. } S_u &= \sum l^2 - \frac{(\sum l)^2}{n} \\ &= 26.2326 - \frac{16.06^2}{10} \\ &= 0.44024 \end{aligned}$$

$$r = \frac{S_{lw}}{\sqrt{S_u \times S_{ww}}} = \frac{42.786}{\sqrt{9436.9 \times 0.44024}} = 0.6468913486 = 0.647$$

$$\text{b. } r = 0.647$$

A linear coding does not change the product moment correlation coefficient.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c. } s &= w - 6 \quad t = l - 20 \\ t &= 0.00431s - 18.87 \\ l - 20 &= 0.00431(w - 6) - 18.87 \\ l &= 0.00431w + 20 - 0.02586 - 18.87 \\ l &= 0.00431w + 20 - 0.02586 - 18.87 \\ l &= 0.00431w + 1.10414 \\ \therefore l &= 0.00431w + 1.10 \\ \therefore a &= 1.10, \quad b = 0.00431 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{d. } l &= 0.00431w + 1.10 \\ w &= 100 \\ l &= 0.00431 \times 100 + 1.10 \\ l &= 0.431 + 1.10 \\ l &= 1.531 \\ l &= 1.53 \text{ tonnes per hectare} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{e. } \text{RSS} &= S_u(1 - r^2) \\ &= 0.44024 \times (1 - 0.6468913486^2) \\ &= 0.1554524646 \\ &= 0.155 \end{aligned}$$

P.T.O

8. (I). A linear model may be suitable as the residuals are randomly distributed about 0

(II). Calculate the summary statistics for  $s$  and  $t$  and use those to work out the equation of the regression line

**Examiner Comments**

In part (a) an awrt 0.647 is given.

**M1A1**

In part (b) the correct pmcc is given with a correct reason.

**B1ft**

In part (c) the correct model is given.

**M1M1A1**

In part (d) the correct answer is given.

**B1ft**

In part (e) a correct formula has been written down and an attempt to use it has been made. As the formula has been written down we can treat the missing squared as a slip. If the formula had not been written down this would have gained M0.

**M1A0**

In part (f) (i) they have the residuals are randomly scattered about 0.

**B1**

In (ii) there is no acceptable explanation on how to improve the model.

**B0**

**Exemplar Question 4**

The random variable  $X$  has a continuous uniform distribution over the interval  $[5, a]$ , where  $a$  is a constant.

Given that  $\text{Var}(X) = \frac{27}{4}$

(a) show that  $a = 14$

(3)

The continuous random variable  $Y$  has probability density function

$$f(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{20}(2y - 3) & 2 \leq y \leq 6 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The random variable  $T = 3(X^2 + X) + 2Y$

(b) Show that  $E(T) = \frac{9857}{30}$

(7)

**(Total for Question 4 is 10 marks)****Mean Score 6.7 out of 10****Examiner Comments**

This question is assessing the student's understanding of the continuous uniform distribution (2.3) and probability density functions (2.1) and how to find the mean (2.4).

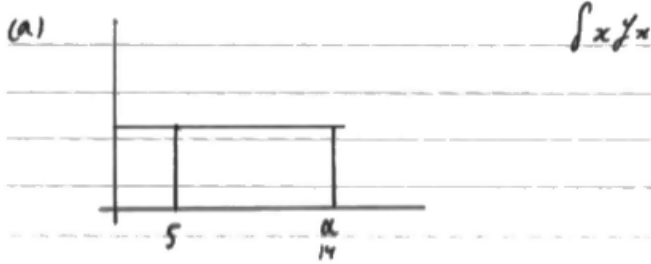
Part (a) required the students to use the formula for the variance of a uniform distribution to set up an equation and then solve it. The answer is given so all working must be shown and in particular a reason must be given as to why 14 and not  $-4$  was the required value.

Part (b) required some problem solving in order to work out the steps required to reach the given answer. They needed to find  $E(X)$ ,  $E(X^2)$ ,  $E(Y)$  and use  $E(aX) = aE(X)$ .

## Mark Scheme

Question	Scheme	Marks	AOs
<b>4(a)</b>	$\frac{1}{12}(a-5)^2 = \frac{27}{4}$	M1	3.1a
	$(a-5)^2 = 81$		
	$a-5=9$ or $a-5=-9$	A1	1.1b
	$\therefore$ since $a > 5$ $a = 14^*$	A1cso*	2.2a
		(3)	
<b>(b)</b>	Correct method for $E(Y)$ , $E(X)$ and $E(X^2)$ or $E(Y)$ and $E(X^2 + X)$	M1	3.1a
	$E(Y) = \int_2^6 \frac{1}{20} y(2y-3) dy$	M1	1.1b
	$= \frac{68}{15}$	A1	1.1b
	$E(X) = \frac{5+14}{2}$ or 9.5 and $\frac{27}{4} = E(X^2) - 9.5^2$	M1	1.1b
	or $\int_5^{14} \frac{x^2}{9} dx$ or $\int_5^{14} \left( \frac{x^3}{9} + \frac{x^2}{9} \right) dx$ or $3 \int_5^{14} \left( \frac{x^3}{9} + \frac{x^2}{9} \right) dx$		
	$E(X^2) = 97$ and $E(X) = 9.5$ or $E(X^2 + X) = 106.5$ or $3E(X^2 + X) = 319.5$	A1	1.1b
	$E(T) = 3 \times "97" + 3 \times "9.5" + 2 \times \frac{68}{15}$ oe	M1	1.1b
	$E(T) = \frac{9857}{30}$ *	A1*cso	2.1
		(7)	
<b>(10 marks)</b>			
Notes			
<b>(a) M1:</b> translating a problem in mathematical contexts into a correct equation. Allow			
$\frac{a^3 - 125}{3(a-5)} - \left( \frac{a+5}{2} \right)^2 = \frac{27}{4}$			
<b>A1:</b> for $a-5=9$ or $a-5=-9$ or $a^2 - 10a - 56 = 0$ or $a^3 - 15a^2 - 6a + 280 = 0$			
<b>A1cso*:</b> concluding it is 14 giving a reason why -4 is rejected			
<b>(b) M1:</b> For a complete method to solve the problem			
<b>M1:</b> For an attempt at $E(Y)$			
<b>A1:</b> $= \frac{68}{15}$ or awrt 4.53			
<b>M1:</b> For an attempt at $E(X)$ and $E(X^2)$ or $E(X^2 + X)$ or $3E(X^2 + X)$			
Some sort of working must be seen for $E(X^2)$ eg $\frac{27}{4} = E(X^2) - E(X)^2$ .			
Allow $\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - E(X)^2$ leading to $= E(X^2)$			
<b>A1:</b> 319.5			
<b>M1:</b> Method for finding $E(T)$ ft their values			
<b>A1*cso:</b> Fully correct solution no errors, must have $E(T) = \frac{9857}{30}$ *			

## Student Response A



$$\frac{1}{12}(b-a)^2 = \frac{1}{12}(a-5)^2 = \frac{1}{12}a^2 - 10a + 25 = \frac{27}{4}$$

$$\frac{1}{12}a^2 - 10a - 56 = 0$$

$$(a - 14)(a + 4) = 0$$

$$a = 14 \text{ or } a = -4$$

$a$  can't be negative so  $a = 14$

(b)  $T = 3x^2 + 3x + 2y$



$$(14 - 5) \times p = 1$$

$$9p = 1$$

$$p = \frac{1}{9}$$

$$E(X) = \sum x P(X=x) \quad \text{Sub}$$

$$E(X) = \frac{1}{2}(ab) = \frac{1}{2}(5 + 14) = \frac{19}{2}$$

$$E(X^2) = \sum x^2$$

$$\int_5^{14} x \frac{1}{9} = \left( \frac{1}{18} x^2 \right)_5^{14} = \frac{19}{2}$$

$$3 \times \frac{19}{2} + 3 \times \frac{1}{9}$$

**Examiner Comments**

In part (a) a correct equation has been formed and then solved correctly. A reason has been given as to why  $-4$  has been rejected.

**M1M1A1**

In part (b) there is no method for finding  $E(Y)$ .  $E(X)$  is correct but an incorrect method has been used to find  $E(X^2)$ . There is only a partial calculation for  $\text{Var}(T)$ .

**M0M0A0M0A0M0A0**

## Student Response B

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(a)} \quad \text{Var}(X) &= \frac{27}{4} & \text{Var}(X) &= E(X^2) - \mu^2 \\
 \frac{(a-5)^2}{12} &= \frac{27}{4} & \frac{27}{4} &= E(X^2) - 14^2 \\
 (a-5)^2 &= \frac{27}{4} \times 12 & E(X^2) &= \frac{27}{4} + 14^2 \\
 (a-5)^2 &= 27 \times 3 & &= 202.75 \\
 (a-5)^2 &= 81 & & \\
 a-5 &= \pm 9 & & \\
 \therefore a &= 9+5=14 & & \\
 \text{(b)} \quad E(T) &= E[3(X^2+X)+2Y] & &= 3E(X^2)+3E(X)+2E(Y) \\
 &= E(3X^2+3X+2Y) & &= 3 \times 202.75 + 3 \times 9.5 + 2 \times \frac{272}{60} \\
 & & &= \frac{9857}{30} \\
 E(X) &= \frac{14+5}{2} = \frac{19}{2} = 9.5 & & \\
 E(Y) &= \int_2^6 \frac{4}{20} (2y-3) dy & &= \frac{1}{20} (90 + 0.6T) \\
 &= \frac{1}{20} \int_2^6 (2y^2 - 3y) dy & &= 4.5335 \\
 &= \frac{1}{20} \left[ \frac{2}{3} y^3 - 3 \frac{1}{2} y^2 \right]_2^6 & &= \left( 90 \frac{2}{3} \right) \times \frac{1}{20} \\
 &= \frac{1}{20} \left( \frac{2}{3} y^3 - \frac{3}{2} y^2 \right) \Big|_2^6 & &= \frac{272}{3 \times 20} = \frac{272}{60} \\
 &= \frac{1}{20} \left[ \left( \frac{144}{3} - 54 \right) - \left( \frac{16}{3} - 6 \right) \right] & &= \frac{840}{1760}
 \end{aligned}$$

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**Examiner Comments**

In part (a) a correct equation has been formed and then solved correctly. Although  $-4$  has been eliminated, no reason has been given as to why.

**M1M1A0**

In part (b)  $E(X)$  is correct.  $E(Y)$  is an awrt 4.53 An incorrect method has been used to find  $E(X^2)$  since they have not subtracted  $[E(X)]^2$ .

A correct method for finding  $\text{Var}(T)$  has been used but the final A1cso requires all previous marks to have been awarded.

**M0M1A1M0A0M1A0**

## Student Response C

a)  $\frac{(b-a)^2}{12} = \frac{27}{4}$   $E(X) = \frac{5+a}{2}$  <sup>(7)</sup>

~~(5-a)~~  $(a-5)(a-5)$   $E(X) = \frac{5+14}{2} = \frac{19}{2}$

$$\frac{a^2 - 10a + 25}{12} = \frac{27}{4}$$

$$a^2 - 10a + 25 = 81$$

$$a^2 - 10a - 56 = 0$$

~~$a = 4$~~   $a = 14$   $\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - E(X)^2$

b)  $T = 3X^2 + 3X + 2Y$

$$E(T) = 3E(X^2) + 3E(X) + 2E(Y)$$

$$E(X^2) = \text{Var}(X) + E(X)^2$$

$$= \frac{27}{4} + \left(\frac{19}{2}\right)^2$$

$$E(X^2) = 97 \quad E(X) = \frac{19}{2}$$

$$\int_2^6 \left( \frac{1}{10}y^2 - \frac{3}{20}y \right) dy$$

$$\left[ \frac{1}{30}y^3 - \frac{3}{40}y^2 \right]_2^6$$

(6) - (2)

$$\frac{9}{2} - \frac{14}{15} = \frac{107}{30} = E(Y)$$

$$3E(X^2) + 3E(X) + 2E(Y)$$

$$(3 \times 97) + \left(3 \times \frac{19}{2}\right) + \left(2 \times \frac{107}{30}\right)$$

$$E(T) = \frac{9857}{30}$$

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**Examiner Comments**

In part (a) a correct equation has been formed and then solved correctly. Although  $-4$  has been eliminated, no reason has been given as to why.

**M1M1A0**

In part (b)  $E(X)$  and  $E(X^2)$  have been found correctly and a correct method for  $E(Y)$  has been used but the final answer is incorrect. It should be  $\frac{1}{30}$  not  $\frac{14}{15}$  when 2 was substituted.

A correct method for finding  $\text{Var}(T)$  has been used but the final A1cso requires all previous marks to have been awarded. The answer is given and had the student calculated their second to last line they would have seen it does not give the required answer.

**M1M1A0M1A1M1A0**

## A Level Further Mathematics – Further Statistics 1 (9FM0 3B)

### Exemplar Question 1

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1. A chocolate manufacturer places special tokens in 2% of the bars it produces so that each bar contains at most one token. Anyone who collects 3 of these tokens can claim a prize.

Andreia buys a box of 40 bars of the chocolate.

- (a) Find the probability that Andreia can claim a prize. (2)

Barney intends to buy bars of the chocolate, one at a time, until he can claim a prize.

- (b) Find the probability that Barney can claim a prize when he buys his 40th bar of chocolate. (3)

- (c) Find the expected number of bars that Barney must buy to claim a prize. (1)

**(Total for Question 1 is 6 marks)**

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**Mean Score 4.65 out of 6**

#### Examiner Comments

Part (a) was a straightforward opener and most students answered this correctly.

In part (b) many recognised that a negative binomial model was required, and this was often correct although some lost an accuracy mark for failing to give their answer correct to 3 significant figures.

The other common error here, and in part (c), was to try and use a geometric model. In the final part most could use the formula given in the formula booklet correctly, but some weren't totally sure about the notation and therefore which values to use.

## Mark Scheme

Qu	Scheme	Marks	AO
1(a)	[Let $X$ = no. of prizes Andreia wins] $X \sim B(40, 0.02)$	M1	3.3
	[Require $P(X \geq 3) = 1 - P(X \leq 2)$ ] = 0.04567... awrt <b>0.0457</b>	A1	1.1b
(b)	[Let $Y$ = no. of the bar when Barney wins] $Y \sim \text{NegBin}(3, 0.02)$	M1	3.3
	[ $P(Y = 40) = \binom{39}{2} \times 0.02^2 \times 0.98^{37} \times 0.02$	M1	3.4
	= 0.0028071... awrt <b>0.00281</b>	A1	1.1b
(c)	$E(Y) = \frac{3}{0.02} = \underline{150}$	(3)	
		B1	1.1b
		(1)	
<b>(6 marks)</b>			
Notes			
(a)	M1 for selecting a suitable model i.e. $B(40, p)$ where $p$ is any probability Written or used, may be implied by a correct ans or 0.037429... from $P(X = 3)$ A1 for awrt 0.0457 (correct answer only 2/2)		
(b)	1 <sup>st</sup> M1 for selecting a suitable model ( $\text{NB}(3, 0.02)$ ) May be implied by a correct expression 2 <sup>nd</sup> M1 for use of model to form a correct expression		
SC	$p \neq 0.02$ Allow prob of the form $\binom{39}{2} p^3 (1-p)^{37}$ where $0 < p < 1$ scores M0M1		
	A1 for awrt 0.00281 (accept awrt $2.81 \times 10^{-3}$ ) [correct answer with no working scores 3/3]		
(c)	B1 for 150		

### Examiner Comments

One of the assessment objectives being targeted in parts (a) and (b) requires the students to select a suitable model. A simple clear statement of the correct model [ $B(40, 0.02)$  in (a) and  $\text{NegB}(3, 0.02)$  in (b)] would score these method marks though, of course were also awarded for clear use of the correct model.

## Student Response A

a) ~~X~~  $X =$  number of bars containing a token.  
 $X \sim B(40, 0.02)$   
 $P(X=3) = 0.0374$

b)  $X \sim \text{Geo}(0.0374)$   
 $P(X=40) = 0.0374 (1-0.0374)^{39}$   
 $= 0.00846$

c)  $E(X) = \frac{1}{0.0374} = 26.74$  bars.

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**Examiner Comments**

In part (a) the correct binomial model is given (M1) but a number of candidates mis-interpreted the context like this and simply found  $P(X = 3)$  rather than  $P(X \geq 3)$  (A0).

In part (b) the correct model was not stated nor was there evidence of its use (M0A0). A number of students used their answer from part (a) as the probability here and a special case on the mark scheme enabled them to score 1 mark if a negative binomial model were being used but that is not the case here.

In part (c) this was not correct (B0).

## Student Response B

$$(a) \quad X \sim B(40, 0.02)$$

$$P(X \leq 3) = 0.9918$$

$$(b) \quad X \sim NB(\overset{3}{\cancel{40}}, 0.02)$$

$$P(X=40) = {}^{39}C_2 (0.02)^3 (1-0.02)^{\overset{37}{\cancel{39}}}$$

$$= 0.0028$$

(c)

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**Examiner Comments**

In part (a) the correct model is given (M1) but the answer is incorrect (A0).

In part (b) the correct model is stated (M1) and a correct expression is given (M1) but the answer is only given to 2s.f. not 3 and so the last mark was lost (A0).

In part (c) there is no attempt (B0).

## Student Response C

(a) <sup>the discrete random variable (DRV)</sup> Let  $X$  be the number of tokens found where  
 $X \sim B(3, 0.02)$

~~$P(\text{Andrea can claim prize}) = P(Z=2) \times 0.02$~~   
 where  $Z$  is a discrete random variable  ~~$\sim B(39, 0.02)$~~

$$P(X \geq 3) = 1 - P(X \leq 2)$$

$$= 1 - 0.9543$$

$$= 0.0457$$

(b) Let the discrete random variable  $Z$  be the number of tokens Barney finds, where  $Z \sim NB(40, 0.02)$

~~$P(Z=40) = \dots$~~   
 Let  $Y$  be the discrete random variable of the number of tokens Barney finds in the first 39 bars, where  
 $Y \sim B(39, 0.02)$

$$P(Z=40) = P(Y=2) \times 0.02$$

(355)

$$= 0.1404 \times 0.02 = 0.002808$$

(c)  ~~$E(X) = \dots$~~   
 $= 40 \times 0.02$

$$\text{mean} = \frac{\Gamma}{p} = \frac{40}{0.02} = \underline{\underline{2000}}$$

**Examiner Comments**

In part (a) the model written at the start of the question is not correct but the following work is crossed out and the final answer presented is correct. We will give the mark for the correct model if a correct answer is given. (M1A1).

In part (b) the correct model is stated (M1) and used to give the correct answer to 3s.f. (M1A1).

In part (c) a number of students, such as this one, knew where to find the correct formula but were clearly not very confident about using it. An incorrect value of  $r$  is used and the answer is incorrect (B0).

## Exemplar Question 2

2. Indre works on reception in an office and deals with all the telephone calls that arrive. Calls arrive randomly and, in a 4-hour morning shift, there are on average 80 calls.

(a) Using a suitable model, find the probability of more than 4 calls arriving in a particular 20-minute period one morning.

(3)

Indre is allowed 20 minutes of break time during each 4-hour morning shift, which she can take in 5-minute periods. When she takes a break, a machine records details of any call in the office that Indre has missed.

One morning Indre took her break time in 4 periods of 5 minutes each.

(b) Find the probability that in exactly 3 of these periods there were no calls.

(2)

On another occasion Indre took 1 break of 5 minutes and 1 break of 15 minutes.

(c) Find the probability that Indre missed exactly 1 call in each of these 2 breaks.

(3)

(Total for Question 2 is 8 marks)

Mean Score 6.50 out of 8

**Examiner Comments**

This was another well answered question with over 50% of the students scoring full marks. Most identified the Poisson distribution as a suitable model here and usually they had the correct mean too. A number of lost marks here over the interpretation of “more than 4 calls” and statements such as

$P(C > 4) = 1 - P(C \leq 3)$  were fairly common.

Part (b) was a little more demanding and whilst a number were able to use a Poisson distribution to obtain the probability of 0.189 they often did not realise that this was the parameter of a binomial distribution and answers of  $0.189^3 \times (1 - 0.189)$  without the appropriate binomial coefficient were often seen. A few students rounded to 3 decimal places rather than 3 significant figures and, without sight of their full answer from their calculator, the examiners could not award the final mark. Whilst most identified two correct Poisson distributions e.g.  $X \sim \text{Po}(\frac{5}{3})$  and  $Y \sim \text{Po}(5)$  there were 3 common errors: some added the required probabilities instead of multiplying them together; others calculated  $P(X = 1) \times P(Y = 0) + P(X = 0) \times P(Y = 1)$  and some used a  $\text{Po}(\frac{5}{3} + 5)$  distribution.

## Mark Scheme

Qu	Scheme	Marks	AO
2(a)	{Let $C$ = no of calls in a 20 min period} $C \sim \text{Po}(\dots)$	M1	3.3
	80 calls per 4-hour period gives $\frac{20}{3}$ per 20 mins i.e. $C \sim \text{Po}(\frac{20}{3})$	M1	3.4
	$[P(C > 4)] = 1 - P(C \leq 4)$ $= 0.79437\dots$ awrt <b>0.794</b>	A1 (3)	1.1b
(b)	{ $X$ = no. of 5 min periods with no calls } $X \sim B(4, e^{-\frac{5}{3}})$	M1	3.3
	$P(X = 3) = 0.02186125\dots$ awrt <b>0.0219</b>	A1 (2)	1.1b
(c)	P(exactly one call) $e^{-\frac{5}{3}} \times \frac{5}{3}$ or $e^{-5} \times 5$	M1	2.1
	P(exactly one call in each break) = $\left(e^{-\frac{5}{3}} \times \frac{5}{3}\right) \times (e^{-5} \times 5)$	M1	1.1b
	$= 0.0106052\dots$ awrt <b>0.0106</b>	A1 (3)	1.1b
<b>Notes</b>			
(a)	1 <sup>st</sup> M1 for selecting a Poisson model – written or used. May be implied by 2 <sup>nd</sup> M1 or a correct answer. 2 <sup>nd</sup> M1 for the correct Poisson $\text{Po}(\frac{20}{3})$ or $\text{Po}(6.67)$ or better seen <u>and</u> writing or using $1 - P(C \leq 4)$ A1 for awrt 0.794 (correct ans with no incorrect working scores 3/3)		
(b)	M1 for selecting a correct model $B(4, 0.189)$ or better (calc: 0.188875...) A1 for using the model to get awrt 0.0219 (correct ans with no incorrect working scores 2/2)		
(c)	1 <sup>st</sup> M1 for <u>a</u> correct prob of 1 call (expressions in e or values) (allow 0.31479... or awrt 0.315 <u>or</u> 0.033689... or awrt 0.0337) 2 <sup>nd</sup> M1 for a correct probability statement or expression. E.g. $P(S = 1   S \sim \text{Po}(\frac{5}{3})) \times P(T = 1   T \sim \text{Po}(5))$		
SC	e.g. $F \sim \text{Po}(\lambda)$ used in (b) to find $P(F = 0)$ Then if we see $Y \sim \text{Po}(3\lambda)$ and statement $P(F = 1) \times P(Y = 1)$ award M0M1 A1 for awrt 0.0106 (correct ans with no incorrect working scores 3/3)		

### Examiner Comments

A special case was available in part (c) for those students who had the wrong rate for the 5 minute break in part (b) and used this rate in their Poisson distributions in part (c).

## Student Response A

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a)} \quad & \text{4 hours} = 80 \text{ calls} \\ & \div 12 \qquad \qquad \qquad \div 12 \\ & X = \text{calls received in 20 mins} = \frac{20}{3} \\ & X \sim P_0\left(\frac{20}{3}\right) \\ & P(X > 4) = 1 - P(X \leq 4) = 0.7944 \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad 1 - 0.2056 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b)} \quad & Y = \text{No. calls in 5 mins} \\ & Y \sim P_0\left(\frac{4}{3}\right) \quad P(Y=0) = 0.263597. \end{aligned}$$

$$Z \sim B(4, 0.2636)$$

$$P(Z=3) = 0.05395$$

$$\text{c)} \quad P(Y=1) = 0.35146$$

$$M = \text{No. calls in 15 mins}$$

$$M \sim P_0(4)$$

$$P(M=1) = 0.07326$$

$$0.35146 \times 0.07326 = 0.02575$$

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**Examiner Comments**

In part (a) this is correct (M1M1A1).

In part (b) they have an incorrect model for the number of calls in a 5 minute break and so their binomial model is incorrect (M0 and therefore A0). This is a case where the special case might provide a mark in part (c).

In part (c) they have used their incorrect rate for 5 minutes to get the rate for 15 minutes but the calculation they make with these two Poisson models is the right one. We therefore award M0 for the incorrect Poisson models but M1 (using the special case) for attempting to multiply two appropriate probabilities but the answer of course is wrong (A0).

## Student Response B

$$\begin{aligned}
 (a) \quad & 80 \div 12 = \frac{20}{3} \\
 & X \sim P_0\left(\frac{20}{3}\right) \\
 & P(X \geq 4) = 1 - P(X \leq 4) \\
 & = 1 - 0.2056 \\
 & = 0.7944
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (b) \quad & Y \sim P_0\left(\frac{5}{3}\right) \\
 & P(X=0) = 0.1889 \\
 & \text{0.18} \quad Z \sim B(4, 0.1889) \\
 & P(X=3) = 0.0219
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (c) \quad & A \sim P_0\left(\frac{5}{3}\right) \\
 & P(X=1) = 0.3148 \\
 & P(X=0) = 0.1889 \\
 & B \sim P_0\left(\frac{4}{3}\right) \\
 & P(X=1) = 0.0337 \\
 & P(X=0) = 0.0067 \\
 & 0.3148 \times 0.0067 + 0.1889 \times 0.0337 \\
 & = 0.0085
 \end{aligned}$$

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**Examiner Comments**

In part (a) this is fully correct (M1M1A1).

In part (b) they have used the correct rate on a Poisson to find the parameter of the correct binomial distribution (M1) and have used a sufficiently accurate value to achieve a final answer correct to 3s.f. (A1).

In part (c) the two correct Poisson models are stated and the probability of 1 missed call worked out for at least one of them (1<sup>st</sup> M1). This student has then misinterpreted the question and effectively found the probability of exactly 1 missed call in just one of the breaks. This was a fairly common error and scored (M0A0).

## Student Response C

$$\text{in a)} \quad X \sim \text{Po}(80) \text{ for 4 hrs (per 240 min)}$$

$$X \sim \text{Po}\left(\frac{20}{3}\right) \text{ per 20 minutes}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X > 4) &= P(X \geq 5) \\ &= 1 - P(X \leq 4) \\ &= 0.205627\dots \\ &= 0.206 \text{ (3sf)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{b)} \quad X \sim \text{Po}\left(\frac{5}{3}\right) \text{ for 5 minutes}$$

$$P(X=0) = 0.188875\dots$$

$$X \sim B(4, 0.188875\dots)$$

$$P(X=3) = 0.0219 \text{ (3sf)}$$

$$\text{c)} \quad X \sim \text{Po}\left(\frac{5}{3}\right) \text{ for 5 minutes}$$

$$P(X=1) = 0.31979\dots$$

$$X \sim B(4,$$

$$Y \sim \text{Po}(5) \text{ for 15 minutes}$$

$$P(X=1) = 0.03368\dots$$

$$P(Y=1) = 0.03368\dots$$

$$\therefore P(X=1)$$

$$P(X=1) \times P(Y=1) = 0.0106 \text{ (3sf)}$$

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**Examiner Comments**

In part (a) the correct model is given (M1) and the correct probability expression is used (M1) but they forgot to subtract their value from 1 and so the answer is incorrect (A0).

In part (b) this is fully correct (M1A1).

In part (c) this is a very well presented solution. They have clearly defined two Poisson variables  $X$  and  $Y$ , worked out the probability of 1 missed call for each and then given a clear expression using their notation to achieve the answer. All the marks are scored and there is good use of mathematical notation.

## Exemplar Question 3

3. A biased spinner can land on the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 with the following probabilities.

<b>Number on spinner</b>	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Probability</b>	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.3

The spinner will be spun 80 times and the mean of the numbers it lands on will be calculated. Find an estimate of the probability that this mean will be greater than 3.25

(6)

**(Total for Question 3 is 6 marks)**

Mean Score 4.89 out of 6

**Examiner Comments**

This turned out to be the most successfully answered question on the paper with nearly 70% scoring full marks. Even those who did not spot the need to use the central limit theorem could often score the first 3 marks although some still struggled to use the correct formula for the variance with  $-E(X)$ , instead of  $-E(X^2)$ , a common error. Use of correct notation was not good with the statements

like  $X \sim N\left(3, \sqrt{\frac{2.6}{80}}\right)$  often being used incorrectly as  $\bar{X} \sim N\left(3, \sqrt{\frac{2.6}{80}}\right)$ . Students should be aware that there is an assessment objective in the new specification that requires “correct use of mathematical notation” and correct handling of normal distribution notation may be required in future assessments.

### Mark Scheme

Qu	Scheme	Marks	AO
3.	{ Let $X$ = the number when the spinner is spun} $\mu = \underline{3}$	B1	1.1b
	$[E(X^2) = ]0.3 + 4 \times 0.1 + 9 \times 0.2 + 16 \times 0.1 + 25 \times 0.3 [ = 11.6 \text{ or } \frac{58}{5} ]$	M1	1.1b
	$\sigma^2 [ = 11.6 - 3^2 = ] \underline{2.6}$	A1	1.1b
	$\bar{X} \approx N \left( "3", \sqrt{\frac{"2.6"}{80}} \right)$	M1	2.1
	$P(\bar{X} > 3.25) = [P(Z > 1.3867\dots) = ]0.0827589\dots$ (calc) awrt <b>0.0828</b>	A1ft A1	1.1b 3.4
<b>Notes</b>			
ALT	B1 for stating or using mean = 3		
	1 <sup>st</sup> M1 for using the given model to attempt $E(X^2)$ with at least 3 correct products seen		
	1 <sup>st</sup> A1 for $\text{Var}(X) = 2.6$ or $\sigma = \sqrt{2.6} = 1.6124\dots$ (awrt 1.61)		
	<b>Use of pgf</b> (B1 when mean = 3 seen) (M1 when correct $G''(t)$ seen with attempt at $G''(1)$ )		
	$G(t) = 0.3t + 0.1t^2 + 0.2t^3 + 0.1t^4 + 0.3t^5$ $G'(t) = 0.3 + 0.2t + 0.6t^2 + 0.4t^3 + 1.5t^4$ $G''(t) = 0.2 + 1.2t + 1.2t^2 + 6t^3$ leading to $G''(1) = 8.6$		
2 <sup>nd</sup> M1 for use of CLT – must use $\bar{X}$ and normal <u>or</u> sight of $N \left( "3", \sqrt{\frac{"2.6"}{80}} \right)$ with any letter			
2 <sup>nd</sup> A1ft for a correct mean and variance, ft their 3 and their 2.6			
This M1A1ft may be implied by sight of correct st. dev. used in a standardisation leading to $P(Z > 1.39)$ Must see correct use of $Z$			
NB $\frac{2.6}{80} = 0.0325$ and $\sqrt{\frac{2.6}{80}} = 0.18027\dots$ so allow e.g. $N(3, \text{awrt } (0.180)^2)$			
3 <sup>rd</sup> A1 for using the normal model to find probability awrt 0.0828			
<b>Use of <math>\sum X</math></b> (If see clear attempt at $P(\sum X > 260)$ condone $P(\sum X > 260.5)$ then:			
2 <sup>nd</sup> M1 for $\sum X \sim N(\dots)$ <u>or</u> any letter $\sim N("240", \sqrt{"2.6" \times 80}^2)$			
2 <sup>nd</sup> A1ft for mean = "3" $\times 80 = 240$ <u>and</u> variance = "2.6" $\times 80 = 208$			
May see $P(\sum X > 260.5) = 0.077597\dots$ but it will only score 2 <sup>nd</sup> M1 2 <sup>nd</sup> A1ft and <b>3<sup>rd</sup> A0</b>			

#### Examiner Comments

The focus of this question was to realise that the central limit theorem was required and that this therefore required calculation of the mean and variance of the population distribution of scores on the spinner.

Although the vast majority of students scored the first 3 marks for finding these correctly, if their values for the mean and variance of scores on the spinner were incorrect but used appropriately in the central limit theorem the second A mark would still be allowed as a follow through.

A few students tried to use a continuity correction here which is not appropriate when using the central limit theorem. This usually led to a final answer of 0.0776 and only lost the final mark.

## Student Response A

$$3) \quad E(X) = 1 \times 0.3 + 2 \times 0.1 + 3 \times 0.2 + 4 \times 0.1 + 5 \times 0.3$$

$$= 3$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - (E(X))^2$$

$$E(X^2) = 1^2 \times 0.3 + 2^2 \times 0.1 + 3^2 \times 0.2 + 4^2 \times 0.1 + 5^2 \times 0.3$$

$$E(X^2) = 11.6$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = 11.6 - 3^2 = 2.6$$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{2.6}$$

$$X \sim N\left(3, \frac{2.6}{\sqrt{30}}\right)$$

$$P(X > 3.25) = 1 - P(X \leq 3.25)$$

$$= 1 - P\left(X \leq \frac{0.25}{\frac{\sqrt{2.6}}{\sqrt{30}}}\right)$$

$$= 1 - P\left(X \leq \frac{5\sqrt{3}}{17}\right)$$

$$= 1 - 0.91724$$

$$P(X > 3.25) = 0.08274$$

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**Examiner Comments**

The mean and variance are correct (B1M1A1) and they have attempted to use the central limit theorem (CLT) but not with  $\bar{X}$  and they have not stated the normal distribution correctly (standard deviation not variance) and have not used it correctly in the standardisation (we do not see  $P(Z > 1.39)$ ) so no further marks are possible.

## Student Response B

$$E(X) = 0 \cdot 3 + 2 \times 0.1 + 3 \times 0.2 + 4 \times 0.1 + 5 \times 0.3$$

$$= 3$$

$$E(X^2) = 0 \cdot 3 + 4 \times 0.1 + 9 \times 0.2 + 16 \times 0.1 + 25 \times 0.3$$

$$= \frac{58}{5}$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \frac{58}{5} - 3^2$$

$$= \frac{13}{5}$$

so  $\bar{X} \approx \sim N\left(3, \frac{3^2}{80}\right)$  by central limit theorem

$$P(\bar{X} > 3.25) = 0.2280$$

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**Examiner Comments**

The mean and variance are correct (B1M1A1) and they have attempted to use the CLT with  $\bar{X}$  notation and a normal distribution (M1) but the variance is incorrect (2<sup>nd</sup> A0) and therefore the answer is incorrect (3<sup>rd</sup> A0).

## Student Response C

$$E(X) = 1 \times 0.3 + 2 \times 0.1 + 3 \times 0.2 + 4 \times 0.1 + 5 \times 0.3 = 3$$

$$G_x(t) = 0.3t + 0.1t^2 + 0.2t^3 + 0.1t^4 + 0.3t^5$$

$$G_x'(t) = 0.3 + 0.2t + 0.6t^2 + 0.4t^3 + 1.5t^4$$

$$G_x''(t) = 0.2 + 1.2t + 1.2t^2 + 6t^3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= G_x''(1) + 3 - 3^2 \\ &= (0.2 + 1.2 + 1.2 + 6) - 6 \\ &= 2.6 \end{aligned}$$

$\bar{X}$ : mean number the spinner lands on

$$X \sim N(3, 2.6)$$

$$\bar{X} \sim N\left(3, \frac{2.6}{80}\right)$$

$$P(\bar{X} > 3.25) = 0.08276$$

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**Examiner Comments**

This fully correct solution has two interesting features.

Firstly the student has used a probability generating function approach to find the mean and variance. Whilst this is not quite as efficient as the standard approach in this situation, it is, of course, perfectly acceptable and an alternative marks scheme was provided.

Secondly, whilst the random variable  $X$  (which represents the number the spinner lands on) does not have a  $N(3, 2.6)$  distribution, the student uses the  $\bar{X}$  notation correctly which we would want to encourage.

### Exemplar Question 4

4. Liam and Simone are studying the distribution of oak trees in some woodland. They divided the woodland into 80 equal squares and recorded the number of oak trees in each square. The results are summarised in Table 1 below.

<b>Number of oak trees in a square</b>	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 or more
<b>Frequency</b>	1	4	21	23	13	11	7	0

**Table 1**

Liam believes that the oak trees were deliberately planted, with 6 oak trees per square and that a constant proportion  $p$  of the oak trees survived.

- (a) Suggest the model Liam should use to describe the number of oak trees per square. (2)

Liam decides to test whether or not his model is suitable and calculates the expected frequencies given in Table 2.

<b>Number of oak trees in a square</b>	0 or 1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>Expected frequency</b>	5.53	14.89	24.26	22.24	10.87	2.21

**Table 2**

- (b) Showing your working clearly, complete the test using a 5% level of significance. You should state your critical value and conclusion clearly. (7)

Simone believes that a Poisson distribution could be used to model the number of oak trees per square. She calculates the expected frequencies given in Table 3.

<b>Number of oak trees in a square</b>	0 or 1	2	3	4	5	6 or more
<b>Expected frequency</b>	12.69	16.07	$s$	14.58	$t$	9.37

**Table 3**

- (c) Find the value of  $s$  and the value of  $t$ , giving your answers to 2 decimal places. (4)
- (d) Write down hypotheses to test the suitability of Simone's model. (1)

The test statistic for this test is 8.749

- (e) Complete the test. Use a 5% level of significance and state your critical value and conclusion clearly. (3)
- (f) Using the results of these tests, explain whether the origin of this woodland is likely to be cultivated or wild.

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**Mean Score 12.73 out of 19****Examiner Comments**

Part (a) was answered well with the majority identifying a suitable binomial distribution although a few did think a Poisson was appropriate here.

In part (b) the most common error was a failure to pool the last two classes and this often led to the test being carried out using 4 degrees of freedom and the subsequent acceptance of the binomial model.

Part (c) though was answered very well with most students scoring full marks here. There was some impressive, but totally unnecessary, work here to establish the value of  $\lambda$  used by Simone; a number used the given expected frequencies for 2 and 4 oak trees and solved the resulting equations instead of simply using the mean value from the given data.

In part (d) most students incorrectly quoted the value of the parameter; this was penalised in part (d) but condoned for the final mark of part (e).

Part (e) was answered well but some used an incorrect value for the degrees of freedom. There were some good answers to the final part with many appreciating that the suitability of the Poisson model suggested that the oak trees were randomly spread in the woodland and this would imply that it was wild and not cultivated. Whilst many thought that the woodland was probably wild some were unable to give a suitable reason based on the results of the tests.

Mark Scheme

Qu	Scheme	Marks	AO											
4(a)	[T = no. of oak trees in a square] $T \sim \text{Binomial}$	M1	3.3											
	$T \sim B(6, p)$	A1	1.1b											
(b)	Expected frequency for 6 is less than 5 so pool: new $E_i = 13.08$	M1	2.1											
	<table border="1" style="display: inline-table; vertical-align: middle;"> <tr> <td><math>\frac{(O_i - E_i)^2}{E_i}</math></td> <td>0.051</td> <td>2.51</td> <td>0.0654</td> <td>3.84</td> <td>1.85</td> </tr> <tr> <td><math>\frac{O_i^2}{E_i}</math></td> <td>4.521</td> <td>29.617</td> <td>21.805</td> <td>7.599</td> <td>24.771</td> </tr> </table> $\sum \frac{(O_i - E_i)^2}{E_i} = 8.313$	$\frac{(O_i - E_i)^2}{E_i}$	0.051	2.51	0.0654	3.84	1.85	$\frac{O_i^2}{E_i}$	4.521	29.617	21.805	7.599	24.771	M1,A1
$\frac{(O_i - E_i)^2}{E_i}$	0.051	2.51	0.0654	3.84	1.85									
$\frac{O_i^2}{E_i}$	4.521	29.617	21.805	7.599	24.771									
(c)	$p$ needed estimating ( $\hat{p} = 0.55$ ) so $\nu = 5 - 2 = 3$ ; cv 7.815	B1,B1ft	1.1b x2											
	Significant result, so Liam's <u>model is not suitable</u>	M1,A1	1.1b2.2b											
(d)	[R = no. of oak trees in a square for Simone's model] $R \sim \text{Po}(3.3)$	M1	3.3											
	Correct expression for $s$ or $t$ using Poisson $s = \underline{17.67}$ and $t = \underline{9.62}$	M1 A1,A1	3.4 1.1b x2											
(e)	$H_0$ : Poisson is a good fit (for no. of oak trees per square)	(4)												
	$H_1$ : Poisson is not a good fit (for no. of oak trees per square)	B1	2.5											
(f)	No pooling needed so degrees of freedom is $6 - 2 = 4$	(1)												
	Critical value is 9.488 (accept 9.49)	B1	1.1b											
(g)	Not significant so Poisson (or Simone's) model is suitable	B1	1.1a											
		B1	2.2b											
(h)	Poisson model has better fit so suggests that oak trees occur at random	(3)												
	<u>Or</u> binomial suggests deliberately planted or cultivated	B1	2.2b											
(i)	Therefore the forest is likely to be wild not cultivated	B1	3.5a											
		(2)												
		<b>(19 marks)</b>												

Notes	
(a)	M1 for choosing binomial A1 for $B(6, p)$ can be in words and allow $B(6, 0.55)$
(b)	<p>1<sup>st</sup> M1 for pooling last 2 classes (<math>E_i = 13.08</math> but accept 13.1)</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> M1 for at least 3 correct values or expressions. Either row to at least 2 s.f.</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> A1 for awrt 8.31 (8.31 gets 3/3) [NB no pooling gives awrt 16.8458.. and implies M0M1A0]</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> B1 for 3 degrees of freedom 2<sup>nd</sup> B1ft for critical value of 7.815 (e.g. <math>\nu = 4</math> use 9.488)</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> M1 for a correct conclusion (non-contextual ignore any contradictory contextual comments for this mark) based on their cv and their test statistic</p> <p>This mark can be implied by a fully correct solution ending with correct contextual conclusion</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> A1 for correct conclusion in context with <b>all other marks scored</b></p>
(c)	<p>1<sup>st</sup> M1 for selecting a correct model <math>Po(3.3)</math> [ Allow <math>Po(\text{awrt } 3.3)</math>]</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> M1 for use of the model with an expression or correct value for <math>s</math> or <math>t</math></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> A1 for one correct 2<sup>nd</sup> A1 for both correct (allow awrt 2dp)</p>
(d)	B1 for correct hypotheses must mention Poisson: use of $Po(3.3)$ is B0
(e)	<p>1<sup>st</sup> B1 for correct degrees of freedom <math>\nu = 4</math> only</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> B1 for selecting correct critical value (9.488 only)</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> B1 for <u>not significant</u> conclusion based on 8.749 vs their cv (condone use of <math>Po(3.3)</math> here)</p>
(f)	<p>1<sup>st</sup> B1 for choosing Poisson as better <u>or</u> stating Poisson implies wild <u>or</u> bino'l implies cultivated</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> B1 (dep on rejecting bin and accepting Poisson) for clearly stating woodland is wild</p> <p>If the tests give the same results then 2<sup>nd</sup> B0 automatically</p>

### Examiner Comments

The final A mark in part (b) was dependent upon all the other marks being scored. We often adopt this practice for the final mark in hypothesis tests.

The final mark in part (f) was dependent upon the student's tests leading to a rejection of a binomial model and "acceptance" of the Poisson model. A number of students, due to errors in previous parts, failed to reject either model and were not therefore in a position to make a clear statement about the likely origin of the woodland although they could still achieve the first mark for a suitable interpretation.

Student Response A

a) Exponential

b)  $H_0$ : model is suitable  
 $H_1$ : model ~~is~~ is not suitable

$$\chi^2_{\text{calc}} = \sum \frac{O_i^2}{E_i} - \frac{(\sum O_i)^2}{n}$$

$$= \frac{5^2}{5.53} + \frac{21^2}{14.89} + \frac{23^2}{24.26} + \frac{13^2}{22.24} + \frac{11^2}{16.87} + \frac{21^2}{2.21} - 80$$

$$= 16.846$$

Degrees of freedom =  $7 - 1 - 1 - 1 = 4$

$$\chi^2_4(5\%) = 9.488$$

$16.846 > 9.488$  therefore there is sufficient evidence to reject  $H_0$ , accept  $H_1$ : model is not suitable

c)  $X \sim Po(\lambda)$

$$P(X=3) = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^3}{3!} \times 80 = 5 \quad P(X=5) = t = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^5}{5!} \times 80$$

$$= \frac{40\lambda^3}{3e^\lambda} = \frac{40\lambda^2}{e^\lambda} \times \frac{\lambda}{3} = 16.07 \times \frac{\lambda}{3}$$

$$= \frac{40\lambda^5}{3e^\lambda} = \frac{40\lambda^4}{e^\lambda} \times \frac{\lambda}{3} = 16.07 \times \frac{\lambda^4}{60}$$

$$P(X=2) = 11.07 = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^2}{2!} \times 80 \quad P(X=4) = 14.58 = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^4}{4!} \times 80$$

$$16.07 = \frac{40\lambda^2}{e^\lambda} \quad e^\lambda = \frac{40\lambda^2}{16.07}$$

$$14.58 = \frac{10\lambda^4}{3e^\lambda} \quad 14.58 = \frac{10\lambda^4}{3 \times \frac{40\lambda^2}{16.07}}$$

$$14.58 = \frac{16.07 \lambda^2}{120}$$

$$c) P(X \geq 6) = 1 - P(X \leq 5)$$

$$0.37 = 1 - \frac{e^{-\lambda} (1 + \lambda + \frac{\lambda^2}{2} + \frac{\lambda^3}{6} + \frac{\lambda^4}{24} + \frac{\lambda^5}{120})}{e^{-\lambda}}$$

$$0.37 = 80 - (t + s + 14.58 + 16.07 + 12.64)$$

$$0.37 = 80 - t - s - 43.34$$

$$t + s = 27.29$$

$$16.07 \left(\frac{\lambda}{3}\right) + 16.07 \left(\frac{\lambda^2}{6}\right) = 27.29$$

$$321.4\lambda + 16.07\lambda^2 = 1637.4$$

$$16.07\lambda^2 + 321.4\lambda - 1637.4 = 0$$

$$\lambda = 3.299140239$$

$$t = \frac{16.07 \times (3.29914)^3}{6}$$

$$s = \frac{16.07 \times 3.29914}{3}$$

$$t = 9.617605453$$

$$s = 17.67239455$$

$$t = 9.62 \text{ (2dp)}$$

$$s = 17.67 \text{ (2dp)}$$

d)  $H_0$ : can be modelled using  $X \sim \text{Po}(\lambda)$

$H_1$ : can ~~not~~ be modelled using  $X \sim \text{Po}(\lambda)$

$$\chi^2_{\text{calc}} = \sum \frac{o_i^2}{e_i} - n$$

$$= \frac{5^2}{17.64} + \frac{21^2}{16.07} + \frac{23^2}{17.67} + \frac{13^2}{14.98} + \frac{11^2}{9.62} + \frac{2^2}{9.37} - 80$$

$$= 8.748881222$$

$8.748 < 8.749$   $\therefore$  sufficient evidence to ~~accept~~ <sup>reject</sup>  $H_0$ , ~~accept~~ <sup>reject</sup>  $H_1$ : it is not a suitable model

e) Mild as it is much closer to the test statistic found

**Examiner Comments**

In part (a) an incorrect model is chosen (M0A0).

In part (b) they have not pooled the last two groups (M0) but do have at least 3 correct expressions

for the test statistic using the  $\sum \frac{O_i^2}{E_i} - N$  formula (M1) but the test statistic is incorrect (A0). Their degrees of freedom are not equal to 3 (B0) but they do give the correct critical value for their degrees of freedom (B1ft). They have made a correct non-contextual conclusion (M1) and have said that the model is not suitable, but the final A mark is only available if all the other marks are scored (A0). This was a fairly common solution and this failure to carry out the pooling meant a penalty of 4 marks.

In part (c) this student was one who did not realise that Simone’s expected frequencies would have the same mean as the original data and “reversed engineered” the problem to find the value of  $\lambda$ . There is some impressive, but unnecessary, work here that happily leads to the correct value of  $\lambda$  and they then go on to complete part (c) correctly (M1M1A1A1).

In part (d) suitable hypotheses were given (B1).

In part (e) they do not state the degrees of freedom as 4 (B0) and do not have the correct critical value of 9.488 (B0). They seem to be treating the given value of 8.749 as the critical value and have attempted to calculate their own test statistic. So, there is no evidence of comparing a critical value with 8.749 (B0).

In part (f) since they have rejected both models only the first mark is possible. This requires a statement that the Poisson model suggests woodland is wild or binomial suggests it is cultivated. They do not have either statement (B0B0).



$$e^{-\lambda} = \frac{32.14}{\lambda^2} \quad e^{-\lambda} = \frac{349.92}{\lambda^4}$$

$$\frac{32.14}{\lambda^2} = \frac{349.92}{\lambda^4} \Rightarrow 32.14\lambda^2 = 349.92$$

$$\lambda^2 = \frac{349.92}{32.14}$$

$$\lambda = \sqrt{\frac{349.92}{32.14}}$$

$$X \sim \text{Po}\left(\sqrt{\frac{349.92}{32.14}}\right) \quad P(X=3) = 0.221 \text{ (3s.f.)}$$

$$P(X=5) = 0.120 \text{ (3s.f.)}$$

$$S = 0.221 \times 80 = \del{4.68} 17.67 \text{ (32d.p.)}$$

$$T = 0.120 \times 80 = 9.62 \text{ (2d.p.)}$$

d)  $H_0$ : this model is suitable for the data i.e. observed and ~~this model is not suitable for the data~~ expected data are the same  
 $H_1$ : this model is not suitable i.e. expected and observed data are different.

$$e) X^2 = 8.749 \quad \& \quad \nu = 6 - 1 = 5$$

$$X^2_{5} (5\%) = 11.070 > X^2$$

Accept  $H_0$ , there is sufficient evidence to suggest that Jimenez's model is suitable.

f) Both of these models were suitable for the data and both models ~~was~~ assumed that the trees were deliberately planted ~~and that~~ (6 trees per square) and that a proportion  $p$  survived. Therefore the woodland was probably cultivated.

**Examiner Comments**

In part (a) a binomial model is given (M1) but the value of  $n$  and the probability are both incorrect (A0).

In part (b) they have pooled the last two groups (M1) and have a correct test statistic (M1A1). The degrees of freedom is incorrect (B0) but they have a correct follow through (ft) value for the critical value (B1ft) and have made a correct statement using their test statistic and their critical value (M1) but the final A mark is only available if all the other marks are scored (A0)

In part (c) a slightly different “reverse engineering” approach is used here which once again leads to a correct value for  $\lambda$  and a fully correct solution to part (c) (M1M1A1A1).

In part (d) their hypotheses do not clearly state that a Poisson distribution is being proposed as a suitable model for the number of oak trees per square. There needed to be some explicit mention of the Poisson distribution (B0).

In part (e) the degrees of freedom and critical value were both incorrect (B0B0) [There was no follow through mark offered here]. There is a correct comparison of the given value of 8.749 with their critical value and this leads to a not significant result and so the final mark was awarded (B1).

In part (f) since they have not rejected either model the final mark is lost (B0) and since they have said that both models suggest the woodland is cultivated they cannot score the 1st B mark either (B0). A correct interpretation of a binomial model suggesting cultivated would have scored the mark.

## Student Response C

$$a) X \sim B(6, p) \quad E(X) = 3.3 \quad p = 0.55$$

Binomial distribution  $B(6, 0.55)$ .

b)  $H_0$ : Binomial distribution  $n=6, p=0.55$  is a good model

$H_1$ : Binomial distribution  $n=6, p=0.55$  is a bad model.

Test No. of Oak trees	0 or 1	2	3	4	5 or 6
Expected	5.53	14.89	24.76	22.24	13.08
Observed	5	21	23	13	18

$$\chi^2 = 5 - 1 - 1$$

$$= 3.$$

$$\chi_3^2 (5\%) = 7.815.$$

$$\text{Test stat} = \sum \frac{O_i^2}{E_i} - N$$

$$= 88.329975 \dots - 80$$

$$= 8.3179975 \dots$$

$$8221 \quad 8.3129 \dots > 7.8145$$

$\therefore$  there is enough evidence to reject  $H_0$ .

Binomial  $n=6$ ,  $p=0.55$  is a bad model.

c)  $X \sim P_0(4p)$

$$X \sim P_0(3.3)$$

$$P(X=3) = \frac{S}{80} = 0.22091173 \dots$$

$$P(X=5) = \frac{t}{80} = 0.12028643 \dots$$

$$S = 17.6729 \dots$$

$$= 17.67 \text{ (2dp)}$$

$$t = 9.6229 \dots$$

$$= 9.62 \text{ (2dp)}$$

d)  $H_0$ :  $P_0(3.3)$  is a good model

$H_1$ :  $P_0(3.3)$  is a bad model

$$e) \quad \chi = 6 - 2$$

$$= 4.$$

$$\chi_4^2 (5\%) = 9.488$$

$$8.749 < 9.488.$$

$\therefore$  not enough evidence to ~~over~~ reject  $H_0$ .

$P_0(3.3)$  is a good model.

f) Woodlands is likely to be wild since

it is modelled by a poisson.  $\therefore$  each event is random with a fixed mean.

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**Examiner Comments**

In part (a) we would have accepted either  $B(6, p)$  or  $B(6, 0.55)$  here (M1A1).

In part (b) this is a fully correct solution. We did not require the hypotheses here though of course strictly the value of the parameter should not be included. The question specifically said that working should be shown and critical value and conclusion clearly stated. They have shown the intention of pooling, and the correct test statistic without details of its calculation and that was acceptable. The critical value and conclusion are clearly stated and correct as well so all 7 marks were scored.

In part (c) the correct Poisson model is stated (with no unnecessary calculations) and the correct values for  $s$  and  $t$  are given (M1M1A1A1).

In part (d) the hypotheses mention a Poisson distribution but the parameter of 3.3 is included. Since this value was calculated from the observed data, and the degrees of freedom reduced accordingly, it should not be included in null hypothesis and so this mark was lost (B0).

In part (e) the degrees of freedom, critical value and conclusion (non-rejection of the Poisson model) are all correct (B1B1B1). Since we have penalised mentioning the value of the parameter as 3.3 in the hypotheses in part (d) we would always condone it in the conclusion.

In part (f) they have realised that a Poisson model suggests that the trees are distributed randomly (B1) and have therefore concluded that the woodland is wild. The binomial model was rejected in part (b) and a Poisson “accepted” in part (e) so the final mark is scored too (B1).

## Exemplar Question 5

5. Information was collected about accidents on the *Seapron* bypass. It was found that the number of accidents per month could be modelled by a Poisson distribution with mean 2.5

Following some work on the bypass, the numbers of accidents during a series of 3-month periods were recorded. The data were used to test whether or not there was a change in the mean number of accidents per month.

- (a) Stating your hypotheses clearly and using a 5% level of significance, find the critical region for this test. You should state the probability in each tail. (5)

- (b) State  $P(\text{Type I error})$  using this test. (1)

Data from the series of 3-month periods are recorded for 2 years.

- (c) Find the probability that at least 2 of these 3-month periods give a significant result. (3)

Given that the number of accidents per month on the bypass, after the work is completed, is actually 2.1 per month,

- (d) find  $P(\text{Type II error})$  for the test in part (a). (3)

**(Total for Question 5 is 12 marks)**

**Mean Score 9.29 out of 12**

### Examiner Comments

Part (a) was usually answered well but a few students were going from  $P(X \leq 13)$  to  $X \geq 13$  as the critical region and occasionally students were using  $Po(2.5)$  instead of  $Po(7.5)$ .

Most students knew how to find the probability in part (b).

Many identified the binomial model in part (c) but some were confused about the appropriate value for  $n$  (3 being a common error) and others made rounding errors which meant that their final answer was not accurate enough.

In the final part most knew what a Type II error was and how to find its probability but sometimes a  $Po(2.1)$  model was used rather than the required  $Po(6.3)$ .



**Examiner Comments**

In part (b) the mark could be awarded as a follow through from part (a) but this was dependent on the addition of two probabilities (so those with a one tailed test could be awarded it) and also on the probabilities both being between 0 and 0.025 (since the critical values were for a two-tailed test at 5% and the probability in each tail should therefore be less than 2.5% since the question did not specify any alternative approach such as “as close as possible to 0.025”).

Student Response A

c)  $X \sim \text{Po}(2.5)$   
 $X \sim \text{Po}(\lambda)$   
 $H_0: \lambda = 2.5$   
 $H_1: \lambda \neq 2.5$   
 5% significance level  
 $\hookrightarrow$  2.5% per tail

$P(X \leq a) < 0.025$      $P(X \geq b) > 0.975$

$x$	$P(X=x)$	$P(X \leq 6) = 0.9858$	$1 - P(X \leq 6) = 0.0142$
0	0.0221		
1	0.2773		
2	0.5438		
3	0.7576		
4	0.8912		
5	0.9590		
6	0.9858		

Critical region:  $1 - P(X \leq 6)$   
 $P(X \geq 7)$

b)  $P(\text{Type I error}) = 1 - 0.9858$   
 $= 0.0142$

d)  $P(\text{Type II error}) = 1 - P(\text{critical region} | \lambda = 2.1)$   
 $= 1 - P(X \geq 7 | \lambda = 2.1)$   
 $= P(X \leq 6 | \lambda = 2.1)$   
 $= 0.9941$

c)  $Y \sim B(3, 0.0142)$   
 $P(Y \geq 2) = 1 - P(Y \leq 1)$   
 $= 1 - 0.99466\dots$   
 $= 5.334 \times 10^{-3}$   
 $= 0.005334$

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**Examiner Comments**

In part (a) their hypotheses are correct (B1) but they have not stated (or used) a correct model to work out the probabilities. In fact Po(2.5) seems to have been used as their statement that  $P(X \leq 6) = 0.9858$  confirms. No other marks were available in part (a).

In part (b) their use of Po(2.5) meant that their critical region effectively only had one tail and so they were not adding two probabilities together here (B0). The question in part (a) did explicitly state that there should be two tails and two probabilities so there was a pointer at this stage that an error had been made.

In part (c) they have used their incorrect probability from part (b) in a correct binomial model (M1) and attempt to find a correct probability (M1) but the answer, of course, is incorrect (A0).

In part (d) they are using Po(2.1) instead of Po(6.3) (M0) but they are attempting to find an appropriate probability using their critical region from part (a) (M1) but the answer is incorrect.

Student Response B

5) a)  $H_0: \mu = 2.5$       ~~$X = \text{number of accidents in 3 months}$~~   
 $H_1: \mu \neq 2.5$       $X \sim \text{Po}(2.5 \times 3)$       ~~$X \sim \text{Po}(7.5)$~~       ~~$X \sim \text{Po}(1.5)$~~

$X = \text{number of accidents in 3 months}$

$X \sim \text{Po}(7.5)$       ~~$P(X \geq 6) = 0.378$~~   
 ~~$P(X \geq 5) = 0.244$~~   $\text{so.}$

~~$P(X \geq 3) = 0.0591$~~       ~~$P(X \geq 12) = 0.957$~~   
 ~~$P(X \geq 2) = 0.0203 < 0.025$~~       ~~$P(X \geq 13) = 0.978 > 0.025$~~

Critical region:  ~~$X \geq 3$~~  and  ~~$X \leq 13$~~   
 $X \leq 2$  and  $X \geq 13$ .

b)  $P(\text{type I error}) = 0.0203 + (1 - 0.978)$   
 $= 0.0423$

c)  $X \sim B(8, 0.0423)$       $P(X \geq 2) = 1 - P(X \leq 1)$   
 $= 1 - 0.9577$   
 $= 0.0423$

d) type II error = accepting  $H_0$  when it is false.

~~$X \sim \text{Po}(2.1 \times 3)$~~   
 ~~$X \sim \text{Po}(6.3)$~~       ~~$P(X \geq 4) = 1 - P(X \leq 3)$~~   
 ~~$= 1 - 0.12637$~~   
 ~~$= 0.87363$~~   
 $P(X \leq 12) = 0.98725$

$P(X \leq 2) = 0.049846$   
 $P(X \geq 13) = 1 - P(X \leq 12)$   
 $= 1 - 0.98725 = 0.01275$

$P(\text{type II error}) = 1 - 0.049846 - 0.01275$   
 $= 0.937404$  (3s.f.)

**Examiner Comments**

In part (a) the hypotheses are correct (B1) and the correct model is chosen (M1). This is used correctly to find at least one correct probability (M1) and the lower tail of the critical region is correct (A1) but the upper tail is not correct (A0).

In part (b) this is a correct follow through using their probabilities from part (a) (B1ft).

In part (c) the model is a correct follow through (M1) and they have a correct probability statement (M1) but the answer is not in the required range (A0).

In part (d) the correct model is stated (M1) and used correctly to find the probability of a Type II error from their CR in part (a) (M1) but the answer is incorrect (A0).

## Student Response C

a)  $X \sim \text{Po}(7.5)$  accidents per month

$$H_0: \lambda = 7.5$$

$$H_1: \lambda \neq 7.5$$

PK Assume  $H_0$ :

$$P(X \leq c_1) < 0.025$$

$$P(X \leq 2) = \underline{0.0203}$$

$$c_1 = 2$$

$$P(X \geq c_2) < 0.025$$

$$P(X \geq 14) = 1 - P(X \leq 13) = \underline{0.0217}$$

$$c_2 = 14$$

Critical region:  $2 \leq X$  or  $X \geq 14$

$$b) P(\text{Type I error}) = 0.0203 + 0.0217$$

$$= P(\text{Reject } H_0 / H_0 \text{ true}) = \underline{0.0418}$$

$$c) P(\text{significant result}) = 0.0418$$

$$Z \sim N(8, 0.0418)$$

$$P(Z \geq 2) = 1 - P(Z \leq 1)$$

$$= \underline{0.0414}$$

$$d) P(\text{Type II error}) = P(\text{Accept } H_0 / H_0 \text{ false})$$

$$= P(3 \leq X \leq 13) / Z \sim \text{po}(6.3)$$

$$P(2.5 \leq 13) / Z \sim \text{po}(6.3) = 0.9945$$

$$P(Z \leq 2) / Z \sim \text{po}(6.3) = 0.0498$$

$$0.9945 - 0.0498 = \underline{0.9447}$$

$$0.9945 - 0.0498 = \underline{0.9447}$$

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**Examiner Comments**

In part (a) the hypotheses are correct (B1). We allow either  $\lambda$  or  $\mu$  to be used for the parameter of the Poisson distribution. The correct model is stated and used to find at least one correct probability (M1M1) and the upper tail of the critical region (CR) is correct (A1) but they have stated the lower tail incorrectly:  $X \geq 2$  instead of  $X \leq 2$  (A0).

In part (b) 0.0418 is an acceptable answer here (B1). They have clearly used the correct critical region and we would usually allow a correct answer for a new part of the question.

In part (c) this is fully correct (M1M1A1).

In part (d) this is fully correct (M1M1A1).

## Exemplar Question 6

6. The discrete random variable  $X$  has probability generating function

$$G_X(t) = k \ln\left(\frac{2}{2-t}\right)$$

where  $k$  is a constant.

- (a) Find the exact value of  $k$ . (1)

- (b) Find the exact value of  $\text{Var}(X)$ . (7)

- (c) Find  $P(X = 3)$ . (4)

**(Total for Question 6 is 12 marks)**

**Mean Score 7.36 out of 12**

### Examiner Comments

Part (a) was answered very well and most obtained the correct value for  $k$  though sometimes this was incorrectly expressed as  $-\ln 2$ .

In part (b) it was clear that most students knew how to use the probability generating function to find the variance but there were a number who struggled to differentiate the given function correctly. A significant minority wrote  $G(t)$  as  $k[\ln 2 - \ln(2 - t)]$  and they fared better although some did not realise that  $\ln 2$  was a constant and a spurious  $\frac{1}{2}$  appeared. Those who did differentiate correctly and simplified their answer invariably were able to complete this part of the question.

Part (c) was more of a challenge but a good number attempted this. Many realised that a Maclaurin expansion was required and finding the third derivative was the most common approach. Unfortunately, some forgot to divide by  $3!$  But nearly a quarter of the students secured full marks on this question.

Mark Scheme

Qu	Scheme	Marks	AO
6 (a)	$G(1) = 1 \Rightarrow k \ln 2 = 1$ so $k = \frac{1}{\ln 2}$	B1	2.1
(b)	$\left\{ G(t) = \frac{1}{\ln 2} [\ln 2 - \ln(2-t)] \right\} \Rightarrow G'(t) = \frac{1}{\ln 2} \left[ \frac{1}{2-t} \right]$ or $\frac{1}{\ln 2} (2-t)^{-1}$	M1 A1	2.1 1.1b
	$[E(X) = ] G'(1) = \frac{1}{\ln 2}$	A1	1.1b
	$G''(t) = \frac{1}{\ln 2} \times \left[ \frac{1}{(2-t)^2} \right]$	M1 A1	2.1 1.1b
	$\text{Var}(X) = G''(1) + G'(1) - [G'(1)]^2 = \frac{1}{\ln 2} + \frac{1}{\ln 2} - \left( \frac{1}{\ln 2} \right)^2$	M1	2.1
	$= \frac{1}{\ln 2} \left( 2 - \frac{1}{\ln 2} \right)$	A1	1.1b
		(7)	
	(c) $P(X = 3) =$ coefficient of $t^3$ by Maclaurin need $G'''(0)$	M1	3.1a
$G'''(t) = \frac{1}{\ln 2} \frac{2}{(2-t)^3}$	A1ft	1.1b	
$P(X = 3) = \frac{G'''(0)}{3!}$	M1	3.2a	
$= \frac{\frac{1}{4 \ln 2}}{6} = \frac{1}{24 \ln 2} = 0.0601122\dots$ awrt <b>0.0601</b>	A1	1.1b	
	(4)		
		(12 marks)	

	Notes
(a)	B1 for finding $k$ (must be exact)
(b)	1 <sup>st</sup> M1 for an attempt to differentiate $G(t)$ e.g. $A(2-t)^{-1}$ (o.e.) 1 <sup>st</sup> A1 for a correct first derivative (condone $k$ or use of $\frac{1}{\ln 2} = \text{awrt } 1.44$ ) 2 <sup>nd</sup> A1 for correct $E(X)$ or $G'(1)$ (allow awrt 1.44 calc: 1.442695...but not $k$ ) seen anywhere 2 <sup>nd</sup> M1 for attempting second derivative (ft their $G'(t)$ ) 3 <sup>rd</sup> A1 for a correct 2 <sup>nd</sup> derivative (condone $k$ or use of $\frac{1}{\ln 2} = \text{awrt } 1.44$ ) 3 <sup>rd</sup> M1 for a correct method for $\text{Var}(X)$ (some substitution into the correct formula) 4 <sup>th</sup> A1 for $\frac{1}{\ln 2} \left( 2 - \frac{1}{\ln 2} \right)$ o.e. but must simplify i.e. collect like terms [Mark final answer – penalise incorrect log work etc] NB 0.8040211.. is A0 unless exact answer seen
(c)	1 <sup>st</sup> M1 for a suitable strategy to solve the problem (finding link with Maclaurin) Need mention of coefficient of $t^3$ and $[G'''(t)$ or $G'''(0)]$ (condone $G'''(1)$ ) 1 <sup>st</sup> A1ft for 3 <sup>rd</sup> derivative, ft their 2 <sup>nd</sup> derivative in (b) (provided $G''(t)$ not const) Correct $G'''(t)$ or $G'''(0)$ scores 1 <sup>st</sup> M1 1 <sup>st</sup> A1ft 2 <sup>nd</sup> M1 for translating Maclaurin to probability (a correct expression) 2 <sup>nd</sup> A1 for $\frac{1}{24\ln 2}$ or awrt 0.0601
<b>ALT</b>	<b>Log series</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> M1 attempt to write $G(t)$ in suitable form as far as: $k[\ln 2 - \ln(2[1 - \frac{t}{2}])]$
	1 <sup>st</sup> A1 reaching $-k \ln(1 - \frac{t}{2})$
	2 <sup>nd</sup> M1 use of $-\ln(1 - x)$ series ( <u>some</u> correct substitution) NB $G(t) = \frac{1}{\ln 2} \left( \frac{t}{2} + \frac{t^2}{8} + \frac{t^3}{24} + \dots \right)$

### Examiner Comments

Part (c) required students to draw on their knowledge of pure mathematics and use a Maclaurin expansion or the series expansion for  $\ln(1 - x)$ . Whilst a good number identified this was required, accurate differentiation was sometimes a problem.

The first A mark in part (c) was a follow through for attempting to differentiate their second derivative from part (b) provided this second derivative was not a constant.

## Student Response A

$$(a) G'_x(2) = 1$$

$$\therefore k \ln\left(\frac{2}{2-1}\right) = 1$$

$$k = \frac{1}{\ln(2)}$$

$$(b) \text{Var}(X) = G''_{xx}(1) + G'_x(1) - [G'_{xc}(1)]^2$$

$$G'_x(t) = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{2}{2-t}\right)}{\ln(2)} \times \frac{1}{\ln(2)}$$

$$G'_{xx}(t) = \frac{1}{\ln(2)} \times \frac{1}{(2-t)^2} \times -2$$

$$\frac{-2(2-t)}{\ln(2)} = \frac{t-2}{\ln(2)}$$

~~2(2-t)~~

$$G''_{xx}(t) = \frac{1}{\ln(2)}$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \frac{1}{\ln(2)} + \frac{-1}{\ln(2)} - \frac{1}{2\ln^2}$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \frac{-1}{2\ln^2}$$

$$(c) P(X=3) =$$

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**Examiner Comments**

In part (a) they have a correct value for  $k$  (B1).

In part (b) their attempt at finding  $G'(t)$  does not lead to a function of the form  $A(2-t)^{-1}$  (M0A0A0). Students who did not write  $\ln\left(\frac{2}{2-t}\right)$  as  $\ln 2 - \ln(2-t)$  often ran into difficulties at this stage. They do differentiate their  $G'(t)$  correctly though to obtain their  $G''(t)$  (M1) but it is, of course incorrect (A0). They quote a correct formula using the probability generating function for  $\text{Var}(X)$  and there is some correct substitution (M1) but their answer is incorrect (A0).

In part (c) there is no attempt at finding a series expansion of  $G(t)$  (M0A0M0A0).

## Student Response B

$$a) G_X(1) = 1$$

$$k \ln\left(\frac{2}{2-1}\right) = 1$$

$$\ln 2 = \frac{1}{k}$$

$$k = \frac{1}{\ln 2}$$

$$b) G'_X(t) = \frac{1}{\ln 2} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \ln\left(\frac{2}{2-t}\right) \right)$$

$$u = 2 - t$$

$$\frac{du}{dt} = -1$$

$$y = \ln\left(\frac{2}{u}\right)$$

$$\frac{dy}{du} = \frac{u}{2} = \frac{2-t}{2}$$

$$\frac{dy}{du} = \frac{du}{dt} \times \frac{dy}{du} = \frac{2-t}{2} \times -1 = \frac{t-2}{2}$$

$$G'_X(t) = \frac{t-2}{2 \ln 2}$$

$$G''_X(t) = \frac{1}{2 \ln 2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= G''_x(1) + G'_x(1) - [G'_x(1)]^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2 \ln 2} + \left( \frac{-1}{2 \ln 2} \right) - \left( \frac{-1}{2 \ln 2} \right)^2 \\ &= - \left( \frac{1}{2^2 (\ln 2)^2} \right) \\ &= \end{aligned}$$

~~$$G'_x(t) = \frac{1}{\ln 2} \times \ln \left( \frac{2}{2-t} \right)$$~~

$$G'_x(t) = \frac{1}{\ln 2} \times \frac{d}{dt} \left( \ln \left( \frac{2}{2-t} \right) \right)$$

~~$$u = 2-t$$~~
~~$$\frac{du}{dt} =$$~~

$$u = 2-t \qquad y = \ln \left( \frac{2}{u} \right)$$

$$\frac{du}{dt} = -1 \qquad \frac{dy}{du} = \frac{-1}{u}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} \text{for } y: \text{ let } z = \frac{2}{u} \\ \frac{dz}{du} = \frac{-2}{u^2} \end{array} \right. \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} y = \ln(z) \\ \frac{dy}{dz} = \frac{1}{z} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\frac{dy}{du} = \frac{-2}{u^2} \times \frac{1}{\frac{2}{u}} = \frac{-2}{u^2} \times \frac{u}{2} = \frac{-1}{u}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{-1}{u} \times -1 = \frac{1}{u} = \frac{1}{2-t}$$

$$G'x(t) = \frac{1}{\ln 2} \times \frac{1}{2-t}$$

Q for  $G''x(t)$

$$\text{Let } u = 2-t \quad y = \frac{1}{u}$$

$$\frac{du}{dt} = -1 \quad \frac{dy}{du} = -\frac{1}{u^2}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -1 \times -\frac{1}{u^2} = \frac{1}{(2-t)^2}$$

$$\therefore G''x(t) = \frac{1}{\ln 2} \left( \frac{1}{(2-t)^2} \right)$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = G''x(1) + G'x(1) - [G'x(1)]^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{\ln 2} \left( \frac{1}{(1)^2} \right) + \frac{1}{\ln 2} \left( \frac{1}{1} \right) - \left[ \frac{1}{\ln 2} \left( \frac{1}{1} \right) \right]^2$$

$$= \frac{2}{\ln 2} - \frac{1}{(\ln 2)^2} = \frac{2}{\ln 2} - \frac{1}{2 \ln 2}$$

$$= \frac{3}{2 \ln 2}$$

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### Examiner Comments

Part (a) is correct (B1).

In part (b) the differentiation is, eventually carried out correctly and the correct formula for variance is used (M1A1A1M1A1M1). This student performed a common error though when dealing with

$\left( \frac{1}{\ln 2} \right)^2$  and thought this was  $\frac{1}{2 \ln 2}$  which led to an incorrect final answer (A0).

In part (c) there is a mention of the need for the coefficient of  $t^3$  but no attempt to find a suitable series expansion (M0A0M0A0).

Student Response C

a)  $G_x(1) = 1$

$$k \ln\left(\frac{2}{2-1}\right) = 1$$

$$k \ln\left(\frac{2}{1}\right) = 1$$

$$k \ln 2 = 1$$

$$k = \frac{1}{\ln 2}$$

b)  $G_x(t) = -k \ln\left(1 - \frac{1}{2}t\right)$

$$G'_x(t) = \frac{-k\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)}{1 - \frac{1}{2}t} = \frac{k}{2-t} = k(2-t)^{-1}$$

$$G''_x(t) = -k(2-t)^{-2}(-1)$$

$$= \frac{k}{(2-t)^2}$$

$$\left[ G'_x(1) = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{\ln 2}\right)}{2-1} = \frac{1}{\ln 2} = \frac{1}{\ln 2} \right]$$

$$\left[ G''_x(1) = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{\ln 2}\right)}{(2-1)^2} = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{\ln 2}\right)}{1^2} = \frac{1}{\ln 2} \right]$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = G''_x(1) + G'_x(1) - (G'_x(1))^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{\ln 2} + \frac{1}{\ln 2} - \left(\frac{1}{\ln 2}\right)^2$$

$$= \frac{2}{\ln 2} - \frac{1}{\ln 2^2}$$

$$= \frac{2\ln 2 - 1}{(\ln 2)^2}$$

c)  ~~$\ln(2-t)$~~

~~$\ln\left(1 - \frac{1}{2}t\right) + x = \ln\left(\frac{1+k}{1-\frac{1}{2}t}\right)$~~

~~$f(x) = 0$~~

$$G_x(t) = f''(0) + t f'(0) + \frac{t^2}{2!} f''(0) + \frac{t^3}{3!} f'''(0)$$

$$P(X=3) = \frac{G'''_x(0)}{3!}$$

$$G''_x(t) = k(2-t)^{-2}$$

$$G'''_x(t) = 2k(2-t)^{-3} = \frac{2k}{(2-t)^3} \quad G'''_x(0) = \frac{\left(\frac{2}{\ln 2}\right)}{2^3} = \frac{2}{8\ln 2}$$

$$P(X=3) = \frac{2}{8\ln 2 \times 3!} = \underline{0.0601}$$

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**Examiner Comments**

Part (a) is correct (B1).

Part (b) is correct (M1A1A1M1A1M1A1).

In part (c) there is a correct 3rd derivative (M1A1) and a correct statement using this to find the required probability (M1) and this leads to the correct final answer on the next page (A1). The approach using Maclaurin's expansion was by far the most common and successful one used.

**Exemplar Question 7**

7. A spinner can land on red or blue. When the spinner is spun, there is a probability of  $\frac{1}{2}$  that it lands on blue. The spinner is spun repeatedly.

The random variable  $B$  represents the number of the spin when the spinner first lands on blue.

(a) Find (i)  $P(B = 4)$

(ii)  $P(B \leq 5)$

(4)

(b) Find  $E(B^2)$

(3)

Steve invites Tamara to play a game with this spinner.

Tamara must choose a colour, either red or blue.

Steve will spin the spinner repeatedly until the spinner first lands on the colour Tamara has chosen. The random variable  $X$  represents the number of the spin when this occurs.

If Tamara chooses red, her score is  $e^X$

If Tamara chooses blue, her score is  $X^2$

- (c) State, giving your reasons and showing any calculations you have made, which colour you would recommend that Tamara chooses.

(5)

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**(Total for Question 7 is 12 marks)**

**Mean Score 6.43 out of 12**

**Examiner Comments**

Part (a) was answered very well with most using the correct geometric distribution but some used  $1 - P(B \geq 4)$  rather than  $1 - P(B > 5)$ .

Part (b) was usually answered very well too with the most common error being to use  $E(B^2) = [E(B)]^2$ .

Part (c) was the most challenging question on the paper. Many obtained the first mark for identifying the correct distribution for the number of the spin when it first lands on red. The main problem was that students didn't know how to find  $E(e^X)$  with  $e^{E(X)}$  being the most common incorrect approach. Some tried to argue from comparing the graphs of  $y = e^x$  and  $y = x^2$  but there was no consideration of appropriate probabilities and some numerical approaches floundered in the same way. A small number found the correct probability generating function  $G(t)$  and then gave the very succinct solution  $G(e)$  but this was rare! Over 5% though did find the correct value of  $E(e^X)$  and after comparing this with  $E(B^2)$  were able to secure all the marks for this question.

## Mark Scheme

Qu	Scheme	Marks	AO	
7(a)(i)	$[B \sim \text{Geo}(\frac{1}{3})]$ $P(B = 4) = (\frac{2}{3})^3 \times \frac{1}{3}$	M1	3.3	
		A1	1.1b	
	(ii)	$P(B \leq 5) = 1 - P(B > 5)$ <u>or</u> $1 - (\frac{2}{3})^5$	M1	2.1
			A1	1.1b
	(b)	$E(B^2) = \text{Var}(B) + [E(B)]^2$ From formula booklet: $E(B) = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{3}} = 3$ and $\text{Var}(B) = \frac{1 - \frac{1}{3}}{(\frac{1}{3})^2} = 6$ So $E(B^2) = 6 + 9 = \underline{15}$	(4)	
			M1	2.1
			B1	1.1b
	(c)	[Let $R =$ no. of the spin when it first lands on red] $X = R \sim \text{Geo}(\frac{2}{3})$ Require $E(e^X) = \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} e^x (\frac{1}{3})^{x-1} \frac{2}{3}$ $= \frac{2e}{3} \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} (\frac{e}{3})^{x-1}$ $= \frac{2e}{3} \times \frac{1}{1 - \frac{e}{3}} \text{ or } \frac{2e}{3-e}$ $E(e^X) = 19.297... \{ > 15 = E(B^2) \}$ so Tamara should <b>choose red</b> since it has the greater expected score	M1	3.3
			M1	3.1a
			M1	2.1
			A1	1.1b
			A1	2.2a
		(5)		
		(12 marks)		
<b>Notes</b>				
(a)(i)	M1 for selecting the correct model i.e. $\text{Geo}(p)$ (May be implied by a correct expression) A1 for $\frac{8}{81}$ (= 0.098765... accept awrt 0.0988)			
(ii)	M1 for a suitable strategy to use the geometric model to find a correct expression A1 for $\frac{211}{243}$ (= 0.868312... accept awrt 0.868)			
(b)	M1 for a suitable strategy to find $E(B^2)$ [allow $G''(1) + G'(1)$ ] B1 for use of the correct formulae to find $E(B) = 3$ <u>and</u> $\text{Var}(B) = 6$ <u>or</u> $G''(1) = 12$ A1 for 15			
SC	<b>Formula for <math>E(B^2)</math></b> Allow M1B1A0 for $E(B^2) = \frac{2-p}{p^2}$ (o.e.)			
(c)	1 <sup>st</sup> M1 for choosing a suitable geometric model (sight of $\text{Geo}(\frac{2}{3})$ or at least 3 correct probabilities) 2 <sup>nd</sup> M1 for realising the need for appropriate expected value and using $E(g(X))$ [Need sum and $f(x)$ ] NB simply finding $e^{E(X)} = e^{1.5} =$ awrt 4.48 is M0 and probably no more marks. 3 <sup>rd</sup> M1 for a suitable strategy to turn the expression into a sum that can be found 1 <sup>st</sup> A1 for correct use of sum to infinity of geometric series 2 <sup>nd</sup> A1 for interpreting the outcome of the calculations in terms of a solution to the problem must choose red and see the awrt 19.3 (and allow ft of their $E(B^2) < 19$ )			

**Examiner Comments**

In part (c) the first mark for stating the correct model for the number of the spin when it first lands on red was readily accessible but the “doorkeeper” to the remaining marks was the next M mark which required a complete expression (a sum and a function of  $x$  or a clear attempt to find the infinite sum) for  $E(e^X)$ .

Student Response A

a) i)  $B \sim \text{Geo}(\frac{1}{3})$   
 $p(B = \frac{1}{3})$   
 $p(B=3) = \frac{1}{3} \times 2 \times \frac{2}{3}^2 = \frac{4}{27} = 0.148$

ii)  $p(B \leq 5) = 1 - q^5 = 1 - 2 \times \frac{2}{3}^5 = 0.868$

b)  $E(B) = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{3}} = 3$   
 $E(B^2) = E(B) \times E(B) = 3 \times 3 = 9$

c)  $x^2 = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \dots$   
 $P(\text{Red}) = \frac{2}{3}$   
 $P(\text{Blue}) = \frac{1}{3}$   
 $E(R) = \frac{1}{\frac{2}{3}} = 1.5$   
 $E(B) = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{3}} = 3$

c) so expected score for Red  
 $= 1.5$   
 Expected score for Blue  $= 3$   
 Blue

so I would recommend that the choice should be the expected score is higher ( $3 > 1.5$ )

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**Examiner Comments**

In part (a) the correct Geometric model is stated (M1) but the probability in (i) is incorrect (A0) but the formula and answer are correct in part (ii) (M1A1).

In part (b) they give a correct value for  $E(B)$  but the B mark requires a correct variance as well which they never give (B0). They think that  $E(B^2) = E(B) \times E(B)$  (M0) and give the common incorrect answer of 9 (A0).

In part (c) they do not explicitly state that  $R \sim \text{Geo}(\frac{2}{3})$  is the suitable model to be used (M0) and simply think that  $E(e^R) = E(e^{E(R)})$  and no further marks are possible.

## Student Response B

$$a) \quad X \sim B(4, \frac{1}{3})$$

$$B \sim \text{Geo}(\frac{1}{3})$$

$$i) \quad P(B=4) = \frac{1}{3} (2/3)^3$$

$$= \frac{8}{81} \approx 0.0988$$

$$ii) \quad P(B \leq 5) = 1 - (2/3)^5$$

$$= 1 - \frac{32}{243} \approx 0.8683$$

$$b) \quad E(B) = \frac{1}{p}$$

$$\text{Var}(B) = \frac{1-p}{p^2} = E(B^2) - (E(B))^2$$

$$\text{Var}(B) + (E(B))^2 = E(B^2)$$

$$\therefore E(B^2) = \frac{1-p}{p^2} + \frac{1}{p^2} = \frac{2-p}{p^2}$$

c) ~~Tamara's expected~~

The number of spins ~~it takes~~ Tamara can expect it to take to land on blue is  $\frac{1}{\frac{1}{3}} = 3$   
 $\therefore$  she can expect an average score of  $3^2 = 9$  if she picks blue

The number of spins ~~it~~ Tamara can expect it to take to land on red is  $\frac{1}{(2/3)} = \frac{3}{2}$ , so she can expect an average score of  $e^{\frac{9}{2}}$  if she picks red

Since  $e^{\frac{9}{2}} < 9$ , I would recommend that Tamara picks blue.

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**Examiner Comments**

In part (a) both parts are fully correct (M1A1M1A1).

In part (b) there is a suitable strategy given (M1) and a correct formula found for  $E(B^2)$  (B1) but this is not evaluated (A0). A special case was detailed on the mark scheme to enable 2 of the 3 marks to be awarded in this case.

In part (c) a correct model for the number of the spin when the first red occurs (R) is not explicitly given (M0) and they simply compare  $eE(R)$  with  $E(B)^2$  which is a common error and does not score any further marks (M0M0A0A0).

## Student Response C

7.a) (i)  $B \sim \text{Geo}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$

$$P(B=4) = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^3 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$$

$$= \frac{8}{27} = 0.09877$$

$$= 0.0988$$

$$(ii) P(B \leq 5) = 1 - P(X > 5)$$

$$= 1 - \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^5$$

$$= \frac{211}{243} = 0.8683$$

$$= 0.868$$

b)  $\text{Var}(B) = E(B^2) - E(B)^2$

$$E(B^2) = \text{Var}(B) + E(B)^2$$

$$E(B) = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{3}} = 3$$

$$\text{Var}(B) = \frac{2}{3} \div \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} \times 9$$

$$= 6$$

$$E(B^2) = 6 + 3^2 = 6 + 9 = 15$$

c) Red  $X \sim \text{Geo}\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)$

$$E(X) = 1.5$$

$$E(e^X) =$$

$e^x$	$e^1$	$e^2$	$e^3$	$e^4$	$e^5$	$\dots$
$P(X=x)$	$\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)$	$\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$	$\frac{2}{3}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\dots$

$$E(e^X) = e\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) + e^2\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) + e^3\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 + \dots$$

$$= e\frac{2}{3}\left(1 + e\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) + e^2\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 + \dots\right)$$

$$= e\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)\left(\frac{1}{1 - \frac{e}{3}}\right) = \frac{2e}{3} \times \frac{1}{\frac{3-e}{3}} = \frac{2e}{3} \times \frac{3}{3-e} = \frac{2e}{3-e}$$

$$= 19.298$$

$$= 19.3$$

Blue  $X \sim \text{Geo}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$

$$E(X) = 3$$

$$E(X^2) = 15$$

As the expected value of the score if Tamara chooses red is greater than ~~that~~ the expected score of choosing blue,  $E(e^X) > E(X^2)$

$$19.298 > 15$$

I would suggest Tamara to choose red.

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**Examiner Comments**

In part (a) this is fully correct (M1A1M1A1).

In part (b) a correct formula (strategy) is given (M1) and the correct values for the mean and variance are stated (B1) leading to the correct answer (A1).

In part (c) the correct Geometric model is stated (M1) and a correct expression for  $E(e^X)$  is implied by the correct infinite sum indicated (M1). After taking out a suitable factor they identify that this sum is a geometric series and use the sum to infinity formula (M1) which gives the correct answer of  $\frac{2e}{3-e}$  (A1). This is evaluated and compared with the answer to part (b) and a correct conclusion (that Tamara should choose red) is made (A1).

## A Level Further Mathematics – Further Statistics 2 (9FM0 4B)

### Exemplar Question 1

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- 1 A machine is set to fill pots with yoghurt such that the mean weight of yoghurt in a pot is 505 grams.

To check that the machine is working properly, a random sample of 8 pots is selected. The weight of yoghurt, in grams, in each pot is as follows

508 510 500 500 498 503 508 505

Given that the weights of the yoghurt delivered by the machine follow a normal distribution with standard deviation 5.4 grams,

- (a) find a 95% confidence interval for the mean weight,  $\mu$ grams, of yoghurt in a pot. Give your answers to 2 decimal places. (4)
- (b) Comment on whether or not the machine is working properly, giving a reason for your answer. (1)
- (c) State the probability that a 95% confidence interval for  $\mu$  will not contain  $\mu$ grams. (1)
- (d) Without carrying out any further calculations, explain the changes, if any, that would need to be made in calculating the confidence interval in part (a) if the standard deviation was unknown. Give a reason for your answer. You may assume that the weights of the yoghurt delivered by the machine still follow a normal distribution. (2)

**(Total for Question 1 is 8 marks)**

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**Mean Score 5.3 out of 8**

**Examiner Comments**

This question is assessing the student's understanding of the concept of a confidence interval and its interpretation as well as calculating a confidence interval for a normal mean with variance known and with variance unknown.

Part (a) requires the students to calculate a confidence interval for a normal mean, with variance known.

Parts (b) and (c) assess the students understanding of a confidence interval.

Part (d) requires the students to understand the differences in calculating a confidence interval for a normal mean with variance known and a confidence interval for a normal mean with variance unknown. It also requires an understanding of why certain methods should be used.

## Mark Scheme

Question	Scheme		Marks	AOs
<b>1(a)</b>	Mean = 504		B1	1.1b
	1.96		B1	3.3
	$504 \pm \frac{5.4}{\sqrt{8}} \times "1.96"$		M1	2.1
	(500.258, 507.742)		A1	1.1b
			(4)	
<b>(b)</b>	<b>505</b> is in the confidence <b>interval</b> therefore there is evidence that the machine is <b>working</b> properly		B1ft	2.2b
			(1)	
<b>(c)</b>	5% oe		B1	1.1b
			(1)	
<b>(d)</b>	<i>s</i> needs to be used instead of $\sigma$ and a <i>t</i> -value instead of the <i>z</i> value		B1	3.3
	since the sample is small therefore you can't use the normal distribution		B1	3.5b
			(2)	
<b>(8 marks)</b>				
<b>Notes:</b>				
<b>(a)</b>	<b>B1</b>	504 may be seen in part (b)		
	<b>B1</b>	For realising a normal distribution must be used as a model and finding the correct value 1.96		
	<b>M1</b>	For $504 \pm \frac{5.4}{\sqrt{8}} \times "z \text{ value}"$ . $ z  > 1$ May be implied by a correct CI		
	<b>A1</b>	awrt 500.26 and 507.74 NB using <i>t</i> gives 500.29 and 507.71		
<b>(b)</b>	<b>B1ft</b>	Drawing a correct inference (ft) using their answer to part (a) and the 505 from the question. Reason must be given. Ignore incorrect non – contextual		
<b>(c)</b>	<b>B1</b>	5%		
<b>(d)</b>	<b>B1</b>	create new model by using <i>s</i> and <i>t</i> . Allow if state use CI $\mu \pm \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} \times "t"$ or use $s = 4.44$ and $t = 2.365$		
	<b>B1</b>	For recognising that the sample is small		

## Student Response A

① a) 95% CI.:

$$\bar{x} \pm z_c \left( \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \right)$$

$$= 505 \pm 1.96 \left( \frac{5.4}{\sqrt{8}} \right)$$

$$= (501.26, 508.74)$$

b) The machine is working properly since the 8 pots selected are distributed above and below the mean.

c) 5%

d) Since standard deviation is unknown will have to use  $t$ -distribution.

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**Examiner Comments**

The mean 504 cannot be seen in part (a) or part (b). The correct critical value is used. However, the confidence interval is calculated using 505 rather than the mean of the sample. **B0B1M0A0**

In part (b) 505 is not seen. **B0ft**

In part (c) 5% is correct. **B1**

In part (d) the explanation includes the fact that  $t$  needs to be used but there is no indication that  $s$  needs to be used as well. **B0**

No reason for why these need to be used is given. **B0**

## Student Response B

$$a) \quad \bar{x} \pm z \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$$\bar{x} = 504 \quad z = 1.96 \quad \sigma = 5.4 \quad \sqrt{n} = \sqrt{8}$$

$$504 \pm 1.96 \times \frac{5.4}{\sqrt{8}}$$

$$(500, 508)$$

b) the machine is working properly as the mean weight of 505 grams lies within the confidence interval

c) 5%

d) there would be changes as we would need to use the values in the  $t_{n-1}$  distribution instead of using the normal distribution

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**Examiner Comments**

In part (a) the correct calculation for the confidence interval is given but the answer is not given to the required accuracy. **B1B1M1A0**

In part (b) 505 is used and a correct conclusion is given with the required words seen. **B1ft**

In part (c) 5% is correct. **B1**

In part (d) the explanation includes the fact that  $t$  needs to be used but there is no indication that  $s$  needs to be used as well. **B0**

No reason for why these need to be used is given. **B0**

## Student Response C

a)  $n = 8$  by calculator  
 $\sum x = 4032$   
 $\sum x^2 = 2032,266$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\sum x}{n} = 504$$

$$s^2 = \frac{\sum x^2 - n\bar{x}^2}{n-1} = 17.71$$

95% C.I for  $\mu$   $z = 1.96$   
 $[500.26, 507.74]$

$$\bar{x} \pm z \times \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$$= 504 \pm 3.792 = [500.26, 507.74] \text{ grams}$$

~~$[500.26, 507.74]$~~

b) 505 lies in the interval  
 so at a significance of 5%  
 there is sufficient evidence to  
 conclude the machine is working properly

c) ~~0.05~~ 0.05

d) instead of using the critical value  
 from the standard normal distribution  
 you would use  $t_{(n-1)}(0.025)$  which in this case would be 2.365

and instead of using  $\sigma$   
 you would use the unbiased estimate of standard  
 deviation  $\sqrt{s^2}$

formula for confidence limit would become

$$\bar{x} \pm 2.365 \times \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$$

**Examiner Comments**

In part (a) the correct confidence interval is given. **B1B1M1A1**

In part (b) 505 is used and a correct conclusion is given with the required words seen. **B1ft**

In part (c) 0.05 is equivalent to 5%. **B1**

In part (d) the explanation includes the fact that  $t$  needs to be used as well as  $s$ . **B1**

No reason for why these need to be used is given. **B0**

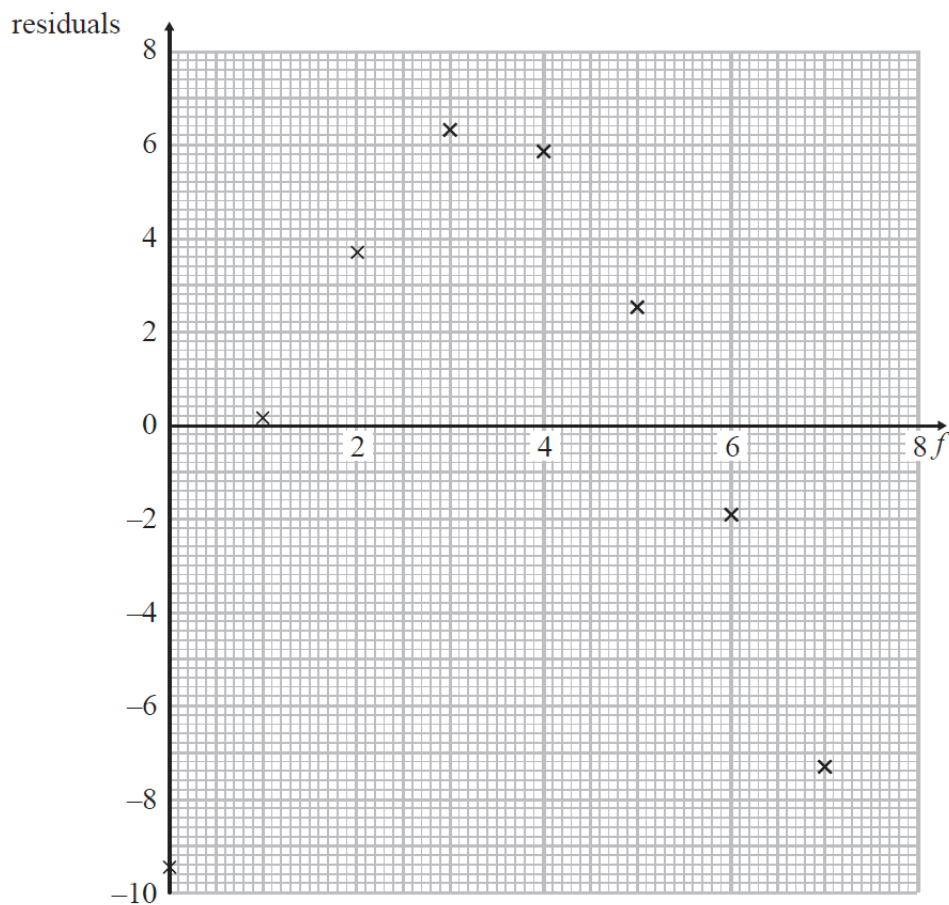
### Exemplar Question 2

- 2 A large field of wheat is split into 8 plots of equal area. Each plot is treated with a different amount of fertiliser, grams /m<sup>2</sup>. The yield of wheat,  $w$  tonnes, from each plot is recorded. The results are summarised below.

$$\sum f = 28 \quad \sum w = 303 \quad \sum w^2 = 13\,447 \quad S_{ff} = 42 \quad S_{fw} = 269.5$$

- (a) Calculate the product moment correlation coefficient between  $f$  and  $w$  (2)
- (b) Interpret the value of your product moment correlation coefficient. (1)
- (c) Find the equation of the regression line of  $w$  on  $f$  in the form  $w = a + bf$  (3)
- (d) Using your equation, estimate the decrease in yield when the amount of fertiliser decreases by 0.5 grams /m<sup>2</sup> (1)

The residuals of the data recorded are calculated and plotted on the graph below.



- (e) With reference to this graph, comment on the suitability of the model you found in part (c). (2)
- (f) Suggest how you might be able to refine your model. (1)

(Total for Question 2 is 10 marks)

Mean Score 7.2 out of 10

### Examiner Comments

This question is assessing the student's understanding of the product moment correlation coefficient (3.1), regression lines (1.1) and residuals (1.2).

Part (a) requires the students to calculate the product moment correlation coefficient.

In part (b) the students are asked to interpret the product moment correlation coefficient. The demand "Interpret" indicates that the answer needs to be in the context of the question.

Part (c) requires the students to find the equation of a regression line.

In part (d) the student is required to use their regression line to estimate a value.

Part (e) requires the students to refer to the graph to comment on the suitability of the model. The main misconception was that the residuals needed to be close to zero for the model to be suitable rather than they need to be randomly scattered. A minority of students stated that the residuals did not add up to 1 possibly having not noticed the residual for  $f = 0$ .

In part (f) very few students realised that the graph indicated that a nonlinear model would be more appropriate.

Mark Scheme

Question	Scheme	Marks	AOs
2(a)	$S_{ww} = 13447 - \frac{303^2}{8} = 1970.875$		
	$r = \frac{269.5}{\sqrt{42 \times 1970.875}}$	M1	1.1b
	$r = 0.9367... \text{awrt } 0.937$	A1	1.1b
		(2)	
(b)	As the amount of <b>fertiliser</b> increases the <b>yield</b> increases	B1	3.2a
		(1)	
(c)	$b = \frac{269.5}{42} [= 6.41666...]$	M1	3.3
	$a = \frac{303}{8} - 'b' \cdot \frac{28}{8} [= 15.41666...]$	M1	1.1b
	$w = 15.4 + 6.42f$	A1	1.1b
		(3)	
(d)	3.21 tonnes	B1ft	1.1b
		(1)	
(e)	The <b>residual</b> plot is close to an 'n' shape or the <b>residuals</b> appear not to be <b>randomly</b> scattered	M1	2.4
	The model in part (c) is unlikely to be suitable	A1	2.2b
		(2)	
(f)	Fit a curve rather than a line	B1	3.5c
		(1)	
			(10 marks)
<b>Notes:</b>			
(a)	M1	Complete correct method for finding $r$	
	A1	for awrt 0.937	
(b)	B1	Correct contextual statement	
(c)	M1	For use of a correct model ie a correct expression for $b$	
	M1	For use of a correct model ie a correct expression (ft) for $a$	
	A1	For a correct model $w = 15.4 + 6.42f$ with awrt 15.4 and awrt 6.42	
(d)	B1ft	awrt 3.21 condone – 3.21	
(e)	M1	Explaining a reason for their conclusion e.g. there is a <b>pattern/trend</b> in the <b>residuals</b> Do not accept residuals not close to zero	
	A1	concluding it is not valid oe	
(f)	B1	A comment about not using a linear line e.g. use a quadratic model, logarithmic graph exponential	

Student Response A

$$\begin{aligned}
 (a) \quad r &= \frac{S_{fw}}{\sqrt{S_{ff} S_{ww}}} & S_{ff} &= 42 \\
 & & S_{fw} &= 269.5 \\
 & & S_{ww} &= \sum w^2 - \frac{(\sum w)^2}{8} \\
 & & &= 13447 - \frac{303^2}{8} = 1970.875 \\
 \Rightarrow r &= \frac{269.5}{\sqrt{42 \times 1970.875}} = \underline{0.937 \text{ (3s.f.)}}
 \end{aligned}$$

(b) ~~r~~  $r = 0.937$  is a positive correlation.

~~The amount of fertiliser~~

When the amount of fertiliser ~~is~~ increases, the yield of wheat also increases.

(c) When  $y = 2x + b$ ,

~~The~~ The regression coefficient of  $y$  on  $x$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{The regression coefficient of } y \text{ on } x &= \frac{S_{fy}}{S_{xx}} = \frac{S_{fw}}{S_{ff}} = \frac{269.5}{42} \\
 &= \underline{6.42 \text{ (3s.f.)}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$a =$

$$\Rightarrow W = \quad + 6.42f$$

~~W = 2 + 6.42f~~

$$(d) \quad W = 2 + 6.42f$$

$$\text{When } f = 0.5, \quad W = 2 + 6.42 \times 0.5$$

$$W = 2 + 3.21$$

(e) shows the gradient

**Examiner Comments**

In part (a) an awrt 0.937 is given. **M1A1**

In part (b) a correct answer in context has been given. **B1**

In part (c) the correct expression for  $b$  has been given. No expression for  $a$  has been given and the equation of the regression line is incorrect. **M1M0A0**

In part (d) the student has attempted to find the value of  $w$  when  $f = 0.5$  rather than the decrease in yield using their value of  $b$ . **B0ft**  
the correct value for the decrease in yield is given. **B0ft**

In part (e) it does not say why the graph suggests a non-linear model. **M0A0**

In part (f) No answer is given. **B0**

### Student Response B

$$\begin{aligned} \sum w &= \sum w^2 - \frac{(\sum w)^2}{n} \\ &= 13447 - \frac{(303)^2}{8} \\ &= 1770.875 \end{aligned}$$

$$r = \frac{S_{fw}}{\sqrt{S_w S_f}} = \frac{269.5}{\sqrt{1770.875 \times 42}} = 0.937$$

b) There is a strong positive linear correlation between  $f$  and  $w$ .

$$\begin{aligned} c) \quad b &= \frac{S_{fw}}{S_f} \\ &= \frac{269.5}{42} \\ &= \frac{77}{12} = 6.42 \end{aligned}$$

$$\bar{w} = a + b\bar{f}$$

$$\frac{303}{8} = a + \frac{77}{12} \times \frac{28}{8}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a &= \frac{185}{12} \\ &= 15.4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore w = \frac{185}{12} + \frac{77}{12} f$$

$$w = 15.4 + 6.42 f$$

d) when  $f = -115$

$$w = \frac{185}{12} - \frac{77}{12} \times 115$$

$$= \frac{293}{24}$$

$$\frac{185}{12} - \frac{293}{24} = 3.21 \text{ (tonnes)} \quad \therefore \text{It decreases by 3.21 tonnes.}$$

e) The graph does not suggest a linear correlation  
 $\therefore$  The regression line is not suitable.

f) Use Spearman's rank model since the correlation is not linear.

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**Examiner Comments**

In part (a) an awrt 0.937 is given. **M1A1**

In part (b) the answer is not given in context. **B0**

In part (c) a correct equation of the regression line is given. **M1M1A1**

In part (d) the correct value for the decrease in yield is given. **B1ft**

In part (e) it does not say **why** the graph suggests a non-linear model. **M0A0**

In part (f) A comment about not using a linear line has not been given. **B0**

## Student Response C

$$a. \text{ PMCC } r = \frac{S_{fw}}{\sqrt{S_{ff}S_{ww}}}$$

$$x=f$$

$$y=w$$

$$S_{ww} = \sum w^2 - \frac{(\sum w)^2}{n} = 13447 - \frac{303^2}{8}$$

$$= 1970.875$$

$$r = \frac{269.5}{\sqrt{42 \times 1970.875}} = 0.93670 \dots$$

$$= 0.937 \text{ (3sf)}$$

b.  $r=0.937$  shows a strong positive correlation

$$c. w = a + bf \quad b = \frac{S_{fw}}{S_{ff}} = \frac{269.5}{42} = 6.146$$

$$a = \bar{w} - b\bar{f}$$

$$\bar{w} = \frac{303}{8} = 37.875 \quad \bar{f} = \frac{28}{8} = 3.5$$

$$a = 37.875 - 6.146 \times 3.5$$

$$= 15.416$$

$$w = 15.4 + 6.15f$$

$$d. w = 15.4 + 6.15x - 0.5$$

$$= 12.325$$

$$15.4 - 12.325 = 3.075$$

e. a linear model is not suitable as the residuals do not appear to be randomly scattered about 0

f. use a non linear model e.g. spearman's rank correlation coefficient

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**Examiner Comments**

In part (a) an awrt 0.937 is given. **M1A1**

In part (b) the answer is not given in context. **B0**

In part (c) a correct expression for  $b$  and  $a$  is given but the value of  $b$  is incorrect. **M1M1A0**

In part (d) the student has found the decrease in yield using their value of  $b$ . **B1ft**

In part (e) a correct answer with a suitable reason has been given. **M1A1**

In part (f) using a nonlinear model is equivalent to fit a curve rather than a line reason has been given. **B1**

## Exemplar Question 3

- 3 Yin grows two varieties of potato, plant *A* and plant *B*. A random sample of each variety of potato is taken and the yield,  $x$  kg, produced by each plant is measured. The following statistics are obtained from the data.

	Number of plants	$\sum x$	$\sum x^2$
<i>A</i>	25	194.7	1637.37
<i>B</i>	26	227.5	2031.19

- (a) Stating your hypotheses clearly, test, at the 10% significance level, whether or not the variances of the yields of the two varieties of potato are the same.

(7)

- (b) State an assumption you have made in order to carry out the test in part (a).

(1)

**(Total for Question 3 is 8 marks)****Mean Score 6.6 out of 8****Examiner Comments**

This question is assessing the student's ability to test whether or not two independent random samples are from Normal populations with equal variances.

Part (a) requires the students to use the data given to complete the hypothesis test.

In part (b) the students need to demonstrate they understand what assumptions have been made in order to carry out the test in part (a). Many students knew that something had to be normally distributed, but few realised that it was the yield that was assumed to be normally distributed.

Mark Scheme

Question	Scheme	Marks	AOs
3(a)	$H_0 : \sigma_A^2 = \sigma_B^2, H_1 : \sigma_A^2 \neq \sigma_B^2$	B1	2.5
	$s_A^2 = \frac{1}{24} \left( 1637.37 - 25 \times \left( \frac{194.7}{25} \right)^2 \right) = 5.0436$	M1 A1	2.1 1.1b
	$s_B^2 = \frac{1}{25} \left( 2031.19 - 26 \times \left( \frac{227.5}{26} \right)^2 \right) = 1.6226$	A1	1.1b
	$\frac{s_A^2}{s_B^2} = 3.108\dots$	M1	3.4
	critical values upper tail $F_{24,25} = 1.96$	B1	1.1b
	There is evidence that the two <b>variances</b> are different.	A1ft	2.2b
		(7)	
(b)	The <b>yields</b> are normally distributed.	B1	1.2
		(1)	
<b>(8 marks)</b>			
<b>Notes:</b>			
(a)	<b>B1</b> both hypotheses correct using $\sigma$ <b>or</b> $\sigma^2$		
	<b>M1</b> Using a correct method for either $s_A^2$ or $s_B^2$ . May be implied by a correct value		
	<b>A1</b> awrt 5.04		
	<b>A1</b> awrt 1.62		
	<b>M1</b> Using the F-distribution as the model eg $\frac{s_A^2}{s_B^2} \left( \text{allow } \frac{s_B^2}{s_A^2} [= 0.321\dots] \right)$		
	<b>B1</b> awrt1.96 or 0.506 must match their method		
	<b>A1ft</b> Drawing a correct inference following through their CV and value for $\frac{s_B^2}{s_A^2}$ or $\frac{s_A^2}{s_B^2}$ Allow $\sigma_B^2 \neq \sigma_A^2$ Allow standard deviation instead of Var .Do not allow $\sigma_B^2 = \sigma_A^2$		
(b)	<b>B1</b> recalling the fact that the variable <b>yield</b> needs to be normally distributed		

## Student Response A

$$(2) H_0: \sigma_A^2 = \sigma_B^2 \quad \text{S.L.} \Rightarrow 0.005$$

$$H_1: \sigma_A^2 \neq \sigma_B^2$$

critical value :

Var A =

(b) Two plant A and plant B are grown in the same condition.

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#### Examiner Comments

In part (a) the hypotheses are correct, but no further progress has been made. **B1M0A0A0M0B0A0**

In part (b) the assumption needed to use the test has not been given. **B0**

## Student Response B

a)  $H_0: \sigma_a = \sigma_b$   
 $H_1: \sigma_a \neq \sigma_b$       2-tailed test: 5% critical value.

$$S_a^2 = \frac{\sum x^2}{n} - \left(\frac{\sum x}{n}\right)^2$$

$$\rightarrow S_a^2 = 4.841856$$

$$\frac{S_a^2}{S_b^2} \sim F_{n_a-1, n_b-1}^{0.05}$$

$$S_b^2 = \frac{\sum x^2}{n} - \left(\frac{\sum x}{n}\right)^2$$

$$F_{24, 25}^{0.05} = 2.62$$

$$\rightarrow S_b^2 = 1.5601$$

$$\frac{S_a^2/\sigma_a^2}{S_b^2/\sigma_b^2} = \frac{S_a^2}{S_b^2} = 3.103371281$$

$3.1033 > 2.62 \therefore$  sufficient evidence to reject  $H_0$ . the variances are not the same at the 10% level.

b) assumed that the data come from a normally distributed population.

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**Examiner Comments**

In part (a) the hypotheses are correct. An incorrect method has been used to find  $s_A^2$  and  $s_B^2$ . The F-distribution model has been used with their  $s_A^2$  and  $s_B^2$  but the critical value is incorrect. As the previous method mark has been awarded this mark can be awarded as the conclusion is correct for their values. **B1M0A0A0M1B0A1**

In part (b) they have not said what data refers to. **B0**

## Student Response C

$$a) H_0: \sigma_A^2 = \sigma_B^2 \quad H_1: \sigma_A^2 \neq \sigma_B^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} S_A^2 &= \frac{1}{n_A-1} (\sum X_A^2 - n \bar{X}_A^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{24} (1637.37 - 25 \left(\frac{194.7}{25}\right)^2) \\ &= 5.0436 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} S_B^2 &= \frac{1}{n_B-1} (\sum X_B^2 - n \bar{X}_B^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{25} (2031.19 - 26 \left(\frac{227.5}{26}\right)^2) \\ &= 1.6226 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{S_A^2}{S_B^2} = \frac{5.0436}{1.6226} = 3.11$$

$$F_{24,25}(0.05) = 1.96 \quad 3.11 > 1.96 \quad \therefore \text{Reject } H_0$$

$\therefore$  There is sufficient evidence to suggest the variances of the yields of two varieties of potatoes are not same.

b) The samples are from normally distributed population.  
The ~~two~~ samples are independent with each other

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**Examiner Comments**

In part (a) a fully correct solution is given. **B1M1A1M1B1A1ft**

In part (b) whilst the idea that something is normally distributed is present, it does not say what is normally distributed. **B0**

## Exemplar Question 4

- 4 The continuous random variable  $X$  has cumulative distribution function given by

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \leq 0 \\ k \left( x^3 - \frac{3}{8}x^4 \right) & 0 < x \leq 2 \\ 1 & x > 2 \end{cases}$$

where  $k$  is a constant.

- (a) Show that  $k = \frac{1}{2}$  (1)
- (b) Showing your working clearly, use calculus to find
- (i)  $E(X)$
  - (ii) the mode of  $X$
- (6)
- (c) Describe, giving a reason, the skewness of the distribution of  $X$  (1)

**(Total for Question 4 is 8 marks)**

**Mean Score 6.8 out of 8**

### Examiner Comments

This question is assessing the student's understanding of the relationship between the probability density function and the cumulative distribution function in order to find the mean and mode. (2.1), (2.2) and (2.3).

Part (a) requires working to be shown as the answer is given. Stating  $2k = 1$  is not enough as this could easily be gained from the answer. There needed to be clear evidence that 2 had been substituted into  $F(x)$ .

In part (b) the students had to realise that they needed to differentiate  $F(x)$  to gain  $f(x)$  before being able to find  $E(X)$ . They also then needed to differentiate for a second time in order to find the mode. The question asked for clear working to be shown so using a calculator to do the integration was not accepted. It is worth noting that integrating  $x f(x)$  also gives the answer 1.2 so working must be checked carefully.

In part (c) the students were expected to describe the skewness of the distribution and use their answers for the mode and mean to give a reason, although a correct sketch was also acceptable.

Mark Scheme

Question	Scheme	Marks	AOs
<b>4(a)</b>	$k\left(2^3 - \frac{3}{8}2^4\right) = 1$	B1*	1.1b
	$2k = 1$		
	$k = \frac{1}{2}^*$		
	Or $\frac{1}{2}\left(2^3 - \frac{3}{8}2^4\right) = 1 \therefore k = \frac{1}{2}^*$	(B1*)	
		(1)	
<b>(b)</b>	$f(x) = k\left[3x^2 - \frac{3}{2}x^3\right]$	M1	2.1
	(i) $\int_0^2 xf(x) dx = k \int_0^2 \left(3x^3 - \frac{3}{2}x^4\right) dx$	M1d	1.1b
	$= \left[\frac{3x^4}{8} - \frac{3x^5}{20}\right]_0^2$		
	$= \frac{6}{5}$ or 1.2	A1	1.1b
	(ii) $3x - \frac{9x^2}{4} = 0$	M1d	3.1a
	$x\left(3 - \frac{9x}{4}\right) = 0$	M1d	1.1b
	$x = 0$ or $\frac{4}{3} \therefore \text{mode} = \frac{4}{3}$	A1	1.1b
		(6)	
<b>(c)</b>	Mode > mean implies it is negative skew	B1ft	2.4
		(1)	
			<b>(8 marks)</b>

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<b>Notes:</b>		
<b>(a)</b>	<b>B1*</b>	substituting $x = 2$ into $F(x)$ and equating to 1 leading to $k = \frac{1}{2}$ with no errors. Minimum subst seen is $k(8 - 6) = 1$ or $0.5(8 - 6) = 1$
<b>(b)</b>	<b>M1</b>	Realising they need to find the pdf and attempting to differentiate $k \left[ x^3 - \frac{3}{8}x^4 \right]$ at least 1 correct term
<b>(i)</b>	<b>M1d</b>	dep on 1 <sup>st</sup> M1 Attempting to find $\int_0^2 x(\text{their } f(x)) dx$ At least one correct term ft their pdf
	<b>A1</b>	$\frac{6}{5}$ or 1.2 oe NB 1.2 with no working gains M0M0A0
<b>(ii)</b>	<b>M1d</b>	dep on 1 <sup>st</sup> M1 for realising they need to differentiate their pdf. At least one correct term but ft their pdf
	<b>M1d</b>	Dep on 3 <sup>rd</sup> M1. correct method for solving their differential of their pdf = 0 pdf must be of the form $ax^2 + bx$
	<b>A1</b>	$\therefore$ mode = $\frac{4}{3}$ only. They must eliminate 0
<b>(c)</b>	<b>B1ft</b>	ft their mode and mean or a correct sketch.

Student Response A

$$a) k \left[ x^3 - \frac{3}{6} x^4 \right]_0^2 = 1$$

$$2k = 1$$

$$k = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$b) i) \frac{1}{2} \left( 3x^2 - \frac{3}{2} x^3 \right)$$

$$ii) \frac{1}{2} \left( 3x^2 - \frac{3}{2} x^3 \right)$$

$$E(X) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^2 \left( 3x^3 - \frac{3}{2} x^4 \right)$$

c) negatively skewed.

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{3x^4}{4} - \frac{3}{10} x^5 \right]_0^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (12 - 9.6) = 1.2$$

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**Examiner Comments**

In part (a) the minimum evidence required for showing 2 has been substituted is not seen. **B0**

In part (b) the pdf has been found. This has then been integrated and the correct limits used to find  $E(X)$ . There is no correct method given for the mode. **M1M1dA1M0M0A0**

In part (c) no reason is given. **B0**

Student Response B

a)  $F(2) = 1$

$$k \left( 2^3 - \frac{3}{8} \times 2^4 \right) = 1$$

$$k ( 8 - 3 \times 2 ) = 1$$

$$2k = 1$$

$$k = \frac{1}{2}$$

b i)  $F(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left( x^3 - \frac{3}{8} x^4 \right)$

$$f(x) = F'(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left( 3x^2 - \frac{3}{4} x^3 \right)$$

$$E(x) = \int_0^2 x \cdot \frac{1}{2} \left( 3x^2 - \frac{3}{4} x^3 \right) dx$$

$$= \int_0^2 \frac{1}{2} \left( 3x^3 - \frac{3}{4} x^4 \right) dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{3x^4}{4} - \frac{3x^5}{4 \times 5} \right]_0^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{3 \times 2^4}{4} - \frac{3 \times 2^5}{4 \times 5} - 0 \right]$$

$$= \frac{18}{5}$$

ii)  $f'(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left( 6x - \frac{9}{4} x^2 \right)$

$$f'(x) = 0$$

$$6x - \frac{9}{4} x^2 = 0$$

$$x \left( 6 - \frac{9}{4} x \right) = 0$$

$$x_1 = 0$$

$$6 = \frac{9}{4} x$$

$$x = \frac{8}{3}$$

∴  $x = \frac{8}{3}$  only

c)

mean = 3.6

mode = 2.66...

Mode (2.66...) < Median < Mean (3.6)

~~$$x^3 - \frac{3}{8} x^4 = 1$$~~

~~$$\text{Median } F(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left( x^3 - \frac{3}{8} x^4 \right) = 1$$~~

~~$$\frac{1}{2} \left( x^3 - \frac{3}{8} x^4 \right) = \frac{1}{2} \text{ Hence positive skewness}$$~~

**Examiner Comments**

In part (a) the minimum evidence required for showing 2 has been substituted is seen. **B1**

In part (b) an attempt to find the pdf has been made and one of the terms is correct. They have then used this pdf and attempted to find  $E(X)$  the pdf has been found. This has then been integrated correctly and the correct limits used to find  $E(X)$ . However, the answer is incorrect. **M1M1dA0**

Their pdf has been differentiated correctly, been equated to zero and solved but the answer is incorrect. **M1M1dA0**

In part (c) the correct conclusion using their mean and mode has been made along with a relevant reason. **B1**

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Student Response C

$$(a) F(2) = 1 \quad k(8 - \frac{3}{8} \times 2^4) = 1$$

$$k(8 - 3 \times 2) = 1$$

$$k \times 2 = 1$$

$$k = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$(b) (i) f(x) = F(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^3 - \frac{3}{16}x^4 \text{ for } x \in (0, 2]$$

$$f(x) = \frac{dF(x)}{dx} = \frac{3}{2}x^2 - \frac{3}{4}x^3$$

$$E(X) = \int_0^2 x f(x) = \int_0^2 (\frac{3}{2}x^3 - \frac{3}{4}x^4) dx$$

$$= [\frac{3}{8}x^4 - \frac{3}{20}x^5]_0^2$$

$$= 1.2$$

$$(ii) f'(x) = \frac{3}{2}x - \frac{9}{4}x^2 = 0$$

$$x=0, \quad \frac{3}{2}x = \frac{9}{4}x^2$$

$$x = \frac{4}{3}$$

$\therefore x = \frac{4}{3}$  is the mode.

(c) median < mean < mode, it's a negative skew.

$$1 < 1.2 < 1.33$$

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#### Examiner Comments

In part (a) the minimum evidence required for showing 2 has been substituted is seen. **B1**

In part (b) the pdf has been found. This has then been integrated and the correct limits used to find  $E(X)$ . The pdf has been differentiated correctly, been equated to zero and solved. **M1M1dA1M1M1A1**

In part (c) they have the mode > mean leading to the correct conclusion. We can ignore the reference to the incorrect median. **B1**

**Exemplar Question 5**

- 5 Alexa believes that students are equally likely to achieve the same percentage score on each of two tests, paper I and paper II. She randomly selects 8 students and gives them each paper I and paper II. The percentage scores for each paper are recorded. The following paired data are collected.

Student	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>G</i>	<i>H</i>
<b>Paper I (%)</b>	70	70	84	80	64	65	65	90
<b>Paper II (%)</b>	64	76	72	74	68	64	58	76

Test, at the 1% significance level, whether or not there is evidence to support Alexa's belief. State your hypotheses clearly and show your working.

(7)

**(Total for Question 5 is 7 marks)****Mean Score 5.1 out of 7****Examiner Comments**

This question is assessing the ability to apply a paired  $t$ -test. (7.2)

The most common error was to use a difference of means test.

Mark Scheme

Question	Scheme	Marks	AOs
5	$d: 6 \quad -6 \quad 12 \quad 6 \quad -4 \quad 1 \quad 7 \quad 14$	M1	3.1b
	$\bar{d} = \pm 4.5 \quad s_d = \sqrt{50.285...} = 7.09 \dots$	M1	1.1b
	$H_0: \mu_d = 0 \quad H_1: \mu_d \neq 0$	B1	3.3
	$t = \pm \frac{"4.5" \sqrt{8}}{"7.09..."} \text{ oe}$	M1	1.1b
	$= \pm 1.7948 \dots$ awrt $\pm 1.79/1.8$	A1	1.1b
	Critical value $t_7 = \pm 3.499$	B1	1.1b
	There is insufficient evidence that the <b>papers</b> are of a different level of difficulty or <b>Alexa's</b> belief is correct	A1ft	2.2b
		(7)	
<b>(7 marks)</b>			
<b>Notes:</b>			
<b>M1:</b> for realising that the model to use is the paired $t$ -test and finding the differences ( $\pm$ ) At least 3 correct			
<b>M1:</b> correct method for finding $\bar{d}$ and $s_d$ .			
<b>B1:</b> Using a correct model for difference and both hypotheses correct using the notation $\mu_d$ or $\mu$ Condone $\mu_I = \mu_{II}$ and $\mu_I \neq \mu_{II}$			
<b>M1:</b> Using the correct method to find test statistics ie $t = \pm \frac{"their 4.5" \sqrt{8}}{"their 7.09..."}$			
<b>A1:</b> awrt 1.79 or 1.8			
<b>B1:</b> for correct critical value $t = \pm 3.499$ with compatible sign			
<b>A1ft:</b> Drawing a correct inference in context using their CV and their value of $t$			
<b>NB</b> difference of means test gets M0M0B1M0A0B0A0			

## Student Response A

Paper 1	Paper 2
$\Sigma x = 588$	$\Sigma x = 552$
$\Sigma x^2 = 43902$	$\Sigma x^2 = 38392$
$\bar{x} = 73.5$	$\bar{x} = 69$
$s^2 = \frac{43902 - \left(\frac{588^2}{8}\right)}{7}$	$s^2 = \frac{38392 - 69^2(8)}{7}$
$= \frac{684}{7}$	$= \frac{304}{7}$

$$H_0: \mu_1 = \mu_2$$

$$H_1: \mu_1 \neq \mu_2$$

two tailed 1% significance  
 $\therefore$  0.5% each tail.

$$CR: t_{14} (0.5\%) = 2.977$$

$$s_p^2 = \frac{(7)\left(\frac{684}{7}\right) + (7)\left(\frac{304}{7}\right)}{14}$$

$$= \frac{494}{7}$$

$$\text{test stat: } \frac{(73.5 - 69) - (0)}{\sqrt{\frac{494}{7} \left(\frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8}\right)}}$$

$$= \frac{4.5}{4.2003...}$$

$$= 1.071341813$$

$$1.071341813 < 2.977$$

$\therefore$  accept  $H_0$ , there is not enough sufficient evidence to suggest percentage scores are different.  
 Alexa's belief was correct.

**Examiner Comments**

A difference in means test has been attempted rather than a paired  $t$ -test. The only mark they could get is the first B1. They have the relevant hypotheses. **M0M0B1M0A0B0A0**

## Student Response B

Paired sample t-test.

Let  $D$  be the difference between Paper I & Paper II.

Student	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
$I-II$	6	-6	12	6	-4	1	7	14

Hypothesis:  $H_0: D = 0$

$H_1: D \neq 0$  at 1% level of significance.

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{d} &= \frac{9}{8} \\ \sigma^2 &= \frac{\sum d^2}{n} - \frac{(\sum d)^2}{n^2} \\ &= \frac{514}{8} - \frac{(26)^2}{8^2} = 252. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Test statistic: } \frac{\bar{D} - \mu}{\frac{\sigma^2}{\sqrt{n}}} \sim t_{n-1} = t_7$$

$$\left| \frac{0 - \left(\frac{9}{8}\right)}{\sqrt{\frac{252}{8}}} \right| = |-0.6784| = 0.6784$$

critical value, since it's 2-tail test.

$$c.v. = \pm 3.499$$

since test-statistic < critical value

$\therefore$  reject  $H_0$  at 1% level of significance

$\therefore$  There's sufficient evidence to support Alexa's belief.

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## Examiner Comments

A paired  $t$ -test has been used. The differences have been found.  $s^2$  has not been found. The hypotheses do not contain  $\mu$ . The correct method using what they believe is  $s$  (we condone the use of  $\sigma$  as labelling) but the answer is incorrect. The critical value is correct. The conclusion is incorrect as they say there is insufficient evidence to support Alexa's belief.

**M1M0B0M1A0B1A0**

## Student Response C

$$\begin{array}{l}
 H_0: \mu_a = 0 \\
 H_1: \mu_a \neq 0
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 6 \\
 4-6 \\
 12 \\
 6 \\
 -4 \\
 1 \\
 7 \\
 14
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \bar{x}_a = 4.5 \\
 \sum x^2 = 514 \\
 s^2 = \frac{514 - 8 \times 4.5^2}{7} \\
 = 50.29
 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{4.5 - 0}{\sqrt{\frac{50.29}{8}}}$$

$$= 1.795 < 2.998$$

∴ insufficient evidence to reject  $H_0$ .

∴ Alexa is correct.

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**Examiner Comments**

A paired  $t$ -test has been used. The hypotheses and test statistic are correct but the critical value is incorrect. The conclusion is correct using their CV. **M1M1B1M1A1B0A1**

**Exemplar Question 6**

- 6 A company manufactures bolts. The diameter of the bolts follows a normal distribution with a mean diameter of 5 mm.

Stan believes that the mean diameter of the bolts is less than 5 mm. He takes a random sample of 10 bolts and measures their diameters. He calculates some statistics but spills ink on his work before completing them. The only information he has left is as follows

$$4.5 \ 4.5 \ 5.5 \ 4.8 \ 4.9 \ 4.7 \ 5$$


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$$X \sim N(5$$


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$$\sum x = 48.4$$


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$$\bar{x} =$$


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$$99\% \text{ confidence interval for the variance is } = (0.01712, 0.23280)$$


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Stating your hypotheses clearly, test, at the 5% level of significance, whether or not Stan's belief is supported.

(9)

**(Total for Question 6 is 9 marks)****Mean Score 6.8 out of 9****Examiner Comments**

This question is assessing material in (5.2, 6.1 and 7.2) and is an example of a problem solving question where the students need to devise their own strategy for solving it.

Students generally knew they needed to use for the mean of a normal distribution but struggled to find a value for the unbiased estimator of  $\sigma$ . The most common error was to think that the confidence interval was in fact for the mean rather than the variance.

Mark Scheme

Question	Scheme	Marks	AOs
6	99% confidence interval for Var uses $\chi^2$ values of 1.735 or 23.589	B1	3.3
	$\frac{9s^2}{1.735} = 0.2328$ or $\frac{9s^2}{23.589} = 0.01712$	M1	2.1
	$s^2 = \frac{0.2328 \times "1.735"}{9}$ or $\frac{0.01712 \times "23.589"}{9}$ [= 0.04487...]	dM1	1.1b
	$\bar{x} = 4.84$	B1	1.1b
	$H_0 : \mu = 5$ $H_1 : \mu < 5$	B1	2.5
	CV $t_9 = -1.833$	B1	1.1b
	$t = \pm \frac{"4.84" - 5}{\sqrt{"0.0449"/10}}$	M1	1.1b
	= awrt - 2.39	A1	1.1b
	<b>Stan's belief is supported</b> <b>or there is evidence that the mean diameter of the bolts is less than 5mm</b>	A1ft	2.2b
		<b>(9)</b>	
<b>(9 marks)</b>			
<b>Notes:</b>			
<b>B1:</b> For realising a $\chi^2$ distribution must be used as a model and finding a correct value			
<b>M1:</b> For realising the need to set $\frac{9s^2}{\text{"smallest } \chi^2"} = 0.2328$ or $\frac{9s^2}{\text{"largest } \chi^2"} = 0.01712$			
<b>dM1:</b> correct method used to solve equation to find $s^2$			
<b>B1:</b> awrt 4.84			
<b>B1:</b> Both hypotheses correct using the notation $\mu$			
<b>B1:</b> $\pm 1.833$			
<b>M1:</b> For use of correct formula ie $\pm \frac{\text{"their 4.84"} - 5}{\sqrt{\text{"their 0.0449"/10}}$ If "4.84" not shown it must be correct here			
<b>A1:</b> - 2.39			
<b>A1ft:</b> Drawing a correct inference following through their CV and test statistic (must have matching signs)			
<b>NB if chi squared values not shown</b> $s^2 = 0.045$ or $0.0449$ award B0 M1M1 for awrt 0.04487 award B1 M1 A1			
Use of $2(2.5758) \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{10}} = 0.21568$ gives $\sigma = \sqrt{0.0175}$ could get B0M0M0B1B1B1M0A0A0			
Unless continue to get $s^2 = \frac{10}{9} 0.0175 = 0.0194...$			
Use of $2(1.833) \frac{s}{\sqrt{10}} = 0.21568$ gives $s = 0.1860$ could get B0M0M0B1B1B1M1A0A1			

## Student Response A

$$H_0: \mu = 5 \text{ mm}$$

$$H_1: \mu < 5 \text{ mm}$$

$$X \sim N(5, \sigma^2)$$

normal distribution so

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{0.2328 + 0.01712}{2} = 0.12496$$

$$\sigma = 0.3535$$

$$\therefore X \sim N(5, 0.12496)$$

~~$$X \sim N(5, 0.12496)$$~~

$$\bar{X} \sim N\left(5, \left(\frac{0.3535}{\sqrt{10}}\right)^2\right)$$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{48.4}{10} = 4.84$$

$$\therefore P(X \leq 4.84) = 0.0762$$

$$0.0762 > 0.05$$

$\therefore H_0$  should be accepted and it can be concluded that based on these data there is insufficient evidence to suggest the mean diameter of the bolts is less than 5mm.

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**Examiner Comments**

The student has not used the confidence interval for the variance to find  $s^2$ . The hypotheses and mean are correct. The method used for the test statistic is not shown and the value is incorrect. No critical value is given. The final mark for the conclusion cannot be awarded as the previous method mark is not awarded.

**B0M0dM0B1B1B0M0A0A0ft**

## Student Response B

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 $x = \text{standard deviation of bolts (mm)}$ 

(9)

$$H_0: \mu_x = 5 \quad H_1: \mu_x < 5$$

$$\sqrt{10 - 1} = 9$$

$$\text{C.V. } t_{9}(0.05) = -1.833 \quad \therefore \text{C.R. } t < -1.833$$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{48.4}{10} = 4.84$$

$$(0.23280 - 0.01712) = 2 \times 1.833 \times \frac{s_x}{\sqrt{10}}$$

$$0.21568 = 2 \times 1.833 \times \frac{s_x}{10}$$

$$s_x = 0.588 \dots$$

$$\text{Test stat: } t = \frac{4.84 - 5}{\frac{0.588 \dots}{\sqrt{10}}} = -0.860 \text{ (3sf)}$$

As  $-0.860 > -1.833$ , do not reject  $H_0$ ; i.e. evidence suggests Stan's belief is not supported.

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**Examiner Comments**

The student has not used the confidence interval for the variance to find  $s^2$ . The hypotheses, mean and critical value are correct. The method used for the test statistic is correct using their  $s$  but the answer is incorrect. The conclusion is correct using their test statistic and contains the word Stan.

**B0M0dM0B1B1B1M1A0A1ft**

Student Response C

$H_0: \mu = 5$   
 $H_1: \mu < 5$

$\bar{x} = \frac{48.4}{10}$   
 $= 4.84$

$\frac{9 \times s^2}{\chi^2_{0.05}} = 0.0172$      $\frac{9 \times S^2}{\chi^2_{0.95}} = 0.23280$

~~1.733~~    ~~1.733~~

$2 \times t_{0.05} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} = 0.21568$

$\frac{9 \times s^2}{\chi^2_{0.05}} = 0.0172$      $\frac{9 \times S^2}{\chi^2_{0.95}} = 0.23280$   
~~1.733~~    ~~1.733~~  
~~25.584~~    ~~1.733~~

$s^2 = 0.04487$

~~48.484 - 5~~    ~~2.16444~~  
 $\sqrt{\frac{0.04487}{10}}$

$-2.3886 < -1.6448$

$\therefore$  reject  $H_0$

Stan is correct.

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**Examiner Comments**

The student has found the correct value for  $s^2$ . The hypotheses and test statistic are correct, but the critical value is incorrect. The conclusion is correct and contains the word Stan.

**B1M1dM1B1B1B0M1A1A1ft**

**Exemplar Question 7**

- 7 A manufacturer makes two versions of a toy. One version is made out of wood and the other is made out of plastic.

The weights,  $W$  kg, of the wooden toys are normally distributed with mean 2.5 kg and standard deviation 0.7 kg. The weights,  $X$  kg, of the plastic toys are normally distributed with mean 1.27 kg and standard deviation 0.4 kg. The random variables  $W$  and  $X$  are independent.

- (a) Find the probability that the weight of a randomly chosen wooden toy is more than double the weight of a randomly chosen plastic toy.

**(6)**

The manufacturer packs  $n$  of these wooden toys and  $2n$  of these plastic toys into the same container. The maximum weight the container can hold is 252 kg.

The probability of the contents of this container being overweight is 0.2119 to 4 decimal places.

- (b) Calculate the value of  $n$ .

**(8)****(Total for Question 7 is 14 marks)****Mean Score 9.5 out of 14****Examiner Comments**

This question is assessing student's understanding of testing for the mean of a Poisson distribution (4.1).

In part (a) students need to realise that they need to use  $T = W - 2X$  and therefore  $E(T) = E(W) - 2E(X)$  and  $\text{Var}(T) = \text{Var}(W) - 2^2\text{Var}(X)$ .

In part (b) students need to realise that they need to use  $B = W_1 + W_2 + \dots + W_n + X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_{2n}$  and therefore  $E(B) = E(W) - 2E(X)$  and  $\text{Var}(T) = \text{Var}(W) - 2^2\text{Var}(X)$ . The most common error was to use the distribution  $B = 2X + 2nW$ .

### Mark Scheme

Question	Scheme	Marks	AOs
7(a)	Let $T = W - 2X$ then $E(T) = 2.5 - 2 \times 1.27$	M1	3.3
	$= -0.04$	A1	1.1b
	$\text{Var}(T) = 0.7^2 + 2^2 \times 0.4^2$	M1	2.1
	$= 1.13$	A1	1.1b
	$P\left(Z > \frac{0 - (-0.04)}{\sqrt{1.13}}\right) = P(Z > 0.0376\dots)$	M1	2.1
	$= \text{awrt } 0.484/0.485$	A1	1.1b
		<b>(6)</b>	
(b)	$B = W_1 + W_2 + \dots + W_n + X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_{2n}$	M1	3.3
	$E(B) = 5.04n$	B1	1.1b
	$\text{Var}(B) = n \times 0.7^2 + 2n \times 0.4^2$		
	$= 0.81n$	A1	1.1b
	$\pm \frac{252 - 5.04n}{\sqrt{0.81n}}$	M1	1.1b
	$\frac{252 - 5.04n}{\sqrt{0.81n}} = 0.8$	M1	2.1
	$5.04n + 0.72\sqrt{n} - 252 = 0$ oe		
	$\sqrt{n} = -7.14\dots$ or $7$	M1	1.1b
	$n = 7^2$	M1	1.1b
	$= 49$	A1cso	1.1b
			<b>(8)</b>

**(14 marks)**

**Notes:**

**(a) M1:** selecting and using an appropriate model. ie  $\pm(W - 2X)$  May be implied by  $-0.04$   
**A1:**  $-0.04$  oe  
**M1:** for realising the need to use  $\text{Var}(W) + 4 \text{Var}(X)$ . Allow use of  $0.7$  for  $\text{Var}(W)$  instead of  $0.7^2$  and/or  $0.4$  for  $\text{Var}(X)$  instead of  $0.4^2$ . May be implied by  $1.13$   
**A1:**  $1.13$  only  
**M1:** For realising the  $P(T > 0)$  is required and an attempt to find it.  $\frac{0 - (-0.04)}{\sqrt{1.13}}$  may be implied by a correct answer. If  $E(T)$  and  $\text{Var}(T)$  have not been given they must be correct here  
**A1:** awrt  $0.484/0.485$

**(b) M1:** Selecting and using appropriate model. May be implied by  $0.81$   
**B1:**  $5.04n$  only  
**A1:**  $0.81n$   
**M1:** For standardising using their mean and sd  $\pm \frac{252 - 5.04n}{\sqrt{0.81n}}$  If mean and sd not given they must be correct here  
**M1:** For constructing an equation and equate their standardisation to  $0.8$  or awrt  $0.7998$ . Must be of form  $\frac{252 - an}{b\sqrt{n}} = 0.8$  or  $\frac{252 - an}{bn} = 0.8$   
**M1:** Correctly solving their 3 term quadratic equation. Condone  $n = 7$   
**M1:** for realising the need to square their answer or for attempting to square their quadratic equation  
**A1cso:**  $49$  only

## Student Response A

$$a) W \sim N(2.5, 0.7)$$

$$X \sim N(1.27, 0.4)$$

$$\text{let } Y = W - 2X$$

$$Y \sim N(-0.04, 2.3)$$

$$\mu = 2.5 - 2 \times 1.27 = -0.04$$

$$\text{Var}(Y) = 0.7 + 4 \times 0.4 =$$

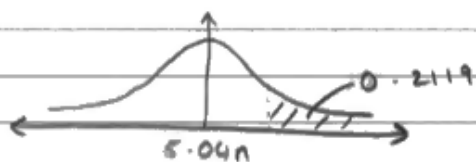
if wooden toy is over double plastic toy in weight,  
 $Y > 0$

$$P(Y > 0) = 0.4895$$

$$b) \text{ let } Z = nW + 2nX$$

$$Z \sim N(5.04n, 2.3n^2)$$

$$P(Z > 252) = 0.2119$$



$$Z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}$$

$$0.7998 = \frac{252 - 5.04n}{\sqrt{2.3n^2}}$$

$$1.8396n^2 + 5.04n - 252 = 0$$

$$n = 10.41 \quad \text{or} \quad n = -13.15$$

(not valid)



$$\therefore n = 10$$

**Examiner Comments**

In part (a)  $E(W - 2X)$  is correct but the method used to find  $\text{Var}(W - 2X)$  is incorrect. **M1A1M0A0**  
The standardisation is not seen, and the answer is incorrect. **M0A0**

In part (b)  $E(B)$  is correct but  $\text{Var}(B)$  is incorrect as the incorrect distribution  $B = 2X + 2nW$  has been used. **M0B1A0**

The standardisation is incorrect as they have used their variance rather than their standard deviation. **M0**

Although they have equated their standardisation to 0.7998 it is not one of the required forms. **M0**  
No working has been shown when solving the quadratic equation, so we do not know if the equation has been solved correctly. **M0**

Since they used the variance in their standardisation, they do not square anything. **M0A0**

## Student Response B

$$a) p(W > 2X) = p(W - 2X > 0)$$

$$W - 2X \sim N(\mu_W - 2\mu_X, \sigma_W^2 + 4\sigma_X^2)$$

$$W - 2X \sim N(-0.04, 1.13)$$

$$p(W - 2X > 0)$$

$$= \Phi\left(\frac{-0.04}{\sqrt{1.13}}\right) = \Phi(-0.03763)$$

$$= 0.4850$$

$$b) nW + 2nX \sim N(n(\mu_W + 2\mu_X), n^2\sigma_W^2 + 4n^2\sigma_X^2)$$

$$p(nW + 2nX > 252)$$

$$= \Phi\left(\frac{252 - 5.04n}{n\sqrt{\sigma_W^2 + 4\sigma_X^2}}\right) = \Phi\left(\frac{252 - 5.04n}{n\sqrt{1.13}}\right) = 0.2119$$

$$\frac{252 - 5.04n}{n\sqrt{1.13}} = \Phi^{-1}(0.2119) = +0.800$$

$$\Rightarrow 252 - 5.04n = +0.8n\sqrt{1.13} \Rightarrow 252 = n(5.04 + 0.8\sqrt{1.13})$$

$$\Rightarrow n = \frac{252}{5.04 + 0.8\sqrt{1.13}}$$

$$n = 60.15$$

$$n = 60.43$$

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**Examiner Comments**

In part (a) the student has the correct answer from correct working **M1A1M1A1M1A1**

In part (b)  $E(B)$  is correct but  $\text{Var}(B)$  is incorrect in the standardisation as the incorrect distribution  $B = nW + 2nX$  has been used. **MOB1A0**

No values for  $E(B)$  and  $\text{Var}(B)$  have been given so they must be correct in the standardisation to gain the method mark. They are incorrect. **M0**

Their standardisation has been equated to 0.8. **M1**

They have not got a quadratic equation to solve. **M0**

Neither the equation or the answer have been squared. **M0A0**

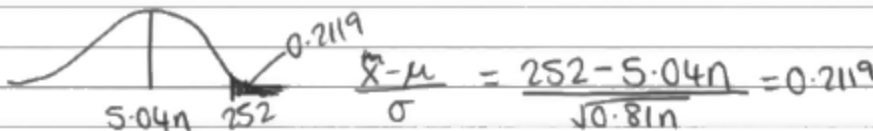
Student Response C

a)  $W \sim N(2.5, 0.7^2)$   $X \sim N(1.27, 0.4^2)$  <sup>(8)</sup>

$W > 2X$   
 $W - 2X > 0$

$W - 2X \sim N(2.5 - 2(1.27), 0.7^2 + 4(0.4^2))$   
 $W - 2X \sim N(-0.04, 1.13)$   
 $P(W - 2X > 0) = 0.485$

b)  $nW + 2nX \sim N(2.5n + 2.54n, 0.7^2n + 0.4^2 \times 2n)$   
 $\sim N(5.04n, 0.49n + 0.32n)$   
 $nW + 2nX \sim N(5.04n, 0.81n)$



$252 - 5.04n = 0.2119 \times 0.9\sqrt{n}$   
 $252 - 5.04n - 0.19071\sqrt{n} = 0$   
 $5.04n + 0.19071\sqrt{n} - 252 = 0$   
 let  $\sqrt{n} = x$   
 $5.04x^2 + 0.19071x - 252 = 0$   
 $x = 7.05, -7.09$

$\sqrt{n} = x$   
 $\sqrt{n} = 7.05$   
 $n = 49.7025$

$n = 49$

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**Examiner Comments**

In part (a) the student has the correct answer from correct working **M1A1M1A1M1A1**

In part (b)  $E(B)$  and  $\text{Var}(B)$  and the standardisation are correct. **M1B1A1M1**

The standardisation has been equated to 0.2119 instead of 0.8. **M0**

No working has been shown when solving the quadratic equation, so we do not know if the equation has been solved correctly. **M0**

They have realised that they need to square the answer. **M1**

Although 49 is gained it has come from incorrect working so this is not a correct solution only. **A0**

## Exemplar Question 8

- 8 Nine athletes,  $A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H$  and  $I$ , competed in both the 100 m sprint and the long jump. After the two events the positions of each athlete were recorded and Spearman's rank correlation coefficient was calculated and found to be 0.85

(a) Stating your hypotheses clearly, test whether or not there is evidence to suggest that the higher an athlete's position is in the 100 m sprint, the higher their position is in the long jump. Use a 5% level of significance.

(4)

The piece of paper the positions were recorded on was mislaid. Although some of the athletes agreed their positions, there was some disagreement between athletes  $B, C$  and  $D$  over their long jump results.

The table shows the results that are agreed to be correct.

Athlete	$A$	$B$	$C$	$D$	$E$	$F$	$G$	$H$	$I$
Position in 100 m sprint	4	6	7	9	2	8	3	1	5
Position in long jump	5				4	9	3	1	2

Given that there were no tied ranks,

(b) find the correct positions of athletes  $B, C$  and  $D$  in the long jump. You must show your working clearly and give reasons for your answers.

(5)

(c) Without recalculating the coefficient, explain how Spearman's rank correlation coefficient would change if athlete  $H$  was disqualified from both the 100 m sprint and the long jump.

(2)

(Total for Question 8 is 11 marks)

Mean Score 7.6 out of 11

## Examiner Comments

This question is assessing the student's understanding of Spearman's rank correlation coefficient (3.2). It also tests the students are able to test the hypothesis that a correlation is zero (3.3).

Part (a) is a straightforward test of the hypothesis that a correlation is zero.

Part (b) requires clear working and full explanation to solve a problem. Most students were able to allocate the positions correctly with many showing clear working. Very few students were able to give a satisfactory reason as to why  $B$  must be in position 7 or alternatively why  $D$  was in 8<sup>th</sup>.

Part (c) requires a full explanation. The most common explanation given was that  $d$  would not change however this needs to be linked to the sum of  $d^2$  not changing as this is what is used in the formulae.

Mark Scheme

Question	Scheme	Marks	AOs
8(a)	$H_0: \rho_s = 0 \quad H_1: \rho_s > 0$	B1	2.5
	$CV = 0.6$	B1	1.1b
	$r_s = 0.85$ does lie in the critical region	M1	2.1
	There is evidence to suggest that there is a relationship between the position in the 100m sprint and the position in the long jump.	A1	2.2b
		(4)	
(b)	$1 - \frac{6\sum d^2}{9(80)} = 0.85$	M1	3.1b
	$\sum d^2 = 18$	A1	1.1b
	$\sum d^2$ needed is '18' - 15 = 3	M1	1.1b
	Since $\sum d^2 = 3$ for the 3 missing places each place must contribute 1, therefore B must be in position 5 or 7. However, 5 has already been used so they must be position 7	A1	2.2a
	C is 6 <sup>th</sup> and D is 8 <sup>th</sup>	A1	2.2a
	SC B7, C6, D8 with no reasons B1 marks as final A1 on open		
	(5)		
(c)	The $\sum d^2$ will not change but the value of $n$ will decrease therefore	M1	2.4
	Spearman's rank correlation will decrease	A1	2.2a
		(2)	
<b>Notes:</b>		<b>(11 marks)</b>	
<b>(a)B1:</b> Both hypotheses correct written using the notation $\rho$			
<b>B1:</b> awrt 0.6			
<b>M1:</b> Drawing a correct inference using their CV and the value of $r_s$			
<b>A1:</b> Drawing a correct inference in context using their CV and the value of $r_s$			
<b>(b)M1:</b> For realising they need to equate $1 - \frac{6\sum d^2}{9(80)}$ to 0.85 to enable them to find the $\sum d^2$			
<b>A1:</b> 18			
<b>M1:</b> for $\sum d^2 = 3$			
<b>A1:</b> Focusing the information in the question with the value for $\sum d^2$ to deduce that each must contribute 1 to the $\sum d^2$ and explain why B must be in position 7			
<b>A1:</b> C 6 <sup>th</sup> D 8 <sup>th</sup>			
<b>(c)M1:</b> Complete explanation why it decreases			
<b>A1:</b> using the information given to deduce that it decreases			

## Student Response A

8a)  $H_0: \rho_s = 0$  5%  
 $H_1: \rho_s > 0$   $n = 9$   
 $r_s = 0.85$   
 $C.V. = 0.6$   
 $0.85 > 0.6$   
 In the critical region.  
 There is sufficient evidence to reject  $H_0$  at 5% significance level. There is ~~an~~ evidence that the higher an athlete's position is in the 100m sprint, the higher their position is in the long jump.

b) Athlete	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
100m	4	6	7	9	2	8	3	1	5
long jump	5	7	6	8	4	9	3	1	2
$d$	-1	-1	1	1	-2	-1	0	0	3

$$-1 - 2 - 1 + 3 = -1$$

$$-1 - 1 + 1 + 1 - 2 - 1 + 3 = 0.$$

long jump: B = 7  
 C = 6  
 D = 8

c) Spearman's rank correlation coefficient will be weaker as ~~both~~ athlete H was first in both 100m sprint and long jump.

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**Examiner Comments**

In part (a) a fully correct solution with the required context in the conclusion is given. **B1B1M1A1**

Part (b) is an example of the special case. The positions are correct but no explanation has been given. **M0A0M0A0A1**

In part (c) the explanation is incomplete. **M0A0**

## Student Response B

$$a) H_0: p = 0 \quad H_1: p > 0$$

$$0.85 > 0.6$$

therefore, ~~was~~ there is sufficient evidence to reject  $H_0$

$$b) 1 - \frac{6\sum d^2}{n(n^2-1)} = 0.85$$

$$1 - \frac{6\sum d^2}{9(9^2-1)} = 0.85$$

$$\frac{6\sum d^2}{9(9^2-1)} = 1 - 0.85$$

~~$$\frac{6\sum d^2}{9(9^2-1)} = 1 - 0.85$$~~

$$6\sum d^2 = 108 \quad \sum d^2 = 18$$

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
d	1				2	1	0	0	-3
d <sup>2</sup>	1				4	1	0	0	9

$$18 - (1 + 4 + 1 + 9) = 3$$

$\therefore \sum d^2$  for BCD must equal 3

~~$$B = 6 \quad C = 9 \quad D = 7$$~~

$$B = 6 \quad C = 9 \quad D = 7$$

c) it would be lower as there would be less agreement on the ranks, so it would be closer to 0

**Examiner Comments**

In part (a) the hypotheses are correct and in terms of  $\rho$ . **B1**

The Critical value is correct and a correct inference is drawn. **B1M1**

The conclusion contains no context. **A0**

In part (b) they have set up the equation and shown the sum of  $d^2$  is 18. **M1A1**

They have shown clearly that the sum of the three  $d$ 's must = 3 but not realised that each of  $B, C$  and  $D$  must contribute 1. All 3 positions suggested are incorrect. **M1A0A0**

In part (c) although they state that Spearman's rank correlation will decrease the explanation is not precise enough. **M0A0**

Student Response C

a)  $H_0: P=0$      $H_1: P>0$  (4)

Critical value = 0.6000

Critical region  $r \geq 0.6000$

$0.85 > 0.600$   
in CR  
reject  $H_0$

There is sufficient evidence at the 5% significance level to suggest that the higher an athlete's position in the 100m sprint, the higher their position in the long jump

b)  $r_s = 1 - \frac{6 \sum d^2}{n(n^2-1)} = 0.85$   
 $1 - \frac{6 \sum d^2}{9(80)} = 0.85$

$\frac{6 \sum d^2}{720} = 0.15$

$6 \sum d^2 = 108$

$\sum d^2 = 18$

	A	E	F	G	H	I
d	-1	-2	-1	0	0	3
d <sup>2</sup>	1	4	1	0	0	9

$1+4+1+9 = 15$  so the  $\sum d^2$  for B-D is 3  
as  $18-15 = 3$

The only way for this to be true is if they were all one rank higher/lower in long jump compared to their 100m

B must have finished 7<sup>th</sup> in long jump as A finished 5<sup>th</sup>

D must have finished 8<sup>th</sup> as he can't finish 10<sup>th</sup> (there are only 9 athletes)

This leaves C with 6<sup>th</sup>

- B 7<sup>th</sup>
- C 6<sup>th</sup>
- D 8<sup>th</sup>

e) c) The  $\sum d^2$  would still be the same as H had the same rank, however n would decrease so the denominator would be smaller meaning  $\frac{6 \sum d^2}{n(n^2-1)}$  would increase therefore  $r_s$  would increase as you are removing taking away a

larger number from 1

**Examiner Comments**

In part (a) a fully correct solution with the required context in the conclusion is given. **B1B1M1A1**

In part (b) a fully correct solution with all the required reasons is given. The equation has been set up and the sum of  $d^2$  found. They have realised that the difference must sum to 3 and each must be 1 rank higher or lower than their rank in the 100m sprint. A relevant reason has been given why  $B$  must finish 7<sup>th</sup> rather than 6<sup>th</sup> and the final positions are correct. **M1A1M1A1A1**

In part (c) they have stated that the sum of  $d^2$  will remain the same whilst  $n$  increases. However, they then go on to state that  $r_s$  would increase. **M1A0**