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**COURSE CODE: SBI 3415**

**COURSE TITLE: Biostatistics Ii**

**EXAM VENUE:**

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**Instructions:**

- 1. Answer all the questions in Section A and ANY other 2 questions in Section B.**
- 2. Candidates are advised not to write on the question paper.**
- 3. Candidates must hand in their answer booklets to the invigilator while in the examination room.**

**SECTION A: Answer ALL questions in this section (30 marks)**

1. Differentiate between a sample and a population (2 marks)
2. Differentiate between the normal and the student's t distribution. (4 marks)
3. Calculate the mean, median, mode, range, variance and Standard deviation in that order for the following set of observed temperatures among children visiting Bomet County Referral Hospital with reported fever.  
36.7, 34.9, 35.8, 38.0, 36.8, 36.6, 36.7, 35.6, 39.2, 38.5, 36.2, 37.5  
(8 marks)
4. A simple random sample of 12 people from a certain population has a mean age of 32. Can we conclude that the mean age of the population is not 30? The variance is known to be 20. Alpha = 0.05. (3 marks)
5. A large freight elevator can transport a maximum of 9800 kilograms. Suppose a load of cargo containing 49 boxes must be transported via the elevator. Experience has shown that the weight of boxes of this type of cargo follows a distribution with mean  $\mu = 205$  kgs and standard deviation  $\sigma = 15$  kgs. Based on this information, what is the probability that all 49 boxes can be safely loaded onto the freight elevator and transported? (4 marks)
6. Differentiate the two statistical methods used in estimation (2 marks)
7. In a study of preeclampsia, Andrew and Edwina found the mean systolic blood pressure of 10 healthy, non-pregnant women to be 119 with a standard deviation of 2.1.
  - a. Explain the confidence interval (CI) concept using 95% CI (2 marks)
  - b. Construct the 99% confidence interval for the mean of the population from which the 10 subjects may be presumed to be a random sample. (3 marks)
8. What is a hypothesis? State the two statistical errors that can be committed during hypothesis testing. (2 marks)

**SECTION B: Answer any 2 Questions in this section (40 marks each)**

1.
  - a. What is a p-value and how do we interpret p-values? (3 marks)
  - b. Four drug companies developed tranquilizers that were to be used in psychiatric wards. The doctors at Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral hospital randomly assigned 6 patients to each of the four treatment groups (different drugs) and recorded the time in seconds it took the patients to fall asleep, see the data below. Use the correct statistical test to determine whether there was a difference in the mean time it took to fall asleep between the four drugs. (17 marks)

Drug A	Drug B	Drug C	Drug D
29	32	26	22
32	19	31	26
21	25	28	29
25	28	29	28
30	29	30	31
26	23	28	30

2.

a. A case-control study was done to investigate whether smoking shisha among the youth aged 18-34 years leads to Lung cancer. Of the 35 youths who developed lung cancer, 27 were heavy shisha smokers, whereas of the 12 who did not develop lung cancer, 5 were heavy shisha smokers.

i. Display the data in form of contingency table (1 mark)

ii. State the suitable hypothesis (1 mark)

iii. Determine whether there is any association between smoking shisha and developing lung cancer. (8 marks)

b. The age distribution of 18 patients randomly selected from the university dispensary is as follows;

15, 6, 9, 18, 29, 58, 2, 14, 18, 22, 25, 26, 21, 19, 18, 22, 19, 8

i. Calculate the mean, median and range (4 marks)

ii. Construct the 95% confidence interval around the mean  $\bar{x}$  (6 marks)

3.

a. Suppose that you have a sample of 81 values from a population with mean  $\mu=500$  and with standard deviation  $\sigma = 80$ .

i. What is the probability that the sample mean will be in the interval (490, 510)? (5 marks)

ii. Give an interval that covers the middle 99% of the distribution of the sample mean. (5 marks)

c. A randomized trial was done with two groups of patients put under different respiration methods. The folic acid values were then measured and the following values reported.

<i>Patient</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>Method A</i>	210	246	303	249	206	329	380	258	268	273	337	287
<i>Method B</i>	256	276	372	310	256	201	259	279	305	220	365	239

Investigate if the researcher is right to assume that method B is better than method A. *Note: higher folic acid values indicate better respiration method.*

(10 marks)

4. Using the data below from 12 BSc. Public Health students,

<i>Student number</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>Height (Y)</i>	160	158	148	170	173	162	160	155	179	149	159	164
<i>Weight(X)</i>	62	70	78	68	75	68	60	56	72	63	77	59

a. Calculate the regression equation showing the relationship between height and weight (15 marks)

b. Calculate the correlation coefficient. (5 marks)