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COURSE CODE

: EDF 650

TITLE OF PAPER :

QUANTITATIVE METHODS OF RESEARCH

TIME ALLOWED

THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

TOTAL MARKS :

100

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QUESTION 1

A researcher conducted a study to see the attitudes of male and female teachers towards having mentally challenged pupils in regular classrooms. (N = 195). He used a likert type scale that involved ALWAYS, SOMETIMES and NEVER to show degree of acceptance of the mentally challenged pupils. Below are the results:

TABLE 1:

SEX	ACCEPTANCE ATTITUDE			
	ALWAYS	SOMETIMES	NEVER	TOTAL
MALES	10.8% (14)	40% (52)	49.2% (64)	100% (130)
FEMALES	12.3% (8)	24.6% (16)	63.1% (41)	100% (65)

Cramer's V = 0.153

(a) Give a suitable Heading to this table.

(5 marks)

(b) Formulate a null hypothesis for this study.

(5 marks)

(c) Fully discuss the results, indicating what the obtained Cramer's V means.

(30 marks)

QUESTION 2

Giving examples where applicable, differentiate between:

(a) parametric and non-parametric statistics.

(10 marks)

(b) descriptive and inferential statistics.

(10 marks)

(c) bar graphs and histograms.

(10 marks)

QUESTION 3

Discuss each of the following showing when you can use each of them.

(a) T - test

(10 marks)

(b) Phi –test

(10 marks)

(c) chi-squared test

(10 marks)

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