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MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER
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PROGRAMME: **BACHELOR OF NURSING SCIENCE**

COURSE: **HSC 402 HEALTH SYSTEMS RESEARCH AND STATISTICS**

DURATION **:** **3 HOURS**

MARKS: **:** **100**

INSTRUCTIONS

1 ANSWER SECTIONS A and B ON SEPARATE EXAMINATION BOOKLETS

2 SECTION A HAS FIVE (5) QUESTIONS. ANSWER ANY FOUR(4) QUESTIONS. EACH QUESTION CARRIES 15 MARKS.

3 SECTION B HAS TWO QUESTIONS. ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION

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**TITLE OF PAPER: INTRODUCTION TO HEALTH STATISTICS (SECTION A)
COURSE CODE: HSC 402**

**INSTRUCTIONS: THIS SECTION HAS FIVE QUESTIONS.
ANSWER ANY FOUR(4) QUESTIONS.**

**REQUIREMENTS: SCIENTIFIC CALCULATOR
STATISTICAL TIME TABLE (PROVIDED)**

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QUESTION ONE

The administrative director of a Hospital wants information about the length of stay of patients in the cardiac ward and length of stay of patients in all other wards. Random samples of 40 patients from the cardiac ward and 40 patients from all other wards were taken, and the results were as follows:

DAYS SPENT IN CARDIAC

WARD: 4,8,5,5,6,8,2,4,6,4,3,5,3,8,10,9,6,4,7,9,5,8,5,
10,5,3,7,6,5,13,6,5,7,11,10,5,10,11,12,13.

DAYS SPENT IN OTHER WARDS:

11,5,8,9,6,8,5,9,9,11,9,9,8,10,9,8,7,11,9,8,7,9,10,9,
10,7,8,9,9,11,10,12,3,12,12,10,10,11,10,9.

- (a) For each of the set of data, construct a frequency table. (5marks)
- (b) Draw frequency polygons for the two sets of data using the same graph. (5marks)
- (C) Looking at your graphs, do patients spend more time in the cardiac ward or in other wards? (2marks)
- (d) What is the average time spent by patients in the hospital? (3marks)

QUESTION TWO

Assume that an electric vibrator manufacturer makes two models, the ZAPPER and the ZONKER, which are alike in every respect except body design and styling. To determine whether the body design of the ZAPPER has less wind resistance, both vibrators are tested in some speed way and the results are:

ZAPPER: 1, 0.9, 1, 0.8, 0.9, 1, 0.9, 1

ZANKER: 1.3, 1.2, 1, 0.9, 1.1, 0.9, 1.1, 0.9, 1.4, 1.3

- (a) *Find the mean lap time for both the ZAPPER and the ZONKER.* (5marks)
- (b) *Find the standard deviation for both sets of data.* (5marks)
- (c) *Which model had better average lap times? and which of the two models is more efficient?* (5marks)

QUESTION THREE

- (a) Only three out of four patients who have an artery bypass heart operation are known to survive. Out of six patients who recently had the operation, what is the probability that:
 - (i) All will survive?
 - (ii) At least four will survive?
 - (iii) Exactly four will survive?

- (b) A Pharmacy store has decided to accept a large shipment of analgesics pills if an inspection of 20 randomly selected pills yields no more than two defectives.
- (i) Find the probability that this shipment is accepted if 5% of the total shipment is defective.
 - (ii) Find the probability that this shipment is not accepted if 15% of the total shipment is defective.

QUESTION FOUR

Seven health science students were examined in Biochemistry (X) and Anatomy (Y)

BIOCHEMISTRY	38 51 19 53 39 38 66
ANATOMY	50 72 36 64 52 56 80

- (a) Fit a regression line of the form $Y = a + b*X$, by the Method of Least Squares. (5marks)
- (b) Calculate the product moment correlation coefficient and rank correlation coefficient.(10marks)

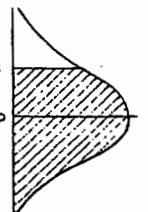
QUESTION FIVE

In its annual report a General hospital claims a total work force of 1600 whose distribution of annual salary (X) is as follows: There are 480 employees earning R2000 or less in contrast with 32 top executives earning in excess of R20000. There are four intermediary salary groups; 640 earning over R2000 but not exceeding R5000; 16% of total workforce earns over R5000 but not exceeding R10000; 128 employees are in the group $R10000 < X < R15000$ and the rest are in group $R15000 < X < R20000$

- (a) Construct the full frequency table. (5marks)
- (b) Determine the median and other quartiles (8marks)
- (c) Determine the shape of the distribution (2marks)

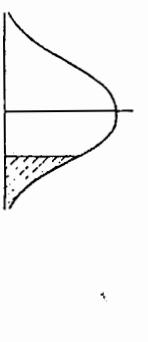
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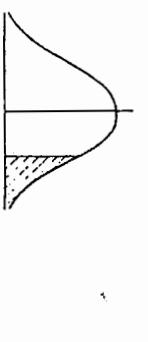
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-0.09	-0.08	-0.07	-0.06	-0.05	-0.04	-0.03	-0.02	-0.01	-0.00	u
0.99997	0.99937	0.99996	0.99996	0.99996	0.99996	0.99995	0.99995	-3.9	0.0	0.50000
0.99995	0.99995	0.99995	0.99994	0.99994	0.99994	0.99993	0.99993	-3.8	0.1	0.46017
0.99992	0.99992	0.99992	0.99992	0.99991	0.99991	0.99990	0.99990	-3.7	0.2	0.42074
0.99989	0.99989	0.99988	0.99987	0.99987	0.99986	0.99986	0.99986	-3.6	0.3	0.38209
0.99983	0.99983	0.99982	0.99981	0.99981	0.99980	0.99979	0.99978	-3.5	0.4	0.34459
0.99976	0.99975	0.99974	0.99973	0.99972	0.99971	0.99970	0.99969	-3.4	0.5	0.30854
0.99965	0.99964	0.99962	0.99961	0.99960	0.99958	0.99957	0.99955	-3.3	0.6	0.27425
0.99950	0.99948	0.99946	0.99944	0.99942	0.99940	0.99938	0.99936	-3.2	0.7	0.24196
0.99939	0.99936	0.99924	0.99921	0.99918	0.99916	0.99913	0.99910	-3.1	0.8	0.21186
0.99900	0.99896	0.99893	0.99889	0.99886	0.99882	0.99878	0.99874	-3.0	0.9	0.18406
0.99861	0.99866	0.99851	0.99846	0.99841	0.99836	0.99831	0.99825	-2.9	1.0	0.15866
0.99807	0.99801	0.99795	0.99788	0.99781	0.99774	0.99767	0.99760	-2.8	1.1	0.13567
0.99736	0.99728	0.99720	0.99711	0.99702	0.99693	0.99683	0.99674	-2.7	1.2	0.11507
0.99643	0.99632	0.99621	0.99609	0.99598	0.99585	0.99573	0.99566	-2.6	1.3	0.09680
0.99520	0.99477	0.99461	0.99446	0.99430	0.99413	0.99396	0.99379	-2.5	1.4	0.08076
0.99361	0.99343	0.99324	0.99305	0.99286	0.99266	0.99245	0.99224	-2.4	1.5	0.06681
0.99158	0.99134	0.99111	0.99088	0.99061	0.99036	0.99010	0.98983	-2.3	1.6	0.05480
0.98889	0.98870	0.98840	0.98809	0.98778	0.98746	0.98713	0.98679	-2.2	1.7	0.04457
0.98574	0.98537	0.98500	0.98461	0.98422	0.98382	0.98341	0.98300	-2.1	1.8	0.03593
0.98169	0.98124	0.98070	0.97930	0.97922	0.97871	0.97831	0.97778	-2.0	1.9	0.02872
0.97670	0.97615	0.97559	0.97500	0.97441	0.97381	0.97320	0.97257	-1.9	2.0	0.02275
0.97082	0.96986	0.96926	0.96856	0.96744	0.96712	0.96638	0.96562	-1.8	2.1	0.01786
0.96337	0.96246	0.96164	0.96080	0.95984	0.95907	0.95818	0.95728	-1.7	2.2	0.01390
0.95449	0.95362	0.95254	0.95154	0.95053	0.94950	0.94848	0.94736	-1.6	2.3	0.01072
0.94408	0.94295	0.94179	0.94062	0.93822	0.93789	0.93574	0.93448	-1.5	2.4	0.00820
0.93189	0.93056	0.92922	0.92785	0.92647	0.92507	0.92364	0.92220	-1.4	2.5	0.00621
0.91774	0.91621	0.91466	0.91308	0.91149	0.90988	0.90824	0.90668	-1.3	2.6	0.00466
0.90147	0.89973	0.89796	0.89617	0.89435	0.89251	0.89065	0.88877	-1.2	2.7	0.00347
0.88258	0.88100	0.87970	0.87658	0.87493	0.87286	0.87076	0.86864	-1.1	2.8	0.00256
0.86214	0.85993	0.85769	0.85543	0.85314	0.85083	0.84860	0.84614	-1.0	2.9	0.00187
0.83891	0.83645	0.83398	0.83147	0.82894	0.82639	0.82381	0.82121	-0.9	3.0	0.00135
0.81327	0.81082	0.80785	0.80611	0.80234	0.79956	0.79673	0.79389	-0.8	3.1	0.00097
0.78552	0.78250	0.77935	0.77637	0.77337	0.77035	0.76731	0.76424	-0.7	3.2	0.00069
0.75480	0.75115	0.74857	0.74537	0.74216	0.73981	0.73658	0.73237	-0.6	3.3	0.00048
0.72240	0.71904	0.71568	0.71226	0.70844	0.70540	0.70194	0.69847	-0.5	3.4	0.00032
0.68793	0.68439	0.68082	0.67724	0.67364	0.67003	0.66640	0.66276	-0.4	3.5	0.00023
0.65173	0.64803	0.64431	0.64058	0.63683	0.63307	0.62930	0.62520	-0.3	3.6	0.00016
0.61409	0.61026	0.60842	0.60257	0.59871	0.59483	0.59095	0.58706	-0.2	3.7	0.00011
0.57535	0.57142	0.56750	0.56356	0.55962	0.55567	0.55172	0.54776	-0.1	3.8	0.00007
0.53586	0.53188	0.52790	0.51994	0.51595	0.51197	0.50798	0.50399	0.0	3.9	0.00005

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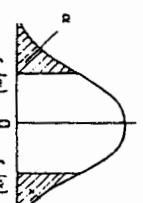
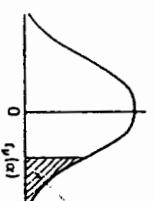
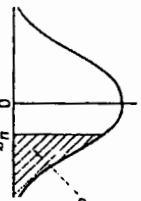
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The u_α values tabulated are such that $\Pr(U > u_\alpha) = \alpha$, where $U \sim N(0,1)$

ONE-SIDED TEST

TWO-SIDED TEST

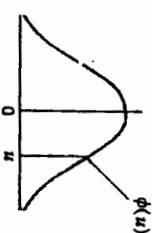


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α	u_α	α	u_α	α	u_α	α	u_α
0.50	0.0000	0.34	0.41246	0.18	0.91537	0.025	1.96000
0.49	0.02507	0.33	0.43991	0.17	0.95416	0.020	2.05375
0.48	0.05015	0.32	0.46770	0.16	0.99446	0.010	2.32635
0.47	0.07527	0.31	0.49585	0.15	1.03643	0.009	2.36562
0.46	0.10034	0.30	0.52440	0.14	1.08032	0.008	2.40891
0.45	0.12546	0.29	0.55338	0.13	1.12639	0.007	2.46726
0.44	0.15057	0.28	0.58284	0.12	1.17499	0.006	2.51214
0.43	0.17637	0.27	0.61281	0.11	1.22653	0.005	2.57583
0.42	0.20119	0.26	0.64335	0.10	1.28155	0.004	2.65207
0.41	0.22754	0.25	0.67449	0.09	1.34078	0.003	2.74778
0.40	0.25335	0.24	0.70630	0.08	1.40507	0.002	2.87818
0.39	0.27932	0.23	0.73885	0.07	1.47579	0.001	3.08023
0.38	0.30548	0.22	0.77219	0.06	1.55477	0.0005	3.28053
0.37	0.33185	0.21	0.80642	0.05	1.64468	0.0001	3.71902
0.36	0.35846	0.20	0.84162	0.04	1.75069	0.00005	3.89060
0.35	0.38532	0.19	0.87790	0.03	1.88079	0.00001	4.28489

Table 6 ORDINATES OF THE STANDARDISED NORMAL DISTRIBUTION

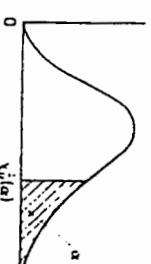
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u	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9
0.0	0.39894	0.39695	0.39104	0.38139	0.36527	0.35207	0.33122	0.31225	0.28969	0.26869
1.0	0.24197	0.21785	0.19419	0.17137	0.14973	0.12982	0.11092	0.09405	0.07895	0.06562
2.0	0.05398	0.04398	0.03547	0.02833	0.02239	0.01763	0.01358	0.01042	0.00792	0.00595
3.0	0.00443	0.00327	0.00238	0.00172	0.00123	0.00087	0.00061	0.00042	0.00029	0.00020
4.0	0.00013	0.00009	0.00006	0.00004	0.00002	0.00002	0.00001	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000

The values tabulated are $\chi_{\nu}^2(\alpha)$, where
 $\Pr(\chi_{\nu}^2 > \chi_{\nu}^2(\alpha)) = \alpha$, for ν degrees of freedom.

For $\nu > 30$ take $\chi_{\nu}^2(\alpha) = \nu \left[1 - \frac{2}{\alpha\nu} + \frac{n_{\alpha}}{\nu} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\alpha}} \right]$ where n_{α} is such that $\Pr(U > n_{\alpha}) = \alpha$, and $U \sim N(0,1)$.



α/ν	0.05	0.01	0.005	0.001
1	1.32330	2.70554	3.84146	5.02389
2	2.77259	4.60517	5.99146	7.37776
3	4.10834	6.25139	7.81473	9.34840
4	5.38527	7.77944	9.48773	11.1433
5	6.62568	9.23636	11.0705	12.8325
6	7.84080	10.6446	12.5916	14.4494
7	9.03715	12.0170	14.0871	16.0128
8	10.2189	13.3616	15.5073	17.5345
9	11.3888	14.6837	16.9190	19.0228
10	12.5489	15.9872	18.3070	20.4832
11	13.7077	17.2750	19.6751	21.9200
12	14.8454	18.5493	21.0261	23.3367
13	15.9839	19.8119	22.3620	24.7356
14	17.1169	21.0641	23.6848	26.1189
15	18.2451	22.3071	24.9958	27.4884
16	19.3889	23.5418	26.2962	28.8454
17	20.4887	24.7690	27.5871	30.1910
18	21.6049	25.9894	28.8863	31.5264
19	22.7178	27.2036	30.1435	32.8523
20	23.8277	28.4120	31.4104	34.1696
21	24.9346	29.6151	32.6706	35.4789
22	26.0393	30.8133	33.9244	36.7807
23	27.1413	32.0069	36.1725	39.0756
24	28.2412	33.1962	36.4150	39.3641
25	29.3369	34.3816	37.6625	39.9968
26	30.4346	35.5632	38.8661	41.4011
27	31.5284	36.7412	40.1133	43.1945
28	32.6205	37.9159	41.3371	44.4808
29	33.7108	39.0875	42.5570	45.7223
30	34.7997	40.2560	43.7730	46.9792
31	35.8822	41.4232	44.3141	48.2898
32	36.9757	42.5932	45.6449	50.0562
33	37.9159	43.7495	47.5476	52.6666
34	39.0875	44.8272	48.2782	53.9934
35	40.2560	45.9027	49.5979	55.6822
36	41.4232	47.0772	50.3356	58.3011
37	42.5932	48.2408	51.1719	58.9992
38	43.7495	49.4145	52.0327	59.9992
39	44.8272	50.5879	53.9798	60.9992
40	45.9027	51.7612	55.9353	62.9992
41	47.0772	52.9348	57.9000	64.9992
42	48.2408	54.1083	59.9667	66.9992
43	49.4145	55.2820	61.9334	68.9992
44	50.5879	56.4557	63.9001	70.9992
45	51.7612	57.6294	65.8668	72.9992
46	52.9348	58.8031	67.8335	74.9992
47	54.1083	59.9768	69.8002	76.9992
48	55.2820	61.1505	71.7669	78.9992
49	56.4557	62.3242	73.7336	80.9992
50	57.6294	63.5079	75.7003	82.9992
51	58.8031	64.6816	77.6670	84.9992
52	59.9768	65.8553	79.6337	86.9992
53	61.1505	67.0290	81.5904	88.9992
54	62.3242	68.2027	83.5571	90.9992
55	63.5079	69.3764	85.5238	92.9992
56	64.6816	70.5501	87.4895	94.9992
57	65.8553	71.7238	89.4562	96.9992
58	67.0290	72.8975	91.4229	98.9992
59	68.2027	74.0712	93.3896	100.9992
60	69.3764	75.2449	95.3563	102.9992
61	70.5501	76.4186	97.3230	104.9992
62	71.7238	77.5923	99.2897	106.9992
63	72.8975	78.7660	101.2564	108.9992
64	74.0712	80.9397	103.2231	110.9992
65	75.2449	82.1134	105.1898	112.9992
66	76.4186	83.2871	107.1565	114.9992
67	77.5923	84.4608	109.1232	116.9992
68	78.7660	85.6345	111.0899	118.9992
69	79.9397	86.8082	113.0566	120.9992
70	81.1134	88.9819	114.9233	122.9992
71	82.2871	90.1556	116.8899	124.9992
72	83.4608	91.3293	118.7566	126.9992
73	84.6345	92.5030	120.6233	128.9992
74	85.8082	93.6767	122.4899	130.9992
75	86.9819	94.8504	124.3566	132.9992
76	88.1556	96.0241	126.2233	134.9992
77	89.3293	97.1978	128.0899	136.9992
78	90.5030	98.3715	129.9566	138.9992
79	91.6767	99.5442	131.8233	140.9992
80	92.8504	100.7179	133.6899	142.9992
81	93.1233	101.8916	135.5566	144.9992
82	94.2970	103.0653	137.4233	146.9992
83	95.4707	104.2390	139.2899	148.9992
84	96.6445	105.4127	141.1566	150.9992
85	97.8182	106.5864	142.9233	152.9992
86	98.9920	107.7501	144.7900	154.9992
87	100.1657	108.9238	146.6566	156.9992
88	101.3394	110.0975	148.5233	158.9992
89	102.5132	111.2712	150.3900	160.9992
90	103.6869	112.4449	152.2566	162.9992
91	104.8607	113.6186	154.1233	164.9992
92	106.0345	114.7923	156.9900	166.9992
93	107.2082	115.9660	158.8566	168.9992
94	108.3820	117.1397	160.7233	170.9992
95	109.5557	118.3134	162.5900	172.9992
96	110.7295	119.4871	164.4566	174.9992
97	111.9032	120.6608	166.3233	176.9992
98	113.0769	121.8345	168.1900	178.9992
99	114.2507	123.0082	170.0566	180.9992
100	115.4244	124.1819	171.9233	182.9992

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