

**UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND  
MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER 2006**

**TITLE OF PAPER:** BIOSTATISTICS

**COURSE CODE:** B305

**TIME ALLOWED:** THREE (3) HOURS

- INSTRUCTIONS:**
1. ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTIONS.
  2. EACH QUESTION CARRIES TWENTY FIVE (25) MARKS.
  3. ILLUSTRATE YOUR ANSWERS WITH LARGE AND CLEARLY LABELED DIAGRAMS WHERE APPROPRIATE.
  4. CLEARLY STATE YOUR NULL AND ALTERNATIVE HYPOTHESES AND YOUR CONCLUSIONS WHERE APPROPRIATE.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:**

1. CALCULATORS (CANDIDATES MUST BRING THEIR OWN).
2. GRAPH PAPER.
3. STATISTICAL TABLES (TO BE SUPPLIED BY THE LECTURER).

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**ANSWER FOUR (4) OUT OF SIX (6) QUESTIONS**

**QUESTION 1**

The following measurements were taken from eight vultures by an ornithologist.

<b>Wing length (mm)</b>	<b>Tarsal length (mm)</b>
534	123
547	125
551	124
560	127
565	127
566	128
567	129
569	130

- a) Is there a significant correlation between wing length and tarsal length? [22 marks]
- b) When should one use correlation analysis? And when should one use regression analysis? [3 marks]
- [TOTAL = 25 marks]**

### **QUESTION 2**

The following are body masses (g) of snails from five different islands in the Pacific.

Island A	Island B	Island C	Island D	Island D
125	127	128	132	131
117	125	127	128	130
118	123	124	130	132
116	126	128	129	129

- a) Calculate the mean and confidence interval for each of the five populations. [10 marks]
  - b) Use an appropriate graph to plot these mean values together with the confidence intervals. [9 marks]
  - c) Describe in detail the three types of data, providing examples for each type. [6 marks]
- [TOTAL = 25 marks]**

### **QUESTION 3**

- a) A physical education tutor wants to test whether a certain type of exercise improves the fitness of athletes. The tutor uses eight athletes for his experiment. Each athlete records his/her pulse (heart beat rate) before the exercise, and then two weeks later after the exercise. The difference between the pulse for each athlete before and after the exercise is as follows: -2, -1, 0, 1, -3, -2, -1, -2. Use an appropriate statistical test to determine whether the exercise regime that the athletes undertook made a difference to their level of fitness (as gauged by their pulse). [15 marks]
- b) Determine whether the following data are likely to have come from a binomial population with  $n = 4$ ,  $p = 0.45$ .

X	f
0	27
1	62
2	41
3	15
4	1

[10 marks]  
**[TOTAL = 25 marks]**

**QUESTION 4**

The following table shows the concentration of a hormone in the blood of fish captured at different depths below water surface level.

<b>Sea level</b>	<b>20 m</b>	<b>50 m</b>	<b>120 m</b>	<b>200 m</b>
12.6	12.9	12.8	13.1	13.2
11.8	12.7	12.7	12.7	13.0
11.5	12.5	12.6	13.0	13.1
11.7	12.8	12.7	12.9	12.9

- a) Using ANOVA, establish whether the five different fish populations have significantly different concentrations of hormone in their blood. [22 marks]
- b) What are the assumptions of parametric tests? [3 marks]
- [TOTAL = 25 marks]**

**QUESTION 5**

The following table shows the numbers of four species of bats in two different habitats at Mlawula Nature Reserve.

Habitat	Number of bats recorded per hectare			
	A	B	C	D
Forest	8	44	12	20
Savanna	12	15	15	33

- a) Are the number of bats recorded affected by habitat? Test this hypothesis using the chi-square test. [15 marks]
- b) Subdivide the chi-square test to determine which (if any) species contributed significantly to rejecting the null hypothesis. [10 marks]
- [TOTAL = 25 marks]**

**QUESTION 6**

The following are test results (%) obtained by students from different years, for the same course:

	2002	2003
	78	85
	58	81
	67	65
	66	76
	52	54
	59	66
	71	69

- a) The data are **NOT** normally distributed. Using an appropriate transformation, transform the data. Show all your workings. [8 marks]
- b) After the transformation, the data become normal. Use an appropriate test to determine whether the two classes obtained the same results for the course. [17 mark]
- [TOTAL = 25 marks]**

TABLE B.4 CRITICAL VALUES OF THE F DISTRIBUTION

Numerator DF = 1										
	$\alpha(2)$ : 0.50	0.20	0.10	0.05	0.02	0.01	0.005	0.0025	0.002	0.001
	$\alpha(1)$ : 0.25	0.10	0.05	0.025	0.01	0.005	0.0025	0.001	0.001	0.0005
Denom. DF										
1	5.83	39.9	161.	648.	4050.	16200.	64800.	405000.	1620000.	
2	2.57	8.53	18.5	38.5	98.5	199.	399.	999.	2800.	
3	2.02	5.54	10.1	17.4	34.1	55.6	89.6	167.	267.	
4	1.81	4.54	7.71	12.2	21.2	31.3	45.7	74.1	106.	
5	1.69	4.06	6.61	10.0	16.3	22.8	31.4	47.2	63.6	
6	1.62	3.78	5.98	8.81	13.7	18.6	24.8	35.9	45.1	
7	1.57	3.59	5.59	8.07	12.2	16.2	21.1	29.2	37.0	
8	1.54	3.46	5.32	7.57	11.3	14.7	18.8	25.4	31.6	
9	1.51	3.36	5.12	7.21	10.6	13.6	17.2	22.9	28.0	
10	1.49	3.29	4.96	6.94	10.0	12.8	16.0	21.0	25.5	
11	1.47	3.23	4.84	6.72	9.65	12.2	15.2	19.7	23.7	
12	1.46	3.18	4.75	6.55	9.33	11.8	14.5	18.6	22.2	
13	1.45	3.14	4.67	6.41	9.07	11.4	13.9	17.8	21.1	
14	1.44	3.10	4.60	6.30	8.86	11.1	13.5	17.1	20.2	
15	1.43	3.07	4.54	6.20	8.68	10.8	13.1	16.5	19.5	
16	1.42	3.05	4.49	6.12	8.53	10.6	12.8	16.1	18.9	
17	1.42	3.03	4.45	6.04	8.40	10.4	12.6	15.7	18.4	
18	1.41	3.01	4.41	5.98	8.29	10.2	12.3	15.5	17.9	
19	1.41	2.99	4.38	5.92	8.18	10.1	12.1	15.1	17.5	
20	1.40	2.97	4.35	5.87	8.10	9.94	11.9	14.8	17.2	
21	1.40	2.96	4.32	5.83	8.02	9.83	11.8	14.6	16.9	
22	1.40	2.95	4.30	5.79	7.95	9.73	11.6	14.4	16.6	
23	1.39	2.94	4.28	5.75	7.88	9.63	11.5	14.2	16.4	
24	1.38	2.93	4.26	5.72	7.82	9.55	11.4	14.0	16.2	
25	1.39	2.92	4.24	5.69	7.77	9.48	11.3	13.9	16.0	
26	1.38	2.91	4.23	5.66	7.72	9.41	11.2	13.7	15.8	
27	1.38	2.90	4.21	5.63	7.68	9.34	11.1	13.6	15.6	
28	1.38	2.89	4.20	5.61	7.64	9.28	11.0	13.5	15.5	
29	1.38	2.89	4.18	5.59	7.60	9.23	11.0	13.4	15.3	
30	1.38	2.88	4.17	5.57	7.56	9.18	10.9	13.3	15.2	
35	1.37	2.85	4.12	5.48	7.42	8.98	10.6	12.9	14.7	
40	1.36	2.84	4.08	5.42	7.31	8.83	10.4	12.8	14.6	
45	1.36	2.82	4.06	5.38	7.23	8.71	10.3	12.4	14.1	
50	1.35	2.81	4.03	5.34	7.17	8.63	10.1	12.2	13.9	
60	1.35	2.79	4.00	5.29	7.08	8.49	9.96	12.0	13.5	
70	1.35	2.78	3.98	5.25	7.01	8.40	9.84	11.8	13.3	
80	1.34	2.77	3.96	5.22	6.96	8.33	9.75	11.7	13.2	
90	1.34	2.76	3.95	5.20	6.93	8.28	9.68	11.6	13.0	
100	1.34	2.76	3.94	5.18	6.90	8.24	9.62	11.5	12.9	
120	1.34	2.75	3.92	5.15	6.85	8.18	9.54	11.4	12.8	
140	1.33	2.74	3.91	5.13	6.82	8.14	9.48	11.3	12.7	
160	1.33	2.74	3.90	5.12	6.80	8.10	9.44	11.2	12.6	
180	1.33	2.73	3.89	5.11	6.78	8.08	9.40	11.2	12.6	
200	1.33	2.73	3.89	5.10	6.76	8.06	9.38	11.2	12.5	
300	1.33	2.72	3.87	5.07	6.72	8.00	9.30	11.0	12.4	
500	1.33	2.72	3.86	5.05	6.69	7.95	9.25	11.0	12.3	
-	1.32	2.71	3.84	5.02	6.64	7.88	9.14	10.8	12.1	

TABLE B.1 (cont.) CRITICAL VALUES OF THE F DISTRIBUTION Number of $\nu_2$									
$\nu_1$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	1.82	1.98	2.12	2.24	2.34	2.42	2.50	2.57	2.63
15	1.74	1.89	2.02	2.14	2.23	2.31	2.38	2.44	2.50
20	1.67	1.82	1.94	2.05	2.14	2.22	2.29	2.35	2.41
25	1.62	1.76	1.87	1.97	2.06	2.14	2.20	2.26	2.32
30	1.58	1.71	1.81	1.91	1.99	2.07	2.13	2.19	2.25
40	1.54	1.66	1.76	1.85	1.93	1.99	2.05	2.11	2.17
50	1.51	1.62	1.71	1.80	1.87	1.93	1.99	2.04	2.10
70	1.46	1.57	1.66	1.74	1.81	1.87	1.93	1.98	2.03
100	1.42	1.52	1.60	1.68	1.75	1.81	1.86	1.91	1.96
150	1.38	1.47	1.55	1.62	1.69	1.75	1.80	1.85	1.90
200	1.35	1.43	1.50	1.57	1.64	1.70	1.75	1.80	1.85
300	1.30	1.38	1.44	1.51	1.58	1.64	1.69	1.74	1.79
500	1.25	1.32	1.38	1.45	1.52	1.58	1.63	1.68	1.73
700	1.22	1.28	1.34	1.41	1.48	1.54	1.59	1.64	1.69
1000	1.19	1.25	1.31	1.38	1.45	1.51	1.56	1.61	1.66
1500	1.16	1.21	1.27	1.34	1.41	1.47	1.52	1.57	1.62
2000	1.14	1.19	1.24	1.31	1.38	1.44	1.49	1.54	1.59
3000	1.10	1.15	1.20	1.27	1.34	1.40	1.45	1.50	1.55
5000	1.06	1.11	1.16	1.23	1.30	1.36	1.41	1.46	1.51
7000	1.04	1.08	1.13	1.20	1.27	1.33	1.38	1.43	1.48
10000	1.02	1.06	1.11	1.18	1.25	1.31	1.36	1.41	1.46



TABLE B.16. CRITICAL VALUES OF THE CORRELATION COEFFICIENT,  $r$ 

$\alpha(2)$ :	0.50	0.20	0.10	0.05	0.02	0.01	0.005	0.002	0.001
$\alpha(1)$ :	0.25	0.10	0.05	0.025	0.01	0.005	0.0025	0.001	0.0005
$v$									
1	0.707	0.951	0.988	0.997	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
2	0.500	0.800	0.900	0.950	0.980	0.990	0.995	0.998	0.999
3	0.404	0.687	0.805	0.878	0.934	0.959	0.974	0.985	0.991
4	0.347	0.608	0.729	0.811	0.882	0.917	0.942	0.963	0.974
5	0.309	0.551	0.669	0.755	0.833	0.875	0.906	0.935	0.951
6	0.281	0.507	0.621	0.707	0.789	0.834	0.870	0.905	0.925
7	0.260	0.472	0.582	0.666	0.750	0.798	0.836	0.875	0.898
8	0.242	0.443	0.549	0.632	0.715	0.765	0.805	0.847	0.872
9	0.228	0.419	0.521	0.602	0.685	0.735	0.776	0.820	0.847
10	0.216	0.398	0.497	0.576	0.658	0.708	0.750	0.795	0.823
11	0.206	0.380	0.476	0.553	0.634	0.684	0.726	0.772	0.801
12	0.197	0.365	0.457	0.532	0.612	0.661	0.703	0.750	0.780
13	0.189	0.351	0.441	0.514	0.592	0.641	0.683	0.730	0.760
14	0.182	0.338	0.426	0.497	0.574	0.623	0.664	0.711	0.742
15	0.176	0.327	0.412	0.482	0.558	0.606	0.647	0.694	0.725
16	0.170	0.317	0.400	0.468	0.542	0.590	0.631	0.678	0.708
17	0.165	0.308	0.389	0.456	0.529	0.575	0.616	0.662	0.693
18	0.160	0.298	0.378	0.444	0.515	0.561	0.602	0.648	0.679
19	0.156	0.291	0.369	0.433	0.503	0.549	0.589	0.635	0.665
20	0.152	0.284	0.360	0.423	0.492	0.537	0.576	0.622	0.652
21	0.148	0.277	0.352	0.413	0.482	0.526	0.565	0.610	0.640
22	0.145	0.271	0.344	0.404	0.472	0.515	0.554	0.599	0.629
23	0.141	0.265	0.337	0.396	0.462	0.505	0.543	0.588	0.618
24	0.138	0.260	0.330	0.388	0.453	0.496	0.534	0.578	0.607
25	0.136	0.255	0.323	0.381	0.445	0.487	0.524	0.568	0.597
26	0.133	0.250	0.317	0.374	0.437	0.479	0.515	0.559	0.588
27	0.131	0.245	0.311	0.367	0.430	0.471	0.507	0.550	0.579
28	0.128	0.241	0.306	0.361	0.423	0.463	0.499	0.541	0.570
29	0.126	0.237	0.301	0.355	0.416	0.456	0.491	0.533	0.562
30	0.124	0.233	0.296	0.349	0.409	0.449	0.484	0.526	0.554
31	0.122	0.229	0.291	0.344	0.403	0.442	0.477	0.518	0.546
32	0.120	0.225	0.287	0.339	0.397	0.436	0.470	0.511	0.539
33	0.118	0.222	0.283	0.334	0.392	0.430	0.464	0.504	0.532
34	0.116	0.219	0.279	0.329	0.386	0.424	0.458	0.498	0.525
35	0.115	0.216	0.275	0.325	0.381	0.418	0.452	0.492	0.519
36	0.113	0.213	0.271	0.320	0.376	0.413	0.446	0.486	0.513
37	0.111	0.210	0.267	0.316	0.371	0.403	0.441	0.480	0.507
38	0.110	0.207	0.264	0.312	0.367	0.403	0.435	0.474	0.501
39	0.108	0.204	0.261	0.308	0.362	0.398	0.430	0.469	0.495
40	0.107	0.202	0.257	0.304	0.358	0.393	0.425	0.463	0.490
41	0.106	0.199	0.254	0.301	0.354	0.389	0.420	0.458	0.484
42	0.104	0.197	0.251	0.297	0.350	0.384	0.416	0.453	0.479
43	0.103	0.195	0.248	0.294	0.346	0.380	0.411	0.449	0.474
44	0.102	0.192	0.246	0.291	0.342	0.376	0.407	0.444	0.469
45	0.101	0.190	0.243	0.288	0.33	0.372	0.403	0.439	0.465
46	0.100	0.188	0.240	0.285	0.335	0.368	0.399	0.435	0.460
47	0.099	0.186	0.238	0.282	0.331	0.365	0.395	0.431	0.456
48	0.098	0.184	0.235	0.279	0.328	0.361	0.391	0.427	0.451
49	0.097	0.182	0.233	0.276	0.325	0.358	0.387	0.423	0.447
50	0.096	0.181	0.231	0.273	0.322	0.354	0.384	0.419	0.443

TABLE B.3 CRITICAL VALUES OF THE  $t$  DISTRIBUTION

$v$	$\alpha(2): 0.50$	$0.20$	$0.10$	$0.05$	$0.02$	$0.01$	$0.005$	$0.002$	$0.001$	$0.$
	$\alpha(1): 0.25$	$0.10$	$0.05$	$0.025$	$0.01$	$0.005$	$0.0025$	$0.001$	$0.$	
1	1.000	3.073	5.314	12.706	31.821	63.657	127.521	318.309	636.	
2	0.816	1.886	2.920	4.303	8.965	9.925	14.089	22.327	31.	
3	0.765	1.638	2.353	3.182	4.541	5.841	7.453	10.215	12.	
4	0.741	1.533	2.132	2.776	3.747	4.604	5.598	7.173	8.	
5	0.727	1.476	2.015	2.571	3.365	4.032	4.773	5.393	6.	
6	0.718	1.440	1.943	2.447	3.143	3.707	4.317	5.208	5.	
7	0.711	1.415	1.895	2.365	2.998	3.499	4.029	4.785	5.	
8	0.706	1.397	1.860	2.306	2.896	3.355	3.833	4.501	5.	
9	0.703	1.383	1.833	2.262	2.821	3.250	3.690	4.297	4.	
10	0.700	1.372	1.812	2.228	2.764	3.169	3.581	4.144	4.	
11	0.697	1.363	1.796	2.201	2.718	3.106	3.497	4.025	4.	
12	0.695	1.356	1.782	2.179	2.681	3.055	3.428	3.930	4.	
13	0.694	1.350	1.771	2.160	2.650	3.012	3.372	3.852	4.	
14	0.692	1.345	1.761	2.145	2.624	2.977	3.326	3.787	4.	
15	0.691	1.341	1.753	2.131	2.602	2.947	3.286	3.733	4.	
16	0.690	1.337	1.746	2.120	2.583	2.921	3.252	3.686	4.	
17	0.689	1.333	1.740	2.110	2.567	2.898	3.222	3.646	3.	
18	0.688	1.330	1.734	2.101	2.552	2.878	3.197	3.610	3.	
19	0.688	1.328	1.729	2.093	2.539	2.861	3.174	3.579	3.	
20	0.687	1.325	1.725	2.086	2.528	2.845	3.153	3.552	3.	
21	0.686	1.323	1.721	2.080	2.518	2.831	3.135	3.527	3.	
22	0.686	1.321	1.717	2.074	2.508	2.819	3.119	3.505	3.	
23	0.685	1.319	1.714	2.069	2.500	2.807	3.104	3.485	3.	
24	0.685	1.318	1.711	2.064	2.492	2.797	3.091	3.467	3.	
25	0.684	1.316	1.708	2.060	2.485	2.787	3.073	3.450	3.	
26	0.684	1.315	1.706	2.056	2.479	2.779	3.067	3.435	3.	
27	0.684	1.314	1.703	2.052	2.473	2.771	3.057	3.421	3.	
28	0.683	1.313	1.701	2.048	2.467	2.763	3.047	3.408	3.	
29	0.683	1.311	1.699	2.045	2.462	2.756	3.038	3.396	3.	
30	0.683	1.310	1.697	2.042	2.457	2.750	3.030	3.385	3.	
31	0.682	1.309	1.696	2.040	2.453	2.744	3.022	3.375	3.	
32	0.682	1.309	1.694	2.037	2.449	2.738	3.015	3.365	3.	
33	0.682	1.308	1.692	2.035	2.445	2.733	3.008	3.356	3.	
34	0.682	1.307	1.691	2.032	2.441	2.728	3.002	3.348	3.	
35	0.682	1.306	1.690	2.030	2.438	2.724	2.996	3.340	3.	
36	0.681	1.306	1.688	2.028	2.434	2.719	2.990	3.333	3.	
37	0.681	1.305	1.687	2.026	2.431	2.715	2.985	3.326	3.	
38	0.681	1.304	1.686	2.024	2.429	2.712	2.980	3.319	3.	
39	0.681	1.304	1.685	2.023	2.426	2.708	2.976	3.313	3.	
40	0.681	1.303	1.684	2.021	2.423	2.704	2.971	3.307	3.	
41	0.681	1.303	1.683	2.020	2.421	2.701	2.967	3.301	3.	
42	0.680	1.302	1.682	2.018	2.418	2.698	2.963	3.296	3.	
43	0.680	1.302	1.681	2.017	2.416	2.695	2.959	3.291	3.	
44	0.680	1.301	1.680	2.015	2.414	2.692	2.956	3.286	3.	
45	0.680	1.301	1.679	2.014	2.412	2.690	2.952	3.281	3.	
46	0.680	1.300	1.679	2.013	2.410	2.687	2.949	3.277	3.	
47	0.680	1.300	1.678	2.012	2.408	2.685	2.946	3.273	3.	
48	0.680	1.299	1.677	2.011	2.407	2.682	2.943	3.269	3.	
49	0.680	1.299	1.677	2.010	2.405	2.680	2.940	3.265	3.	
50	0.679	1.299	1.676	2.009	2.403	2.678	2.937	3.261	3.	