

**UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND
MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER 2008/2009**

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 ANY FOUR (4) OUT OF THE SIX (6) QUESTIONS**QUESTION 1**

The following mortality data were collected for a particular species of plant. A total of 163 saplings were followed until their death. The number present under the "survival" column refers to the number of plants dying in that particular age group (out of the total of 163 individual plants).

Mortality	Age group (years)
130	<1
30	1
10	2
10	3
8	4
7	5
6	6
7	7
5	8
5	9
Total = 218	

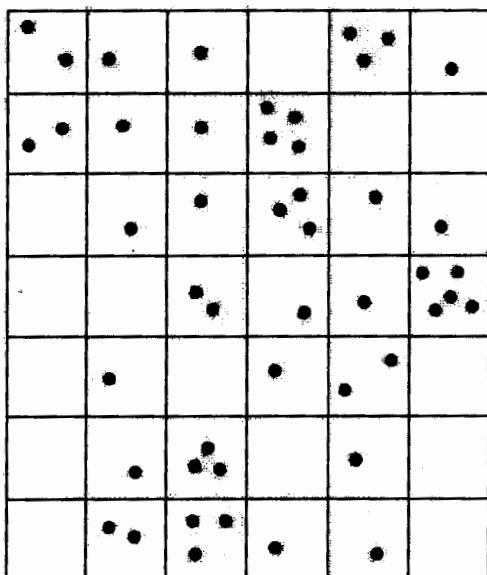
- a) Calculate the mortality rate associated with each age group and present it as a percentage [5 marks]
 - b) Present these data graphically. [10 marks]
 - c) What are the essential components of a research proposal? [10 marks]
- [TOTAL = 25 marks]**

QUESTION 2

Consider the distribution of rodent burrows (see map on next page). Each dot represents a burrow. Are the burrows distributed randomly in the habitat?

QUESTION 2 (continued)

Distribution of rodent burrows in a natural habitat.



[TOTAL = 25 marks]

QUESTION 3

The following table shows the number of ectoparasites in a sample of marine turtles at several Indian Ocean islands. The data are NOT normally distributed.

Number of ectoparasites in marine turtles			
Mauritius	Comores	Seychelles	Reunion
6	5	5	8
5	4	4	7
4	4	3	8
5	3	5	6
3	6	6	7
4	5	6	8

QUESTION 3 (continued)

Using an appropriate statistical test, establish whether turtles in the four different regions have significantly different amounts of ectoparasites.

[TOTAL = 25 marks]

QUESTION 4

The following data were collected by an ecologist studying the foraging movements of nocturnal primates in a tropical forest:

Mean distance from roost (m)	Body mass (g)
1500	600
700	200
650	150
645	120
832	280
500	80
651	180
347	50
350	80
352	60

- Which are the dependent and independent variables? [2 marks]
- Calculate a and b for the regression of travel distance on body mass. [15 marks]
- Is there a significant relationship between travel distance and body mass? Use an appropriate statistical test to support your answer. [8 marks]

[TOTAL = 25 marks]

QUESTION 5

- What is the difference between a histogram, box plot and an x-y graph? [5 marks]

QUESTION 5 (continued)

- b) Consider the data in the table in Question 6 (next question). Present these data graphically, using an appropriate graph. [10 marks]
- c) How can you ensure that your experimental design is appropriate and robust? [10 marks]
- [TOTAL = 25 marks]**

QUESTION 6

Consider the following data on aquatic invertebrates exposed to different levels of pollution in different climatic regions.

Climatic region	Numbers		
	Polluted stream	Slightly polluted	Unpolluted stream
Hot/wet	23	38	65
Hot/dry	15	22	45
Cool/wet	16	25	42
Cool/dry	10	18	35

- a) Are the numbers of aquatic invertebrates evenly distributed across polluted habitats in the different climatic regions? Use chi-square to test this. [17 marks]
- b) What are the assumptions of the chi-square test? [4 marks]
- c) What are the assumptions of the t-test? [4 marks]
- [TOTAL = 25 marks]**

TABLE B.12 CRITICAL VALUES OF THE KRUSKAL-WALLIS H DISTRIBUTION

n_1, n_2, n_3	0 = 0.10	0.05	0.02	0.01	0.005	0.001
2 2 2	4.181	4.858	5.949	7.353	8.378	9.593
3 2 2	4.909	5.143	5.372	5.688	7.355	8.068
3 3 1	5.121	5.381	5.459	5.587	6.637	7.420
3 3 2	5.321	5.381	5.459	5.587	6.637	7.420
3 3 3	5.321	5.381	5.459	5.587	6.637	7.420
4 2 2	5.653	5.892	6.099	7.460	8.179	9.001
4 3 1	5.850	5.982	6.056	6.187	6.823	7.540
4 3 2	5.850	5.982	6.056	6.187	6.823	7.540
4 3 3	5.850	5.982	6.056	6.187	6.823	7.540
5 2 2	6.106	6.244	6.660	7.813	8.533	9.353
5 3 1	6.106	6.244	6.660	7.813	8.533	9.353
5 3 2	6.106	6.244	6.660	7.813	8.533	9.353
5 3 3	6.106	6.244	6.660	7.813	8.533	9.353
6 2 2	6.450	6.688	7.005	8.167	8.886	9.706
6 3 1	6.450	6.688	7.005	8.167	8.886	9.706
6 3 2	6.450	6.688	7.005	8.167	8.886	9.706
6 3 3	6.450	6.688	7.005	8.167	8.886	9.706
7 2 2	6.798	7.036	7.353	8.515	9.234	10.053
7 3 1	6.798	7.036	7.353	8.515	9.234	10.053
7 3 2	6.798	7.036	7.353	8.515	9.234	10.053
7 3 3	6.798	7.036	7.353	8.515	9.234	10.053
8 2 2	7.146	7.384	7.701	8.863	9.582	10.401
8 3 1	7.146	7.384	7.701	8.863	9.582	10.401
8 3 2	7.146	7.384	7.701	8.863	9.582	10.401
8 3 3	7.146	7.384	7.701	8.863	9.582	10.401
9 2 2	7.494	7.732	8.049	9.211	9.930	10.749
9 3 1	7.494	7.732	8.049	9.211	9.930	10.749
9 3 2	7.494	7.732	8.049	9.211	9.930	10.749
9 3 3	7.494	7.732	8.049	9.211	9.930	10.749
10 2 2	7.842	8.080	8.397	9.559	10.278	11.097
10 3 1	7.842	8.080	8.397	9.559	10.278	11.097
10 3 2	7.842	8.080	8.397	9.559	10.278	11.097
10 3 3	7.842	8.080	8.397	9.559	10.278	11.097

TABLE B.12 (cont.) CRITICAL VALUES OF THE KRUSKAL-WALLIS H DISTRIBUTION

n_1, n_2, n_3	1 = 0.10	0.05	0.02	0.01	0.005	0.001
2 2 2	6.058	6.850	7.353	8.378	9.593	10.516
3 2 2	6.358	6.858	7.355	8.385	9.598	10.528
3 3 1	6.358	6.858	7.355	8.385	9.598	10.528
3 3 2	6.358	6.858	7.355	8.385	9.598	10.528
3 3 3	6.358	6.858	7.355	8.385	9.598	10.528
4 2 2	6.706	7.327	7.839	8.958	10.077	11.196
4 3 1	6.706	7.327	7.839	8.958	10.077	11.196
4 3 2	6.706	7.327	7.839	8.958	10.077	11.196
4 3 3	6.706	7.327	7.839	8.958	10.077	11.196
5 2 2	7.054	7.675	8.187	9.206	10.325	11.444
5 3 1	7.054	7.675	8.187	9.206	10.325	11.444
5 3 2	7.054	7.675	8.187	9.206	10.325	11.444
5 3 3	7.054	7.675	8.187	9.206	10.325	11.444
6 2 2	7.402	7.923	8.435	9.454	10.573	11.692
6 3 1	7.402	7.923	8.435	9.454	10.573	11.692
6 3 2	7.402	7.923	8.435	9.454	10.573	11.692
6 3 3	7.402	7.923	8.435	9.454	10.573	11.692
7 2 2	7.750	8.271	8.783	9.802	10.921	12.040
7 3 1	7.750	8.271	8.783	9.802	10.921	12.040
7 3 2	7.750	8.271	8.783	9.802	10.921	12.040
7 3 3	7.750	8.271	8.783	9.802	10.921	12.040
8 2 2	8.098	8.619	9.131	10.150	11.269	12.388
8 3 1	8.098	8.619	9.131	10.150	11.269	12.388
8 3 2	8.098	8.619	9.131	10.150	11.269	12.388
8 3 3	8.098	8.619	9.131	10.150	11.269	12.388
9 2 2	8.446	8.967	9.479	10.498	11.617	12.736
9 3 1	8.446	8.967	9.479	10.498	11.617	12.736
9 3 2	8.446	8.967	9.479	10.498	11.617	12.736
9 3 3	8.446	8.967	9.479	10.498	11.617	12.736
10 2 2	8.794	9.315	9.827	10.846	11.965	13.084
10 3 1	8.794	9.315	9.827	10.846	11.965	13.084
10 3 2	8.794	9.315	9.827	10.846	11.965	13.084
10 3 3	8.794	9.315	9.827	10.846	11.965	13.084

The above values of H were determined from *Selected Tables in Mathematics Statistics*, Volume III, pp. 320-321, by permission of the American Mathematical Society. © 1973 by the American Mathematical Society (Inman, Quade, and Alexander 1973).

Example: $H_{0.05,4,3} = 5.424$ and $H_{0.01,4,3} = H_{0.01,3,4} = 7.702$

TABLE B.4 CRITICAL VALUES OF THE F DISTRIBUTION

Numerator DF = 1

	df(2): 0.90	0.90	0.10	0.05	0.02	0.01	0.005	0.0025	0.001	0.001	0.0005
Denom. DF	df(1): 0.10	0.10	0.05	0.025	0.01	0.005	0.0025	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.0005
1	3.43	3.43	1.64	0.99	0.630	0.404	0.200	0.090	0.030	0.020	0.005
2	2.97	2.97	1.87	1.06	0.63	0.39	0.19	0.08	0.03	0.02	0.005
3	2.60	2.54	1.99	1.17	0.71	0.46	0.21	0.09	0.03	0.02	0.005
4	2.37	2.34	2.12	1.27	0.78	0.51	0.24	0.10	0.03	0.02	0.005
5	2.16	2.06	2.23	1.35	0.83	0.54	0.27	0.11	0.03	0.02	0.005
6	1.97	1.96	2.30	1.43	0.87	0.57	0.30	0.12	0.03	0.02	0.005
7	1.82	1.82	2.35	1.47	0.90	0.60	0.32	0.13	0.03	0.02	0.005
8	1.71	1.70	2.37	1.51	0.92	0.62	0.34	0.14	0.03	0.02	0.005
9	1.62	1.61	2.39	1.53	0.94	0.64	0.36	0.15	0.03	0.02	0.005
10	1.55	1.54	2.40	1.54	0.95	0.65	0.37	0.15	0.03	0.02	0.005
11	1.49	1.48	2.40	1.54	0.95	0.65	0.37	0.15	0.03	0.02	0.005
12	1.44	1.43	2.41	1.54	0.95	0.65	0.37	0.15	0.03	0.02	0.005
13	1.40	1.39	2.41	1.54	0.95	0.65	0.37	0.15	0.03	0.02	0.005
14	1.37	1.36	2.41	1.54	0.95	0.65	0.37	0.15	0.03	0.02	0.005
15	1.34	1.33	2.41	1.54	0.95	0.65	0.37	0.15	0.03	0.02	0.005
16	1.32	1.31	2.41	1.54	0.95	0.65	0.37	0.15	0.03	0.02	0.005
17	1.30	1.29	2.41	1.54	0.95	0.65	0.37	0.15	0.03	0.02	0.005
18	1.28	1.27	2.41	1.54	0.95	0.65	0.37	0.15	0.03	0.02	0.005
19	1.26	1.25	2.41	1.54	0.95	0.65	0.37	0.15	0.03	0.02	0.005
20	1.25	1.24	2.41	1.54	0.95	0.65	0.37	0.15	0.03	0.02	0.005
21	1.24	1.23	2.40	1.53	0.94	0.64	0.36	0.14	0.03	0.02	0.005
22	1.23	1.22	2.40	1.53	0.94	0.64	0.36	0.14	0.03	0.02	0.005
23	1.22	1.21	2.40	1.53	0.94	0.64	0.36	0.14	0.03	0.02	0.005
24	1.21	1.20	2.40	1.53	0.94	0.64	0.36	0.14	0.03	0.02	0.005
25	1.20	1.19	2.40	1.53	0.94	0.64	0.36	0.14	0.03	0.02	0.005
26	1.19	1.18	2.39	1.52	0.93	0.63	0.35	0.13	0.03	0.02	0.005
27	1.18	1.17	2.39	1.52	0.93	0.63	0.35	0.13	0.03	0.02	0.005
28	1.17	1.16	2.39	1.52	0.93	0.63	0.35	0.13	0.03	0.02	0.005
29	1.16	1.15	2.39	1.52	0.93	0.63	0.35	0.13	0.03	0.02	0.005
30	1.15	1.14	2.39	1.52	0.93	0.63	0.35	0.13	0.03	0.02	0.005
35	1.13	1.12	2.37	1.50	0.91	0.61	0.33	0.12	0.03	0.02	0.005
40	1.12	1.11	2.36	1.49	0.90	0.60	0.32	0.11	0.03	0.02	0.005
45	1.11	1.10	2.35	1.48	0.89	0.59	0.31	0.10	0.03	0.02	0.005
50	1.10	1.09	2.34	1.47	0.88	0.58	0.30	0.09	0.03	0.02	0.005
60	1.05	1.04	2.33	1.46	0.87	0.57	0.29	0.08	0.03	0.02	0.005
70	1.03	1.02	2.32	1.45	0.86	0.56	0.28	0.07	0.03	0.02	0.005
80	1.02	1.01	2.31	1.44	0.85	0.55	0.27	0.06	0.03	0.02	0.005
90	1.01	1.00	2.30	1.43	0.84	0.54	0.26	0.05	0.03	0.02	0.005
100	1.00	0.99	2.29	1.42	0.83	0.53	0.25	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.005
120	0.99	0.98	2.28	1.41	0.82	0.52	0.24	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.005
140	0.98	0.97	2.27	1.40	0.81	0.51	0.23	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.005
160	0.97	0.96	2.26	1.39	0.80	0.50	0.22	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.005
180	0.96	0.95	2.25	1.38	0.79	0.49	0.21	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.005
200	0.95	0.94	2.24	1.37	0.78	0.48	0.20	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.005
300	0.93	0.92	2.22	1.35	0.76	0.46	0.18	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.005
500	0.92	0.91	2.21	1.34	0.75	0.45	0.17	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.005
-	0.92	0.91	2.21	1.34	0.75	0.45	0.17	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.005

TABLE B.1 CRITICAL VALUES OF THE CHI-SQUARE DISTRIBUTION

α	0.999	0.995	0.99	0.975	0.95	0.90	0.75	0.50	0.25	0.10	0.05	0.025	0.01	0.005	0.001	
1	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.005	0.016	0.102	0.455	1.123	2.706	5.841	5.024	5.635	7.879	10.824	
2	0.002	0.010	0.026	0.051	0.103	0.211	0.575	1.386	2.773	4.605	5.981	7.378	9.210	10.597	13.616	
3	0.024	0.072	0.115	0.216	0.354	0.515	0.753	1.213	2.786	4.108	6.251	7.615	9.348	11.345	12.838	16.266
4	0.091	0.207	0.297	0.474	0.711	1.064	1.923	3.157	5.385	7.779	9.626	11.163	13.277	14.860	18.467	20.515
5	0.210	0.412	0.554	0.831	1.185	1.610	2.575	4.351	6.626	9.236	11.070	12.833	15.086	16.750	18.583	20.583
6	0.381	0.676	0.872	1.237	1.655	2.204	3.465	5.744	7.881	10.615	12.382	14.469	16.812	18.964	22.498	
7	0.599	0.908	1.219	1.890	2.167	2.813	4.255	6.346	9.017	12.017	14.967	16.913	18.675	20.278	21.322	
8	0.857	1.398	1.646	2.180	2.733	3.490	5.071	7.394	10.219	13.362	15.507	17.933	20.090	21.955	26.174	
9	1.152	1.725	2.088	2.700	3.325	4.168	5.898	8.393	11.369	14.684	16.919	19.077	21.666	23.599	27.877	
10	1.479	2.186	2.654	3.267	3.948	4.865	6.757	9.342	12.549	15.987	18.307	20.463	23.209	25.188	29.588	
11	1.834	2.603	3.053	3.816	4.575	5.378	7.584	10.391	13.761	17.225	19.675	21.919	24.725	25.757	31.268	
12	2.219	3.046	3.571	4.104	5.295	6.104	8.558	11.340	14.845	18.349	21.026	23.357	26.217	28.300	32.909	
13	2.647	3.566	4.107	5.069	5.892	7.042	9.299	12.319	15.864	19.212	22.362	24.716	27.588	29.939	35.528	
14	3.061	4.096	4.629	5.629	6.871	7.971	10.165	13.339	17.117	21.054	23.683	26.119	28.181	31.319	36.123	
15	3.483	4.601	5.239	6.162	7.261	8.547	11.037	14.319	18.815	22.307	24.956	27.498	30.578	32.801	37.697	
16	3.942	5.182	5.812	6.908	7.953	9.312	11.912	15.318	19.365	23.582	26.295	29.815	32.660	34.267	39.251	
17	4.468	5.697	6.408	7.964	8.672	10.485	12.792	16.338	20.489	24.769	27.587	30.911	33.469	35.718	40.798	
18	4.986	6.265	7.015	8.231	9.790	10.885	13.675	17.936	21.905	25.869	28.144	31.936	34.805	37.126	42.312	
19	5.507	6.497	7.833	9.807	10.117	11.651	14.582	18.718	22.704	27.804	30.144	32.312	36.194	38.546	43.826	
20	5.921	7.694	8.246	9.561	10.851	12.443	15.452	19.397	23.478	28.412	31.410	34.70	37.566	39.997	45.315	
21	6.447	8.314	8.807	10.283	11.591	13.240	16.344	20.339	24.935	29.615	32.571	35.873	38.932	41.901	45.797	
22	6.963	8.695	9.542	10.982	12.538	14.031	16.813	20.813	25.013	29.824	33.924	36.761	40.286	42.795	48.388	
23	7.519	9.270	10.190	11.681	13.091	14.681	17.157	21.187	25.111	29.867	33.173	36.076	41.676	45.181	49.738	
24	8.085	9.888	10.565	12.401	13.848	15.039	19.037	23.371	28.211	31.196	34.415	38.684	42.999	45.529	51.179	
25	8.646	10.320	11.324	13.120	14.611	16.673	19.929	24.337	29.359	34.382	37.652	40.616	44.314	46.924	52.626	
26	9.212	11.160	12.193	13.843	15.379	17.282	20.843	25.786	30.435	35.563	39.805	43.923	45.612	48.290	54.932	
27	9.803	11.803	12.979	14.573	16.151	18.114	21.748	26.216	31.223	36.741	40.113	43.186	46.863	49.645	55.176	
28	10.461	12.461	13.585	15.104	16.928	18.039	22.657	27.376	32.620	37.916	41.337	45.661	48.279	50.993	56.192	
29	10.961	13.219	14.593	16.987	17.789	19.768	23.567	28.719	33.711	39.087	42.557	46.722	49.568	52.376	58.301	
30	11.568	13.707	14.953	18.493	20.599	24.478	29.316	34.408	40.256	43.773	48.979	52.092	55.672	59.703		
31	12.196	14.498	15.681	17.529	19.281	21.868	25.398	30.316	35.847	41.412	46.985	50.332	52.191	55.903	61.938	
32	12.823	15.193	16.181	18.861	20.872	23.198	28.284	33.236	38.873	44.685	50.102	53.968	55.428	58.487		
33	13.451	15.872	17.479	19.687	20.857	23.190	27.218	32.274	38.256	44.875	50.402	53.968	56.961	59.947		
34	14.063	16.500	17.479	19.806	21.864	23.913	28.139	33.290	39.111	45.905	51.402	53.203	57.342	60.275		
35	14.686	17.192	18.503	20.508	22.465	24.797	29.656	34.539	40.233	46.659	51.601	53.203	57.342	60.275		
36	15.324	17.877	18.213	21.536	23.269	25.613	29.973	35.316	41.305	47.212	52.988	54.477	56.619	61.583	67.985	
37	15.963	18.508	19.480	22.108	24.875	26.942	30.863	36.396	42.183	48.563	52.192	56.603	59.684	63.710		
38	16.613	19.249	20.471	22.878	24.884	27.483	31.815	37.255	43.592	49.513	53.345	56.486	61.162	66.193		
39	17.262	19.958	21.426	25.655	25.893	28.186	32.737	38.735	45.239	50.860	55.572	59.149	62.428	65.476	72.018	
40	17.916	20.707	22.164	24.835	26.569	29.031	33.660	39.316	46.616	51.805	55.758	59.542	63.691	66.766	73.401	
41	18.276	21.421	22.806	25.215	27.326	29.397	34.513	40.316	46.984	52.949	58.943	60.571	66.980	69.953	76.219	
42	19.728	22.139	23.576	25.949	28.269	30.793	35.819	41.705	48.763	54.699	60.124	62.773	68.264	71.326	76.264	
43	19.905	22.395	24.316	26.795	28.565	31.038	36.475	42.395	49.270	55.106	61.291	67.821	72.463	76.969	81.017	
44	20.275	23.163	25.247	27.576	29.767	32.437	37.293	43.933	50.863	57.463	63.491	69.861	75.710	79.893	86.339	
45	20.561	23.311	25.501	28.576	30.616	33.281	38.435	45.355	52.985	59.565	65.495	71.957	78.222	84.231	90.551	
46	21.229	23.941	26.457	29.169	31.429	35.375	41.705	48.763	55.659	62.641	69.617	71.201	74.637	81.640		
47	21.795	26.571	28.177	30.735	33.079	37.479	44.126	51.126	58.174	65.207	72.101	78.171	84.023	91.017		
48	23.293	27.249	28.641	31.553	33.929	38.418	45.229	52.229	60.205	67.323	74.383	81.339	88.339	96.551		
49	23.983	27.249	28.641	31.553	33.929	38.418	45.229	52.229	60.205	67.323	74.383	81.339	88.339	96.551		
50	24.874	27.991	29.707	32.357	34.764	39.569	46.474	53.474	61.454	69.586	76.410	83.957	91.166	98.077		

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