

**SECOND SEMESTER B.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, MAY 2018**

(CUCBCSS)

Complementary Course

STS 2C 02—PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTIONS

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

**Section A***Answer all questions in one word.**Each question carries 1 mark.*

Name the following :

1. The moments of a random variable  $X$  about origin.
2. The probability distribution in which mean is equal to its variance.
3. The distribution of  $\frac{x_1 - x_2}{\sqrt{2}}$  where  $X_1 \sim N(1, 1)$  and  $X_2 \sim N(1, 1)$ .

Fill up the blanks :

4. If two variables  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent, then  $E(XY) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ .
5. The maximum height of the normal curve lies at the point  $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ .
6. The mode of the geometric distribution  $f(x) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x$ ;  $x = 1, 2, \dots$  is  $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ .
7. If  $X \sim N(12.5, 12.25)$  and  $Y \sim N(8.5, 6.25)$ , the variable  $X + Y$  is distributed as  $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ .

Write True or False :

8. If  $X$  and  $Y$  are two random variables, then the covariance between the variables  $aX + b$  and  $cY + d$  is equal to covariance between  $X$  and  $Y$ .
9. For a binomial distribution mean is always less than the variance.
10. Convergence in probability is also known as weak convergence.

(10 × 1 = 10 marks)

**Turn over**

**Section B**

*Answer all questions in one sentence each.*

*Each question carries 2 marks.*

11. Define variance of a random variable.
12. Give the properties of characteristic function.
13. Define conditional expectation.
14. Define joint central moments for the bivariate distribution.
15. Define negative binomial distribution.
16. If a random variable  $X \sim N(40, 5^2)$ , find  $P(45 \leq X \leq 50)$ .
17. Define weak convergence.

(7 × 2 = 14 marks)

**Section C**

*Answer any three questions.*

*Each question carries 4 marks.*

18. Define moment generating function of a random variable. Prove that it does not exist always.
19. Give the properties of normal distribution.
20. If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent Poisson variates, show that the conditional distribution of  $(X|X + Y)$  is binomial.
21. State the weak law of large numbers and central limit theorem.
22. If  $E(X) = 5$ ,  $V(X) = 3$  and if  $P[|X - 5| < h] \geq 0.99$ , find the value of  $h$ .

(3 × 4 = 12 marks)

**Section D**

*Answer any four questions.*

*Each question carries 6 marks.*

23. A coin is tossed until a head appears. What is the expectation of the number of tosses required ?

24.  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  have a bivariate distribution given by  $p(x_1, x_2) = \frac{x_1 + 3x_2}{24}$ ; where  $(x_1, x_2) = (1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1), (2, 2)$ . Find the conditional mean and conditional variance of  $X_1$  given  $X_2 = 2$ .
25. Let the random variable  $X$  assumes the value ' $x$ ' with the probability law  $P(X = x) = q^{x-1}p$ ;  $x = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  and  $q = 1 - p$ . Find the m.g.f. of  $X$  and hence find its mean and variance.
26. The mean and variance of a binomial distribution are  $\frac{8}{3}$  and  $\frac{16}{9}$ . Find (i)  $P(X = 1)$  and (ii)  $P(X \leq 1)$ .
27. Assuming that the height of students is distributed as  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ . Out of a large number of students, 5% are under 72 inches and 10% are below 60 inches. Find the values of  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$ .
28. Examine whether the weak law of large numbers holds  $\{X_k\}$  of independent random variables defined as follows :

$$P[X_k = \pm 2^k] = 2^{-(2k+1)} \text{ and } P[X_k = 0] = 1 - 2^{-2k}.$$

(4 × 6 = 24 marks)

### Section E

*Answer any two questions.*

*Each question carries 10 marks.*

29. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two random variables, prove that :

(i)  $E(X) = E\{E(X|Y)\}$  and

(ii)  $V(X) = E\{V(X|Y)\} + V\{E(X|Y)\}.$

30. State and prove the recurrence relation for central moments for a binomial distribution.
31. Derive the m.g.f. of a normal distribution with parameters  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$ .
32. State and prove the Chebychev's inequality.

(2 × 10 = 20 marks)