

Population

Question Paper 4

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Subject	Maths
Exam Board	CIE
Topic	Sampling and estimation
Sub Topic	Population
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Time Allowed: 59 minutes

Score: /49

Percentage: /100

Grade Boundaries:

A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
>85%	'77.5%	70%	62.5%	57.5%	45%	<45%

- 1 A die is biased so that the probability that it shows a six on any throw is p .
- (i) In an experiment, the die shows a six on 22 out of 100 throws. Find an approximate 97% confidence interval for p . [4]
- (ii) The experiment is repeated and another 97% confidence interval is found. Find the probability that exactly one of the two confidence intervals includes the true value of p . [2]

- 2 The marks, x , of a random sample of 50 students in a test were summarised as follows.

$$n = 50 \quad \Sigma x = 1508 \quad \Sigma x^2 = 51\,825$$

- (i) Calculate unbiased estimates of the population mean and variance. [3]
- (ii) Each student's mark is scaled using the formula $y = 1.5x + 10$. Find estimates of the population mean and variance of the scaled marks, y . [3]
- 3 A die is biased. The mean and variance of a random sample of 70 scores on this die are found to be 3.61 and 2.70 respectively. Calculate a 95% confidence interval for the population mean score. [5]

- 4 The weights, in grams, of a random sample of 8 packets of cereal are as follows.

250 248 255 244 259 250 242 258

Calculate unbiased estimates of the population mean and variance. [3]

- 5 Mahmoud throws a coin 400 times and finds that it shows heads 184 times. The probability that the coin shows heads on any throw is denoted by p .
- (i) Calculate an approximate 95% confidence interval for p . [4]
- (ii) Mahmoud claims that the coin is not fair. Use your answer to part (i) to comment on this claim. [1]
- (iii) Mahmoud's result of 184 heads in 400 throws gives an $\alpha\%$ confidence interval for p with width 0.1. Calculate the value of α . [4]

6 A die is thrown 100 times and shows an odd number on 56 throws. Calculate an approximate 97% confidence interval for the probability that the die shows an odd number on one throw. [4]

7 The lengths, l m, of a random sample of 200 balls of string are found and the results are summarised by $\Sigma l = 2005$ and $\Sigma l^2 = 20\,175$.

(i) Calculate unbiased estimates of the population mean and variance of the lengths. [3]

(ii) Use the values from part (i) to estimate the probability that the mean length of a random sample of 50 balls of string is less than 10 m. [3]

(iii) Explain whether or not it was necessary to use the Central Limit theorem in your calculation in part (ii). [2]

8 The masses, in grams, of a certain type of plum are normally distributed with mean μ and variance σ^2 . The masses, m grams, of a random sample of 150 plums of this type were found and the results are summarised by $\Sigma m = 9750$ and $\Sigma m^2 = 647\,500$.

(i) Calculate unbiased estimates of μ and σ^2 . [3]

(ii) Calculate a 98% confidence interval for μ . [3]

Two more random samples of plums of this type are taken and a 98% confidence interval for μ is calculated from each sample.

(iii) Find the probability that neither of these two intervals contains μ . [2]