

TEST NAME: 307 - STATISTICS

Descriptive Statistics and Probability Distributions:

1. Descriptive Statistics: Concept of primary and secondary data. Methods of collection of primary data and secondary data. Classification and tabulation of data. Measures of central tendency (mean, median, mode, geometric mean and harmonic mean) topics are constrained to definitions merits and demerits only (but proofs are not necessary). Concepts of absolute & relative measure of dispersion (range, quartile deviation, mean deviation, and standard deviation)
2. Importance of moments, central and non-central moments, and their interrelationships, Sheppard's corrections for moments for grouped data. Measures of skewness based on quartiles and moments and kurtosis based on moments with suitable examples.
3. Basic concepts in Probability—deterministic and random experiments, trial, outcome, sample space, event, and operations of events, mutually exclusive and exhaustive events, and equally likely and favorable outcomes with examples. Mathematical, statistical and axiomatic definitions of probability with merits and demerits. Properties of probability based on axiomatic definition. Conditional probability and independence of events. Addition and multiplication theorems for n events. Boole's inequality and Bayes' theorem. Problems on probability.
4. Definition of random variable, discrete and continuous random variables, functions of random variables, probability mass function and probability density function with illustrations. Distribution function and its properties. Transformation of one-dimensional random variable (simple 1-1 functions only). Notion of bivariate random variable, bivariate distribution and statement of its properties. Joint, marginal and conditional distributions. Independence of random variables.
5. Mathematical Expectation: Mathematical expectation of a function of a random variable. Raw and central moments and covariance using mathematical expectation with examples. Addition and multiplication theorems of expectation. Definition of moment generating function (m.g.f), cumulant generating function (c.g.f), probability generating function (p.g.f) and characteristic function (c.f) and statements of their properties with applications. Chebyshev's, and Cauchy-Schwartz's inequalities. Statement of weak law of large numbers and central limit theorem for identically and independently distributed (i.i.d) random variables with finite variance.

6. Discrete distributions: Uniform, Bernoulli, Binomial, Poisson, Negative binomial, Geometric and Hyper-geometric (mean and variance only) distributions. Properties of these distributions such as m.g.f., c.g.f., p.g.f., c.f., & derive moments up to second order from them. Reproductive property wherever exists. Binomial approximation to Hyper-geometric, Poisson approximation to Binomial and Negative BD.
7. Continuous distributions: Rectangular and Normal distributions. Normal distribution as a limiting case of Binomial and Poisson distributions. Exponential, Gamma, Beta of two kinds (mean and variance only) and Cauchy (definition and c.f. only) distributions. Properties of these distributions such as m.g.f., c.g.f., c.f., and moments up to fourth order, their real life applications and reproductive productive property wherever exists.

Statistical Methods and Inference:

1. Bivariate data, scattered diagram Correlation coefficient and it's properties. Computation of correlation coefficient for grouped data. Correlation ratio, Spearman's rank correlation coefficient and it's properties. Simple linear regression properties of regression coefficients, correlation verses regression. Principles of least squares, fitting of quadratic and power curves. Concepts of partial and multiple correlation coefficients (only for three variables).
2. Analysis of categorical data, independence and association and partial association of attributes, various measures of association (Yule's)& coefficient of colligation for two way data and coefficient of contingency (Pearson's & Tcheprov's)
3. Concept of population, parameter, random sample, statistic, sampling distribution and standard error. Standard error of sample mean (\bar{s}) and sample proportions (\hat{s}). Exact sampling distributions:-Statements and properties of χ^2 , t , & F distributions and their inter relationships.
4. Point estimation of a parameter. Concept of bias and mean square error of an estimate. Criteria of good estimator-consistency, unbiasedness, efficiency and sufficiency with examples. Statement of Neyman's Factorization theorem, derivations of sufficient statistics in case of Binomial, Poisson, Normal and Exponential (one parameter only) distributions. Estimation by the method of moments, Maximum likelihood (ML), statements of asymptotic properties of MLE. Concept of interval estimation. Confidence Intervals of parameters of normal population.
5. Concepts of statistical hypothesis, null and alternative, hypothesis, critical region, two Types of errors, level of significance and power of a test. One and two tailed tests, Neyman Pearson's fundamental lemma for Randomised tests. Examples in case of

Binomial, poisson, Exponential and Normal distributions and their powers. Use of central limit theorem in testing large sample tests and confidence intervals for mean(s), proportion(s), standard deviation(s) and correlation coefficient(s).

6. Test of significance based on χ^2 , t, F, χ^2 -test for goodness of fit and test for independence of attributes. Definition of order statistics.
7. Non-Parametric tests their advantages and disadvantages, comparison with parametric tests. Measurement scale: nominal, ordinal, interval and ratio. One sample runs test, sign test and Wilcoxon-signed rank tests (single and paired samples). Two independent sample tests: Median test, Wilcoxon –Mann-Whitney U test, Wald Wolfowitz's runs test.

APPLIED STATISTICS:

Design of Sample Surveys: Concept of population, sample, sampling unit, parameter, statistic, sampling errors, sampling distribution, sample frame and standard error. Principle steps in sampling surveys-need for sampling, census versus samples surveys Sampling and non-sampling errors, sources and treatment of non-sampling errors, advantages and limitations of sampling. Types of sampling: subjective, probability and mixed sampling methods. Methods of drawing random samples with and without replacement. Estimates of population mean, total and proportion, their variances and estimates of variances in the following methods

i) SRSWR and SRSWOR

ii) Stratified random sampling with proportional and Neyman allocation.

Comparison of relative efficiencies.

Concept of Systematic sampling $N=nk$

Analysis of Variance and Design of Experiments: ANOVA-one-way, two way classifications with one observation per cell-concept of Gauss - Mark off linear model, Statement of Cochran's theorem, Mathematical Analysis, importance and applications of design of experiments.

Principles of Experimentation, Analysis of Completely randomized Design (CRD), Randomized Block Design (RBD) and Latin Square Design (LSD)

Time Series:

Time series and its components with illustrations, additive, multiplicative and mixed models, Determination of trend by least squares, moving average methods Determination of Seasonal indices by Ratio to moving average, Ratio to trend and link relative methods.

Index Numbers:

Concept, Construction, uses and limitations of simple and weighted index numbers, Laspeyres's, Paasche's and Fisher's Index numbers. Fisher's index as ideal index number. Fixed and chain base index numbers. Cost of living index numbers and wholesale price index numbers. Base shifting, Splicing and deflation of index numbers.

Official Statistics:

Functions and organization of CSO and NSSO. Agricultural Statistics, area and yield statistics. National Income and its computation, utility and difficulties in estimation of National income.

Vital Statistics: Introduction, definition and uses of vital statistics. Sources of vital statistics, registration method and census method. Rates and ratios, Crude Death rate, age specific death rate, standardized death rates, crude birth rate, age specific fertility rate, general fertility rate, total fertility rate. Measurement of population Growth, crude rate in natural increase – Pearl's vital index. Gross reproductive rate and net reproductive rate, Life tables, construction and uses of life tables and abridged life tables.

Demand Analysis: Introduction, Demand and supply, price elasticity of supply and demand. Methods of determining demand and supply curves, Leontief's, Pigou's methods of determining demand curve from time series data, limitations of these methods.
