



**SIR ARTHUR LEWIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**ACADEMIC YEAR (2024/2025) - SEMESTER TWO**  
**END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION**  
**ALTERNATE**

**COURSE CODE** : **MAT247**  
**COURSE TITLE** : **Statistical Applications**  
**LECTURER(S)** : **Hannah Scott**  
**DATE** :  
**TIME** :  
**DURATION** : **2 Hours**  
**STUDENT ID #** : \_\_\_\_\_

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**GENERAL INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS**

- Students must sign **IN** and **OUT** on the examination class list.
- Write ID numbers only on the answer booklet.
- **ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS**
- *Formulae sheet and tables are provided.*
- *No programmable calculators are permitted*

Instructions: Answer all questions

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**Question One**

- a) i) Distinguish between *primary* and *secondary data*. [2]  
ii) List two advantages of using secondary data [2]
- b) Explain whether each of the following constitutes a *population* or a *sample* [4]  
i. Pounds of fish caught by all fishermen in a bay  
ii. Credit card debt of 100 families selected from a city  
iii. Amount spent on prescription drugs by 200 senior citizens in a large city  
iv. Ages of all family members
- c) Indicate which of the following variables are *quantitative* and which are *qualitative*. Classify quantitative variables as *discrete* or *continuous*. [5]  
i. Number of typographical errors in a newspaper  
ii. Monthly TV cable bill  
iii. Spring break locations

**Question Two**

The time taken to complete an entrance exam to a college is recorded below.

time	Frequency
20-22	5
23-25	6
26-28	12
29-31	5
32-34	7

Using the table above to calculate

- a) the sample mean of the dataset. [3]  
b) the sample variance of the dataset. [3]

**Question Three**

a) The probability distribution for the random variable X is shown below

$x$	0	1	2	3	4
$P(X = x)$	0.1	0.3	a	0.2	0.1

- i. Find the value of a [2]  
ii. Calculate the mean,  $E(X)$  [2]  
iii. Calculate the variance,  $VAR(X)$  [3]

#### Question Four

The time that a customer takes to complete a transaction in the business line at the bank follows a normal distribution with a mean of 5.4 minutes and a standard deviation of 1.7 minutes. What is the probability that a customer selected at random will spend more than 8 minutes to complete a transaction? [4]

#### Question Five

A production line is designed to fill bottles with oil. The amount of oil placed in a bottle is normally distributed and the mean is set to 100 ml. The amount of oil in 8 randomly selected bottles is recorded, and the following statistics are obtained

$$\bar{x} = 92.875 \quad s = 8.3055$$

- a) Construct a 99% confidence interval for  $\mu$ , the mean amount of oil placed in a bottle. [4]
- b) Jonathan believes that the mean amount of oil placed in a bottle is less than 100 ml. Stating your hypothesis clearly, test at the 5% significance level, whether Jonathan's belief is supported. [6]

**END OF EXAMINATION**