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## Statistics

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## Statistics 3

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## Key to mark scheme abbreviations

| M | mark is for method |
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| m or dM | mark is dependent on one or more M marks and is for method |
| A | mark is dependent on M or m marks and is for accuracy |
| B | mark is independent of M or m marks and is for method and accuracy |
| E | mark is for explanation |
| Jor ft or F | follow through from previous incorrect result |
| CAO | correct answer only |
| CSO | correct solution only |
| AWFW | anything which falls within |
| AWRT | anything which rounds to |
| ACF | any correct form |
| AG | answer given |
| SC | special case |
| OE | or equivalent |
| A2,1 | 2 or 1 (or 0) accuracy marks |
| $-x$ EE | deduct $x$ marks for each error |
| NMS | no method shown |
| PI | possibly implied <br> SCA |
| substantially correct approach |  |
| cf | candidate |
| dp | significant figure(s) |
| decimal place(s) |  |

## No Method Shown

Where the question specifically requires a particular method to be used, we must usually see evidence of use of this method for any marks to be awarded.

Where the answer can be reasonably obtained without showing working and it is very unlikely that the correct answer can be obtained by using an incorrect method, we must award full marks. However, the obvious penalty to candidates showing no working is that incorrect answers, however close, earn no marks.

Where a question asks the candidate to state or write down a result, no method need be shown for full marks.
Where the permitted calculator has functions which reasonably allow the solution of the question directly, the correct answer without working earns full marks, unless it is given to less than the degree of accuracy accepted in the mark scheme, when it gains no marks.

Otherwise we require evidence of a correct method for any marks to be awarded.

| Q | Solution | Marks | Total | Comments |
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| 1(a) | $\mathrm{H}_{0}$ Population median purchases $=5$ <br> $\mathrm{H}_{1}$ Population median purchases $>5$ <br> 1 tail test $10 \%$ level <br> signs <br> $-+++++++-+-+$ <br> test stat $=3-/ 9+$ <br> Bin (12, 0.5) model $\mathrm{P}(\leq 3-)=0.0730<0.10$ <br> Reject $H_{0}$ Significant evidence to suggest median number of packets has increased <br> Wilcoxon signed-rank test | B1 <br> M1 <br> A1 <br> M1 <br> M1 <br> A1 <br> B1 | 6 1 | Pop can be implied if fully worded in context oe $\eta \operatorname{not} \mu$ <br> for signs can be reversed or incorrect (WSR diff OK) <br> for test stat 3 or 9 for use of Bin model any B $(12,0.5)$ prob for comparison ts and $10 \%$ <br> cr $\{0,1,2,3\}$ or $\{9,10,11,12\}$ must see 0.0729/0.194 M1m1 <br> Just Wilcoxon |
|  | Total |  | 7 |  |
| $2$ <br> (a) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { ranks } \\ & x 1,3,5,6,9,10,4,2,7,8, \\ & 10,8,6,5,2,1,7,9,4,3 \\ & y 1,3,5,7,9,10,4,2,6,8 \\ & 10,8,6,4,2,1,7,9,5,3 \\ & r_{\mathrm{s}} \text { (from calculator) }=0.988 \text { or } 0.987 \end{aligned}$ <br> 0.98/0.99 allow B2 if no method seen | M1 <br> M1 <br> A1 <br> B3 | 6 | for any ranks <br> 2 separate sets of ranks <br> All correct <br> alternatively <br> differences, $d: 0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,1,0$ <br> $\sum d^{2}=2$ M1 diffs <br> $r_{\mathrm{s}}=1-\frac{6 \times 2}{10 \times 99}=0.988$ or $0.987 \quad$ M1, A1 |
| (b) | $\mathrm{H}_{0}$ no association <br> $\mathrm{H}_{1}$ positive association 1 tail $1 \%$ <br> test stat $r_{\mathrm{s}}=0.988$ <br> critical value $=0.7333$ <br> tests stat $>0.7333$ so significant evidence exists to reject $\mathrm{H}_{0}$ and conclude that a positive association exists. <br> This suggests that hurricanes in which there are higher numbers of injuries also result in a greater cost in property damage ( or positive assoc in context ) | B1 <br> B1 <br> M1 <br> E1 | 4 | Allow $p / \rho=0$ or words <br> Must be 1 tail <br> for cV <br> comparison ts/cv; ft $\mathrm{r}_{\mathrm{s}}$ in (a) <br> 0.7667,0.7818/0.6485/0.700 <br> B0 M1 E0 <br> explanation in context |
| (c)(i) (ii) | see scatter diagram <br> There is evidence of a non linear relationship(or it is a curve) | M1 <br> A1 <br> B1 | 2 1 | 8+ points effort plot OK (allow 1 small slip) <br> Must mention no (straight) line fit |
|  | Total |  | 13 |  |




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| 5(a) | $\begin{array}{lc} \hline \text { Test } \mathrm{A} \text { mean }=58.6 & \text { st dev }=19.2 \text { or } \\ & 20.3 \\ \text { Test B mean }=63.9 & \text { st dev }=\begin{array}{c} 16.0 \text { or } \\ 17.0 \end{array} \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{B} 1 \\ \mathrm{~B} 1 \mathrm{~B} 1 \end{gathered}$ | 3 | B1for both means B1,B1 for st dev must be consistent, awrt |
| (b) | PMCC $r=0.8940 \mathrm{r} 0.893(3 \mathrm{sf})$ (from calculator) <br> 0.89 allow M1 M1 A0 (or B2) <br> 0.9 allow B 1 no method no ranks | B3 | 3 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { or } r=\frac{36140-\frac{527 \times 575}{9}}{57.552 \times 48.030}=0.894(3 \mathrm{sf}) \\ & \text { M1 }(36140) \text { M1 (formula),A1 } \end{aligned}$ |
| (c)(i) | $\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{o}}$ Population median/mean/average score difference $=0$ <br> $\mathrm{H}_{1}$ Population median/mean/average score difference $\neq 0$ <br> 2 tail test $5 \%$ level | B1 |  | or symbols $\mu \eta$ equal or not oe |
|  |  | M1 m1 m1 |  | for differences <br> all m dep diffs for ranks- rank 1= smallest disallow -17 rank 1 M0 <br> for totals of any ranks |
|  | test stat $T=9$ critical value $=6$ test stat $>6$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A1 } \\ & \text { B1 } \\ & \text { m1 } \end{aligned}$ |  | correct test stat <br> for cv (11,8,3 B0 M1 E0) <br> for comparison lower ts/cvft; must be seen unless all correct |
|  | There is no significant evidence of a difference in mean scores for the two tests | E1 | 8 | in context |
| (ii) | The differences are symmetrically distributed. | E1 | 1 | Must have differences |
| (d) | PMCC indicates results of tests show strong positive association - $\underline{\text { consistent }}$ results | E1 |  | For PMCC result and consistency/similarity |
|  | No sig difference in means so general similarity | E1 |  | For no sig diff means and similarity (award for similarity once only) |
|  | test may be more effective at discriminating between good/bad applicants | E1 | 3 | for mentioning st dev and discrimination |
| (e) | If separate groups took the 2 tests so there may be differences between the level of difficulty of the tests which would affect the results. | B1 |  | concept of pairing removing effect of differences in tests <br> disallow 'fair' allow eliminates/reduces exp error more likely to detect a difference if one exists |
|  | Half the number of people needed | B1 | 2 |  |
|  | Total |  | 20 |  |


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| 6 | $\mathrm{H}_{0}$ Samples are taken from identical populations <br> $\mathrm{H}_{1}$ Samples are not taken from identical populations <br> 2 tails 5\% <br> Separated times with Ranks $\begin{aligned} & U_{\mathrm{M}}=66-\frac{7 \times 8}{2}=38 \\ & U_{\mathrm{A}}=39-\frac{7 \times 8}{2}=11 \end{aligned}$ $U=11$ $\mathrm{cv}=9 \text { for } n=7, m=7 \quad 2 \text { tail } \quad 5 \%$ $U>9$ <br> Accept $\mathrm{H}_{0}$ <br> No significant evidence of any difference between average journey times when travelling for the morning shift or for the afternoon shifts | B1 <br> M1 <br> M1 <br> A1 <br> m1 <br> m1 <br> A1 <br> B1 <br> M1 <br> A1 <br> E1 | 11 | $\mathrm{H}_{0} \eta_{\mathrm{M}}=\eta_{\mathrm{A}}$ or words ref <br> $\mathrm{H}_{1} \eta_{\mathrm{M}} \neq \eta_{\mathrm{A}}$ context <br> Disallow mean <br> Separated times effort (can be implied) <br> Ranks as one group (either way) <br> Ranks correct (5,6 or 9,10 OK) <br> Ranks totalled ( any ranks) <br> m dep ranks <br> Attempt to find $U$ dep ranks, totals <br> Either $U$ correct <br> cv correct cv $=9$ only <br> correct comparison, ft on wrong ts - must see 11 /lower $U$ oe upper tail unless all correct <br> only if cv $=9$ and $U=11$ <br> In context. Can ft conclusion |
|  | Total |  | 11 |  |
|  | TOTAL |  | 75 |  |


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