



WESLEY COLLEGE  
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**YEAR 12 MATHEMATICS METHODS**  
Sample proportions and confidence intervals  
**Test 6**

**SOLUTIONS**

Marks: /34

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**Calculator Allowed**

1. [5 marks]

- a) Explain what is meant by a simple random sample.

*A sample such that all possible samples of required size have an equal chance of being selected.*

[1]

- b) Explain briefly how you could use your ClassPad to select a simple random sample of size 12 from a list of the 70 junior members of a tennis club.

*Number the members from 1 – 70.  
RandList (12, 1, 70)*

[2]

- c) Give an example of a situation in which you might choose to take a stratified sample and explain why.

*Own choice + explanation*

[2]

2. [4 marks]

A group of would-be card sharks are investigating the results of dealing a card from a well-shuffled pack and checking its suit. Each card shark dealt a card 50 times, replacing and shuffling the cards before dealing the next one. They counted the number of times the card was a diamond and recorded the proportion of times out of 50.

- a) State the parameters for  $\hat{p}$ .

$$p = 0.25; (1 - p) = 0.75; n = 50$$

[2]

- b) What would be the mean and standard deviation of these results?

$$E(\hat{p}) = p = 0.25; \quad SD(\hat{p}) = \sqrt{\frac{0.25 \times 0.75}{50}} = 0.061$$

[2]

3. [5 marks]

As part of a Biology practical testing germination rates, each student saturated and placed 300 seeds in an incubator. When Mitch checked his incubator 5 days later, he found that 250 had germinated. Dr van Lieshout asks the class to calculate a 95% confidence interval based on their findings.

a) Find the confidence interval that should be obtained by Mitch.

$$\hat{p} = \frac{250}{300} = \frac{5}{6}$$

$$CI = \frac{5}{6} \pm 1.96 \times \sqrt{\frac{\frac{5}{6} \times \frac{1}{6}}{300}} = [0.7912, 0.8755]$$

[3]

Assuming that all the students calculate their confidence interval correctly,

b) State the proportion of the students you would expect to have a confidence interval that includes the population proportion of the distribution.

$$95\% = \frac{19}{20}$$

[1]

c) Explain why the probability of any one student's confidence interval including the population proportion is not 0.95.

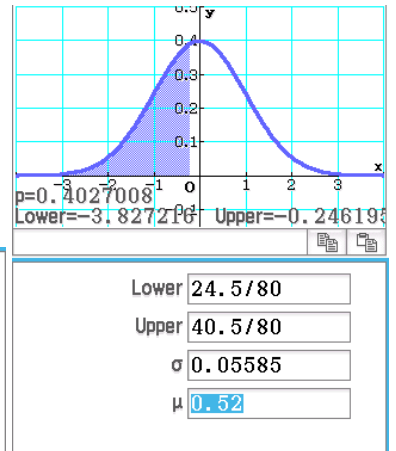
*The confidence interval either does, or does not, include the true population proportion  $\therefore$  probability is 0 or 1.*

[1]

4. [5 marks]

52% of Australian students travel to school by car. What is the probability that between 25 and 40 students from a sample of 80 students travel by car?

Check  $\left. \begin{array}{l} np = 80 \times 0.52 = 41.6 \\ n(1-p) = 80 \times 0.48 = 38.4 \end{array} \right\} > 10$  or that sample size  $> 30$  so can use the normal distribution as a model.



$$X \sim N(0.52, 0.05585^2)$$

$$SD = \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}} = 0.05585$$

prob	0.4027008
z Low	-3.827216
z Up	-0.246195
$\sigma$	0.05585
$\mu$	0.52

Lower	24.5/80
Upper	40.5/80
$\sigma$	0.05585
$\mu$	0.52



$$P\left(\frac{24.5}{80} < X < \frac{40.5}{80}\right) = 0.4027$$

[5]

5. [6 marks]

The number of customers,  $x$ , waiting in Nick's barber's shop in Angelo St is defined by this probability distribution:

$x$	0	1	2	3	4	5
$P(x)$	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.04	0.06

a) Determine the mean and the standard deviation of this distribution.

$$\text{mean} = 1.66$$

$$SD = 1.336$$

[2]

Mr Purdue went to get a haircut from Nick on 10 occasions last year and the average number of customers waiting was 1.9.

b) Is he correct in assuming this sample proportion is part of a normal distribution? Justify your answer.

Not really as sample size is too small. (Should be  $\geq 30$ )

[1]

c) Use an appropriate probability model to determine whether, for a sample of 50 customers, an average of 1.9 customers or more waiting is consistent with the data calculated in part a).

$$Z \sim N(0, 1^2) \quad Z = \frac{1.9 - 1.66}{1.336} = 0.1796$$

Yes, as it is  $0.18\sigma$  above the mean.

[3]

6. [6 marks]

A cinema advertising company employed a market research team to measure the effectiveness of the advertisements shown during film sessions.

The first 100 film-goers who left the 9pm session at a cinema complex were asked to recall the advertisements that they had seen. Of these, 58 recalled at least one advertisement.

- a) Using the information above, calculate an approximate 90% confidence interval for the true proportion of film-goers who recalled at least one advertisement. Round your answer to 2 decimal places.

$$\hat{p} = \frac{58}{100} = 0.58$$

$$CI = 0.58 \pm 1.645 \times \sqrt{\frac{0.58 \times 0.42}{100}} = [0.4988, 0.6612] = [0.50, 0.66]$$

[3]

From the information collected, the marketing research team claimed that 'more than half' of the film-goers recall cinema advertisements.

- b) Given the sampling process and the confidence interval you have calculated; do you think that this claim is *fair*? Give *two* reasons for your answer.

*NO, because:*

- ✓ *The selection process is not truly random. It consisted of the first people to leave a single, late evening session and so this group may be unrepresentative of all film-goers.*
- ✓ *While 50% lies near the lower end of the CI, it is possible that less than 50% can recall an advertisement. So strictly speaking the market research claim is not justified.*

[3]

7. [3 marks]

The tourist information centre staff in Elizabeth Quay want to determine the proportion of people to within 2%, at a level of confidence of 99%, to work out whether they should request a new tourist advertisement campaign.

How many enquiries, to the nearest 50, would need to be noted at the information centre?

$$\text{Use } \hat{p} = 0.5 \quad n = \frac{z^2 \hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{E^2} = \frac{2.576^2 \times 0.5 \times 0.5}{0.02^2} = 4147.36$$
$$\text{or} \quad n = \frac{z^2 \hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{E^2} = \frac{2.576^2 \times 0.5 \times 0.5}{0.01^2} = 16589.44$$

*Would require either 4150 or 16 600 enquiries*

[3]