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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES MASTER OF EDUCATION DEGREE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPEMENT MASTER OF ARTS IN STRATEGIC COMMUNCATION

MAIN PAPER

MDS 124: ADVANCED QUANTITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS

INTAKES 20, 7 & 1: FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER

DATE: JANUARY 2021 TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer **question 1** and any other one.

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL

Statistical tables and formulae

Question 1

- a) What is the difference between qualitative and quantitative research? Include mention of possible differences in Conceptual, purpose, questions addressed, data collection methods, sampling techniques, and data analysis. [10]
- b) Define the following terms and give one example for each;

(i)	Categorical variable;	[5]
(ii)	Dependent Variable;	[5]
(iii)	Independent variable;	[5]
(iv)	Intervening variables;	[5]
(v)	Continuous variables; and	[5]
(vi)	Discrete variables.	[5]

Question 2

An environment management agency has the number of environmental crimes reported each week and the following are the number of SMS messages placed weekly for a period of 12 weeks.

Table 2.17 Environmental Crimes Reported and SMS Messages Placed

SMS	4	4	3	2	5	2	4	3	5	5	3	4
Crimes	26	28	24	18	35	24	36	25	31	37	30	32

Tables 2.18 show the statistical software outputs:

Table 2.18 ANOVA

Source Variation	of Degrees Freedom	of Sum Squares	of Mean Squares	F-ratio
Regression	1	241.72	241.72	20.49
Error	10	117.95	11.79	
Total	11	359.67		

a)	Calculate the coefficient of determination.	[5]
b)	Test the significance of the regression model.	[25]

Question 3 Find the values of the z-statistics for the 90% confidence level. [5] a) Find the values of the z-statistics that give an area of 5% in both tails. b) [5] Find the t-statistic that gives an area of 1% in the right tail for a sample size of 23. [5] c) Determine the t-statistics for an area of 5% in both tails and 19 degrees of freedom. [5] d) Find the value of the F-statistic that gives an area of 5% in the right tail with 3 degrees of freedom for numerator and 24 degrees of freedom for denominator. Find the value of the chi-square statistic that gives an area of 1% in the right tail with 10 f) degrees of freedom [5]

Question 4

A random sample of 40 MSc Development Studies students at Women's University in Africa is taken and 55% are in favor of the proposed weekend learning timetable. With 99% confidence, what proportion of all MSc Development Studies students is in favor of the new timetable?

Question 5

Samples from three Early Childhood Development (ECD) B classes were given an identical task. The scores are as follows:

Table 5.1 ECD B classes performance

Class B1	Class B2	Class B3	
5	10	8	
4	2	8	
6	1	7	
10	5	6	
4	3	8	
7	8	8	
3	9	10	
9	2	1	

Test the hypothesis that the performance of the three ECD B classes is different.

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