

BRONZE

Q1.

A university foreign language department carried out a survey of prospective students to find out which of three languages they were most interested in studying.

A random sample of 150 prospective students gave the following results.

		Language		
		French	Spanish	Mandarin
Gender	Male	23	22	20
	Female	38	32	15

A test is carried out at the 1% level of significance to determine whether or not there is an association between gender and choice of language.

- (a) State the null hypothesis for this test. (1)
- (b) Show that the expected frequency for females choosing Spanish is 30.6 (1)
- (c) Calculate the test statistic for this test, stating the expected frequencies you have used. (3)
- (d) State whether or not the null hypothesis is rejected. Justify your answer. (2)
- (e) Explain whether or not the null hypothesis would be rejected if the test was carried out at the 10% level of significance. (1)

(Total for question = 8 marks)

SILVER

Q2.

The discrete random variable X follows a Poisson distribution with mean 1.4

- (a) Write down the value of (2)
- (i) $P(X = 1)$
- (ii) $P(X \leq 4)$

The manager of a bank recorded the number of mortgages approved each week over a 40 week period.

Number of mortgages approved	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Frequency	10	16	7	4	2	0	1

- (b) Show that the mean number of mortgages approved over the 40 week period is 1.4 (1)

The bank manager believes that the Poisson distribution may be a good model for the number of mortgages approved each week.

She uses a Poisson distribution with a mean of 1.4 to calculate expected frequencies as follows.

Number of mortgages approved	0	1	2	3	4	5 or more
Expected frequency	9.86	r	9.67	4.51	1.58	s

(c) Find the value of r and the value of s giving your answers to 2 decimal places.

(2)

The bank manager will test, at the 5% level of significance, whether or not the data can be modelled by a Poisson distribution.

(d) Calculate the test statistic and state the conclusion for this test. State clearly the degrees of freedom and the hypotheses used in the test.

(6)

(Total for question = 11 marks)

GOLD

Q3.

Abram carried out a survey of two treatments for a plant fungus. The contingency table below shows the results of a survey of a random sample of 125 plants with the fungus.

		Treatment		
		No action	Plant sprayed once	Plant sprayed every day
Outcome	Plant died within a month	15	16	25
	Plant survived for 1 – 6 months	8	25	10
	Plant survived beyond 6 months	7	14	5

Abram calculates expected frequencies to carry out a suitable test. Seven of these are given in the partly-completed table below.

		Treatment		
		No action	Plant sprayed once	Plant sprayed every day
Outcome	Plant died within a month			17.92
	Plant survived for 1 – 6 months	10.32	18.92	13.76
	Plant survived beyond 6 months	6.24	11.44	8.32

The value of $\sum \frac{(O - E)^2}{E}$ for the 7 given values is 8.29

Test at the 2.5% level of significance, whether or not there is an association between the treatment of the plants and their survival. State your hypotheses and conclusion clearly.

(7)

(Total for question = 7 marks)