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**Faculty of Sciences**  
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**COURSE PARTICULARS**

**Course Title:** STATISTICS FOR BIOLOGY AND AGRIC STUDENTS

**Course Code:** STA 211

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**Course description:** This course will deal with the use of statistical data derived from obtained observations to draw inferences on stated hypothesis and objectives. This will help to arrive at the necessary inference from research observations and findings. Taking cognizance of stated hypothesis as well as limitations to expected inferences from research, the course will derive data from replicates of data in research findings, and then utilize the same through analysis and data interpretation to derive the necessary inference. Sample collection, experimental design, data collation, analysis and interpretation will form the basis of this course.

**Course Objectives:** By the end of this course, students would have been able to understand the design, analysis and statistical interpretation of obtained data of different biological experiments.

**Assessment**

Class attendance	5 marks
Tests and Assignments	35marks
Final Examination	60 marks

**LECTURE PLAN**

**WEEK 1:** Some Basic concepts in Biometry: Measurement and measurement scales: Sampling and statistical inference; the scientific method and design of experiments.

**WEEK 2:** Data and data description: Ordered array, Grouped data (frequency distribution); descriptive statistics; Measures of central tendency; Measures of dispersion

**WEEK 3:** Continuous probability distribution; the normal distribution.

**WEEK 4:** Estimation of population parameters: Confidence Interval for a population mean; t – distribution; Confidence Interval for the difference between two population means.



27	79	26	25	74	31	53	38	38	47		
30	27	27	46	51	28	51	42	21	22	28	43

- Calculate the class width and interval. Use the data obtained to construct a frequency distribution table having tally marks, class midpoint, frequency and relative frequency.
- Calculate the mean, median and use your frequency table to estimate which class interval had the highest frequency.
- Construct a histogram to represent the data you have.

2a. What is research. State the characteristics of research

2b. Explain the different modes by which research can be conducted.

3a. Draw a normal distribution curve. State the factors that can affect its spread and position on a graph

3b. In a class test, the mean score was 80 and the standard deviation 30.

- Find the proportion of individuals who scored greater than 95
- What is the probability the an individual picked at random will have a score between 75 and 95
- Find  $P(70 \leq X \leq 90)$ .

4a. If the average weight of lab rats aged between 3-4 months is 300g and the variance of the population is 100. Taking these estimates as mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ , consider the sampling distribution of the sample mean based on sample 50 drawn from these rats. What is the mean of the sampling distribution? What is the standard error?

4b. State the characteristics observed when sampling from a normally distributed population.

## SECTION B

5a. Explain what is meant by linear correlation

b. Use graphical examples to illustrate the relationship between two variables.

6. The following are the data for X= standard quantity of carbon source, Y= Growth rate ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{min}$ ).

X	20	18	16	40	50	60	65	70	90	100
Y	0.36	0.16	0.30	0.72	0.86	1.22	1.42	2.18	2.75	2.9

a. Using linear regression, test the significance of the relationship between the two variables

b. Predict the growth rate at carbon quantities of 70 and 90g.

7. The data below records the production of polysaccharide (measured in  $\mu\text{g}$ ) at different temperatures on different days by *Pseudomonas putida* :

	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4
30°C	44	52	58	65
40°C	68	67	46	53
50°C	51	42	50	61
60°C	55	62	62	60
70°C	40	60	70	52

Constructing your ANOVA table.

8. The following table shows the marks of 10 students in 2 courses in the department of microbiology. Find the product moment correlation coefficient and comment on the table.

Marks in mycology	22	31	28	30	40	46	54	60	70	80
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Marks in bacteriology (y)	32	54	60	54	62	65	80	67	75	90

SECTION C

- 9(a) Define Factorial Experiment
- (b) What are the advantages and disadvantages of Factorial Experiment?
- (c) Define the followings in Factorial Experiment: (i) Factors (ii) Levels
- (d) A biologist is interested in investigating the effect of temperature and pressure on the result of the experiment. The biologist chose three levels of pressure and four temperature in the conduct of the experiment. Twenty-four pieces of the component with eight from each pressure were randomly assigned to the temperature levels. The result of the experiment conducted in two replicates were as follows:

Pressure	Temperature			
	B1	B2	B3	B4
A1	10, 0	80, 110	30, 35	40, 50
A2	25, 15	105, 90	45, 50	30, 35
A3	130, 120	130, 110	110, 120	140, 135

Analyse the data from the experiment at 5% level of significance.

- 10(a) Define the following terms in test of hypothesis:
- (i) Statistical Hypothesis
- (ii) Test of Hypothesis
- (iii) Critical Region
- (iv) Acceptance Region
- (v) Type I error and Type II error
- (vi) One Tail and Two Tail test
- (vii) Null Hypothesis and Alternative Hypothesis
- (b) A manufacturer of sports equipment has developed a new synthetic fishing line which he claims has a mean breaking strength of 15 kg with a standard deviation of 0.5 kg. If a random sample of 50 lines were tested and found to have a mean breaking strength of 14.8 kg. Verify the claim by the manufacturer at  $\alpha=1\%$

- 11(a) Define the following terms:
- (i) Estimation (ii) Estimator (iii) Estimate (iv) Point Estimate (v) Interval Estimate
- (b) The association between the output of an experiment (y) and climatic condition (x) is given by the model  $Y_i = a + bx_i + e_i$ , find the estimates of a and b.

- 12(a) What are the properties of a good estimator
- (b) State the most widely used method of obtaining estimate.
- (c) A pharmaceutical company believes that the drugs produced by method A on an average is more effective than the drugs produced by method B. To test this belief, random sample of drugs produced by the two methods were tested and the results are:

Methods	Sample size	Average effectiveness	Standard deviation
A	50	22400	1000
B	50	21800	1000

Is there any evidence at a 5% level of significance that the company is correct in its belief and construct the corresponding confidence interval.

**MARKING GUIDE**  
**SECTION A**

- 1a. Definition of research and characteristics 7 marks  
1b. Explanation of different research modes 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> marks

**TOTAL = 17<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> MARKS**

- 2a. Formula 1x2 = 2 marks  
Calculations 2 marks  
Frequency table 4 marks  
b. Formula for mean and median 1x2 marks = 2 marks  
Calculations 3 marks  
c. Histogram 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> marks

**TOTAL = 17<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> MARKS**

- 3a. Diagram and characteristics 7 marks  
b. Calculations 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> marks

**TOTAL = 17<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> MARKS**

- 4a. Calculations 8 marks  
b. Characteristics 9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> marks

**TOTAL = 17<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> MARKS**

**SECTION B**

5. Explanation 8 marks  
Graphs 3x4 = 12 marks

**TOTAL = 20 MARKS**

- 6a. Formula 2 marks  
Calculation 8 marks  
b. Calculation 10 marks

**TOTAL = 20 MARKS**

7. Calculations – setting up the hypothesis, CF, SS, Error SS, Error SS, Anova table - 20 marks

**TOTAL = 20 MARKS**

8. Calculations of  $\bar{x}$ ,  $\bar{y}$ , sum of  $xy$ , sum of  $x^2$ , sum of  $y^2$  etc. 16 marks  
Comments 4 marks

**TOTAL = 20 MARKS**

**SECTION C**

- 9(a) 2 marks  
(b) 6 marks  
(c) (i) 1 mark (ii) 1 mark  
(d) 10 marks

- 10(a) (i) 1 mark  
(ii) 1 mark  
(iii) 1 mark  
(iv) 1 mark  
(v) 2 marks  
(vi) 2 marks  
(vii) 2 marks  
(b) 10 marks

- 11(a) (i)  $1\frac{1}{2}$  marks (ii)  $1\frac{1}{2}$  marks (iii)  $1\frac{1}{2}$  marks (iv)  $1\frac{1}{2}$  marks (v)  $1\frac{1}{2}$  marks  
(b)  $12\frac{1}{2}$  marks

- 12(a) 6 marks  
(b) 3 marks  
(c) 11 marks

