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FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF MASTER OF EDUCATION

EDUC 803: STATISTICAL METHODS IN EDUCATION

STREAMS: MED

TIME: 3 HOURS

DAY/DATE: THURSDAY 05/12/2019

2.30 P.M. – 5.30 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions
- Do not write on the question paper

1. (a) Citing a relevant example, describe the steps involved in hypothesis testing [10 marks]
- (b) In a study, teachers were asked to indicate their age category. Use data in the table below to graphically represent the information. [5 marks]

Age	21 – 30	31 – 40	41 – 50	51 – 60	61 – 70
Frequency	25	44	60	37	14

- (c) Explain five factors that influence correction coefficient [5 marks]
2. (a) Distinguish between the following terms
- (i) Data and variance [2 marks]
- (ii) Parameter and statistic [2 marks]
- (b)

Class	15 – 19	20 – 24	25 – 29	30 – 34	35 – 39	40 – 44
Frequency	4	16	40	16	8	4

- (i) Determine the mode [2 marks]
- (ii) Calculate the standard deviation [6 marks]

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- (c) Work out the product moment correlation coefficient using data in the table below and interpret the answer [8 marks]

$x$	2	3	5	9	7	1	8
$y$	3	1	7	8	9	2	5

3. (a) Respondents were asked to choose their colour of preference as shown in the table below. Test the hypothesis that the colour preference is independent of gender. ( $\alpha = 0.05$ ) [10 marks]

	Purple	Yellow	Green	Red
Male	22	34	29	55
Female	45	18	25	24

- (b) Test the hypothesis at  $\alpha = 0.05$  that there is no difference in the means of control and experimental groups [10 marks]

Control	60	70	40	80	70	30
Experimental	30	50	20	60	40	10

4. (a) Highlight two features of  $t$  distribution [2 marks]  
(b) Determine the value of  $y$  when  $x$  is 23 [10 marks]

$x$	27	33	25	18	28	39	20
$y$	23	27	36	19	24	30	24

- (c) Test the hypothesis that there is no statistically significant difference among the following groups at  $\alpha = 0.05$  [8 marks]

A	B	C	D
6	5	6	5
7	4	5	5
3	3	4	3
8	4	5	7