

B.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2018
I Year I Semester
Core Major-Paper II
PROBABILITY AND RANDOM VARIABLES

Time : 3 Hours

Max.marks :60

Section A ($10 \times 1 = 10$) Marks

Answer any **TEN** questions

1. Define a sample space.
2. Write the axioms of probability.
3. State Bayes' theorem in probability.
4. If two dice are thrown, what is the probability that the sum is greater than 6?
5. State any two properties of distribution function.
6. What is stochastic independence?
7. If X is a random variable then find $V(aX+b)$ where a and b are constants.
8. Define conditional expectation.
9. Define characteristic function.
10. State the central limit theorem in probability.
11. Give any one drawback of classical approach to probability.
12. Let X be a random variable with the following probability distribution

$x:$	-3	6	9
$P(x) :$	$1/6$	$1/2$	$1/3$

 Find the mean of the random variable X

Section B ($5 \times 4 = 20$) Marks

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14. State and prove multiplication theorem of probability for two events.
15. A random variable X has the following probability function.

$x :$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
$P(x) :$	0	k	$2k$	$2k$	$3k$	k^2	$2k^2$	$7k^2+k$

 i. Find the value of k

- ii. Evaluate $P(0 < X < 5)$
- iii. If $P(X=a) > 1/2$. Find the minimum value of a
- 16. If X and Y are random variables then show that $E(X+Y) = E(X) + E(Y)$
- 17. State and prove the uniqueness theorem of characteristic function
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Section C ($3 \times 10 = 30$) Marks

Answer any **THREE** questions

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- 21. The chances that doctor A will diagnose a disease X correctly is 60%. The chances that a patient will die by his treatment after correct diagnosis is 40% and the chance of death by wrong diagnosis is 70%. A patient of doctor A , who had disease X died. What is the chance that his disease was diagnosed correctly?
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