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B.Sc.(Statistics) END SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS NOVEMBER -2023  
SEMESTER - I

**20USTCT1002 - Probability and Random Variables**

Total Duration : 2 Hrs 30 Mins.

Total Marks : 60

**Section B**

Answer any **SIX** questions ( $6 \times 5 = 30$  Marks)

- Four cards drawn at random from a pack of 5 cards. Find the probability that
  - They are a king, a queen, a jack and an ace.
  - Two are kings and two are queens.
  - Two are black and two are red.
  - There are two cards of hearts and two cards of diamonds.
- Three newspapers A, B and C are published in a certain city. It is estimated from a survey that of the adult population: 20% read A, 16% read B, 14% read C, 8% read both A and B, 5% read both A and C, 4% read both B and C, 2% read all three. Find what percentage read at least one of the papers?
- The odds that a book on statistics will be favourably reviewed by independent critics are 3 to 2, 4 to 3 and 2 to 3 respectively. Compute the probability of the three reviews:
  - All will be favourable.
  - Majority of the reviews will be favourable.
  - Exactly one review will be favorable.
- A factory produces a certain type of output by three types of machines. The respective daily production values are  
Machine I : 3000 units      Machine II : 2500 units      Machine III : 4500 units  
Past experience shows that 1% of the output produced by machine I is defective, the corresponding fraction of defectives for other two machines are 1.2% and 2% respectively. An item is drawn at random from the day's production run and is found to be defective. What is the probability that it comes from the output of
  - Machine I
  - Machine II
  - Machine III ?
- A variable X is distributed at random between the values 0 and 1 so that its probability function is  $f(x) = kx^2(1 - x^3)$ , where k is a constant. Find the value of k, the mean and variance of X.
- State the properties of Expectations.

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7. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two random variables each taking three values - 1, 0 & 1 and having the joint probability distribution

$Y \backslash X$	-1	0	1
-1	0	.1	.1
0	.2	.2	.2
1	0	.1	.1

- Show that  $X$  and  $Y$  have different expectations.
  - Prove that  $X$  and  $Y$  are uncorrelated.
  - Compute  $\text{Var}(X)$  and  $\text{Var}(Y)$ .
8. Write the Moment Generating Function (MGF) of a random variable and explain how the MGF is used to calculate moments with illustrations?

### Section C

Answer any **THREE** questions ( $3 \times 10 = 30$  Marks)

- State the Addition Theorem of Probability for two events. Hence state and prove the same for three events.
- Write the statement and prove the Bayes' theorem of probability for  $n$  events.
- A random variable  $X$  has the following probability distribution:

Value of $X, x$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
$p(x)$	$k$	$3k$	$5k$	$7k$	$9k$	$11k$	$13k$	$15k$	$17k$

- Compute the value of  $k$ .
  - Find  $P(X < 3)$ ,  $P(X \geq 3)$ ,  $P(0 < X < 5)$
  - What is the smallest value of  $x$  for which  $P(X \leq x) > 0.5$  ? and
  - Find the distribution function of  $X$ .
- State and prove Chebychev's inequality.
  - Justify any three properties of Moment generating Function.

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