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DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (MATHEMATICS)

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (ACTUARIAL SCIENCE)

SMA 366: QUALITY CONTROL METHODS

DATE: 22/10/2021

TIME: 11:00 – 1:00 PM

INSTRUCTION: Answer Question *ONE* which is compulsory and any other *TWO* Questions

- a) By citing examples distinguish between the control charts for variables and control charts for attributes. (4 marks)
- b) Highlight Six functions of Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) (6 marks)
- c) A quality control officer in Navasi chain stores claims that 70% of the peanut butter in the store are affected by campylobacter bacteria. A random sample of 50 cans showed that 38 of them were affected. Are these sample results consistent with the claim of the officer? Use $\alpha = 0.05$ (4 marks)
- d) The following information relates to the lifespan electric bulbs manufactured by two companies A and B:

	Company A	Company B
Mean life (in hours)	1300	1288
Standard deviation (in hours)	82	93
Sample size	100	100

Which brand of bulbs would you recommend for a client taking a risk of 5%? (6 marks)

- e) The following data indicates the number of items inspected and defectives found.

Sample No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Inspected	200	210	215	214	210	211	208	202	204	206	220	240
No. defective	3	4	2	1	3	2	1	6	2	3	9	7

Construct the fractional defective chart and commend whether the process is under control or not (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Distinguish the following terms as used in statistical quality control
- Assignable causes of variations and common causes of variations
 - Process control and product control
 - Producer's risk and consumer's risk (6 marks)
- b) In a random sample of 150 items taken from machine A, 50 are found to be defective. In another sample of 250 items taken from machine B, 100 items are found to be defective. Do the data reveal significant difference between the two machines as far as the quality output is concerned, at $\alpha = 0.05$? (5 marks)
- c) Given $N=500$, $n=50$ and $c=3$ construct OC curve for $0.01 \leq p \leq 0.06$ based on binomial distribution (9 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss briefly the meaning of single, double and multiple acceptance sampling plans (6 marks)
- b) Highlight four advantages of Cusum control charts over Shewart control charts (4 marks)
- c) The following data shows the number of defectives and items sampled
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| Sample no. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Sampled | 210 | 215 | 200 | 214 | 210 | 208 | 211 | 202 | 204 | 220 |
| Defectives | 7 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 7 | 4 | 8 | 4 | 7 | 9 |
- Construct the fractional defective chart and commend whether the process is under control or not (8 marks)
- d) Highlight any two quality characteristics of a quality control officer (2 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) During an examination of equal length of a piece of cloth the following number of defects were observed per sample; 1,3,4,2,5,6,5,4,3,5,4,2,3,1,2. Draw the control chart for the number of defects and commend on the state of the process (6 marks)
- b) Discuss any three dimensions of quality characteristics in production industry. (6 marks)
- c) The known optimum concentration for a component y in a fattening chemical is 0.16 wt %. The following concentration levels were observed in a randomly sampled 10 bunches of the component whose standard deviation is 0.024.

Sample	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Conc' %	0.18	0.15	0.15	0.21	0.14	0.21	0.16	0.17	0.16	0.18

- d) By using the allowable slack and action limit as 0.5 and 4 times the standard deviation construct CUSUM control chart and state whether the process is in or out of control. (8 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) The mobile phones hard-set covers produced by a certain machines were examined and the following table shows the lengths of randomly selected covers per sample

Sample no	Covers length in millimeters				
1	11.971	12.088	11.972	12.016	12.118
2	12.047	12.039	12.014	12.113	12.156
3	12.049	12.058	12.058	12.077	11.998
4	12.167	12.127	12.053	12.137	12.212
5	12.048	12.048	11.931	12.083	12.045
6	11.011	12.013	12.062	12.124	11.982

Using the X-bar and range charts test the state of the process based on the 5 sample size. (10 marks)

- b) Write down the R script for constructing;

- i) $\bar{X}$ & R Control Charts, 3σ
- ii) CUSUM and
- iii) Exponentially weighted moving average.
- iv) NP chart
- v) U chart

(10 marks)