

Question 1

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The time taken to complete orders at a pizza store is normally distributed with a mean time (μ) of 10 minutes. The owner of the pizza store records the time taken to complete orders for a random sample of 20 pizzas each day over a 30-day period. From this data, an approximate 90% confidence interval for μ is calculated at the end of each day.

How many of these confidence intervals would be expected to contain μ ?

- (A) 3
- (B) 18
- (C) 27
- (D) 30

Question 2

QUESTION 9

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Two vertical forces act on a skydiver with a mass of 85 kg, as shown.



When the magnitude of the air resistance is 62 N, the magnitude of the acceleration of the skydiver is

- (A) 0.73 m s^{-2}
- (B) 2.65 m s^{-2}
- (C) 9.07 m s^{-2}

Question 3

QUESTION 12 (9 marks)

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For a certain experiment, the number of yeast cells, N , after t hours in a test tube can be modelled by the differential equation

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = \frac{1}{1000}N(1000 - N) \text{ for } t \geq 0$$

- a) Given $\frac{1000}{N(1000 - N)} = \frac{1}{N} + \frac{1}{1000 - N}$, show that the general solution of the differential equation can be expressed as

$$\ln \left| \frac{N}{1000 - N} \right| = t + c \quad [2 \text{ marks}]$$

A scientist commenced this experiment at 9:00 am on a certain day and observed that 100 yeast cells were present at this time.

- b) Show that the solution of the differential equation can be expressed as

$$N = \frac{1000}{1 + 9e^{-t}} \quad [3 \text{ marks}]$$

- c) Determine the time of day when 900 yeast cells were present. [2 marks]

The scientist predicted that the number of yeast cells would eventually exceed 1200.

- d) Evaluate the reasonableness of the scientist's prediction. [2 marks]

Question 4

QUESTION 17 (6 marks)

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The mass of a population of elephants is known to be normally distributed.

A biologist randomly selects a number of elephants from this population and measures their masses. The mean mass of the sample is 5206 kg with a standard deviation of 356 kg.

The biologist uses the data to calculate a 90% confidence interval for the population mean mass of (5159.1, 5252.9) kg.

Determine a 99% confidence interval for the population mean mass based on the same data.

Question 5

QUESTION 19 (7 marks)

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A research organisation plans to use a drone to drop a scientific instrument vertically from a stationary position above the ocean surface. The acceleration (m s^{-2}) of the falling instrument can be modelled by $9.8 - 0.1v$, where v is its velocity (m s^{-1}).

In order for the instrument sensors to activate, its speed as it hits the ocean surface must reach at least 20 m s^{-1} . However, if it hits with a speed above 50 m s^{-1} , the sensors will be damaged.

Determine the range of the drone's flying height above the ocean surface to ensure that the sensors are activated but not damaged.