

**FINAL YEAR B.Com. DEGREE EXAMINATION, AUGUST 2009**

Part III—Commerce

Paper I—BUSINESS STATISTICS

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

**Part A**

*Answer any ten questions.  
Each question carries 1 mark.*

1. What is Kurtosis ?
2. What do you mean by splicing of index numbers ?
3. What is random sampling ?
4. Define statistics as a method.
5. What do you mean by frequency polygon ?
6. What do you mean by quartiles ?
7. Define geometric mean.
8. Define time series.
9. What do you mean by conditional probability ?
10. What do you mean by regression analysis ?
11. What is meant by classification ?
12. If the mean and median of a moderately asymmetrical series are 26.8 and 27.9 respectively, what would be its most probable mode ?

(10 × 1 = 10 marks)

**Part B**

*Answer any ten questions.  
Each question carries 4 marks.*

13. Distinguish between positive and negative skewness.
14. Explain the important parts of a table.
15. Explain the functions of statistics.
16. Explain the components of time series.
17. What are the mathematical properties of geometric mean ?
18. What is an index number ? Explain its uses.

19. The price of a commodity increased by 5 % from 2003 to 2004 by 8 % from 2004 to 2005 and 77 % from 2005 to 2006. Find the average rate of change.
20. Draw a histogram from the following data :—

Mid value :	15	25	35	45	55	65	75
Frequency :	10	24	40	32	20	14	4

21. A market with 168 operating firms has the following distribution of average number of workers in various income groups :

Income groups :	150-300	300-500	500-800	800-1200	1200-1800
No. of firms :	40	32	26	28	42
Average no. of workers :	8	12	7.5	8.5	4

Find the average salary paid in the whole market.

22. Calculate Standard Deviation of the following data :—

Age (years) under	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80
No. of persons dying	15	30	53	75	100	110	115	125

23. A bag contains 10 white and 6 black balls. 4 balls are successively drawn out and not replaced. What is the probability that they are alternatively of different colours ?
24. Compute by suitable method the quantity index number from the given data :—

Commodities	2001		2002	
	Price	Value	Price	Value
A ...	8	80	10	110
B ...	10	90	12	108
C ...	16	256	20	340

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### Part C

Answer any two questions.  
Each question carries 15 marks.

25. Explain the meaning and significance of Correlation Analysis. Does it always show an effect relationship between two variables ?

26. Calculate Fisher's Ideal Index Number from the following data and show that it satisfies Time Reversal Test and Factor Reversal Test.

Commodity	1999		2000	
	Price (Rs.)	Quantity	Price (Rs.)	Quantity
A ...	10	49	12	50
B ...	12	25	15	20
C ...	18	10	20	12
D ...	20	5	40	2

27. Below are given the figures of production of a sugar factory :

Year	Production (in thousand quintals)	Year	Production (in thousand quintals)
1995	77	2000	91
1997	88	2001	98
1998	94	2004	90
1999	85		

- (i) Fit a straight line trend by the "Least Squares Method" and tabulate the trend values.  
 (ii) What is the monthly increase in the production of sugar ?

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)