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**SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION**

BUST 212: QUATITATIVE METHODS IN BUSINESS

STREAMS: Y2S2

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY 31/3/2021

11.30 AM – 1.30 PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer Question One and any other two questions

Q.1 (a) Give five reasons to explain the importance of quantitative analysis to an organization. [10 Marks]

(b) In statistics, data is divided into discrete and continuous variables. Using suitable examples, distinguish between discrete and continuous variables. [10 Marks]

(c) In a congested class 8 pupils in a city primary school, the following were the marks obtained in KCPE trials in January, 2021:

Marks	No of pupils
20-35	55
35-40	80
40-45	95
45-50	63
50-55	37
55-60	20

Required

Calculate

- The mean mark
- The standard deviation
- The coefficient of variation

[10 Marks]

Q.2(a) In statistics, data is usually collected from a sample and not from the whole population (census). Give reasons to explain this. [10 Marks]

(b) Chipsy is a very popular product in a particular market segment. The marketing department of the manufacturer has estimated its demand function to be $P = 600 - 2q^2$ and its cost function to be :

$$C = 100 - 216q$$

Where P is the price per unit and Q is the quality demanded C is the total cost per unit.

Required:

- (i) The Revenue function
- (ii) The quantity that would maximize revenue
- (iii) The profit function
- (iv) The quality that would maximize profit
- (v) Comment on your results [10 Marks]

Q3(a) Using suitable examples, distinguish between positive and negative correlation. [6 Marks]

(b) The profits of a company for a period of Eight years were as follows:

Year	Profit (millions)
2012	80
2013	100
2014	90
2015	125
2016	140
2017	120
2018	130
2019	150

Required

- (i) Using the least squares method, determine the regression equation. [8 Marks]
- (ii) Using the equation, predict the profit for the year 2020. [2 Marks]
- (iii) Calculate the correlation coefficient and interpret your result. [4 Marks]

Q4.(a) State and explain the components of a time series. [10 Marks]

(b) Using suitable illustrations, distinguish between a multiplicative and additive models of a time series. [10 Marks]

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