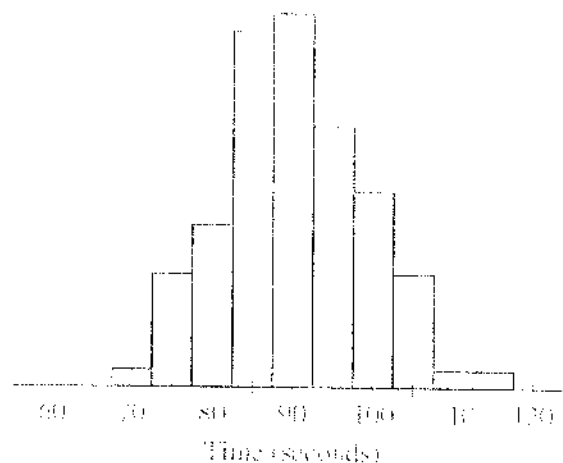


- Height, in meters, is measured for each person in a sample of 100. The data are converted, in the height measurement, to centimeters from meters to centimeters by multiplying each measurement by 100. Which of the following quantities will remain the same for both units of measurement?
  - The mean of the height measurements
  - The median of the height measurements
  - The standard deviation of the height measurements
  - The maximum of the height measurements
  - The z-scores of the height measurements
- A school principal wanted to investigate student opinion about the food served in the school cafeteria. The principal selected a random samples of 50 first-year students, 50 second-year students, 50 third-year students, and 50 fourth-year students to complete a questionnaire. Which of the following best describes the principal's sampling plan?
  - A stratified random sample
  - A simple random sample
  - A cluster sample
  - A convenience sample
  - A systematic sample
- A candy company produces individually wrapped candies. The quality control manager for the company believes that the weight of the candies is approximately normally distributed with mean 720 milligrams (mg). If the manager's belief is correct, which of the following intervals of weights will contain the largest proportion of the candies in the distribution of weights?
  - 740 mg to 780 mg
  - 700 mg to 740 mg
  - 680 mg to 720 mg
  - 660 mg to 700 mg
  - 620 mg to 660 mg
- A company currently uses Brand A lightbulbs, which have a mean life of 1,000 hours. A salesperson, marketing Brand B, claims a brand of bulbs can last the company 10% longer on average. If the company decides to brand B lightbulbs, there is convincing evidence that the mean life of Brand B is greater than 1,000 hours. Which of the following hypothesis should the company test?
  - $H_0$  : The mean life of Brand B bulbs is 1,000 hours.  
 $H_a$  : The mean life of Brand B bulbs is more than 1,000 hours.
  - $H_0$  : The mean life of Brand B bulbs is 1,000 hours.  
 $H_a$  : The mean life of Brand B bulbs is less than 1,000 hours.
  - $H_0$  : The mean life of Brand A bulbs is 1,000 hours.  
 $H_a$  : The mean life of Brand A bulbs is more than 1,000 hours.
  - $H_0$  : The mean life of Brand A bulbs is 1,000 hours.  
 $H_a$  : The mean life of Brand A bulbs is less than 1,000 hours.
  - $H_0$  : The mean life of Brand A bulbs is equal to the mean life of Brand B bulbs.  
 $H_a$  : The mean life of Brand A bulbs is not equal to the mean life of Brand B bulbs.

- c. The amount of time required for each of 100 riders to navigate through a maze was recorded. The histogram below shows the distribution of time, in seconds, for the 100 riders.



- Which of the following values is closest to the standard deviation of the 100 times?
- (A) 2.5 seconds  
 (B) 10 seconds  
 (C) 20 seconds  
 (D) 50 seconds  
 (E) 90 seconds
6. A graph (not shown) of the selling prices of homes in a certain city for the month of April reveals that the distribution is skewed to the left. Which of the following statements is the most reasonable conclusion about the selling prices based on the graph?
- (A) The mean is greater than the median.  
 (B) The median is the average of the first quartile and the third quartile.  
 (C) There are fewer selling prices between the first quartile and the median than there are between the median and the third quartile.  
 (D) There are more selling prices that are less than the mean than selling prices that are greater than the mean.  
 (E) The value of maximum minus third quartile is less than the value of first quartile minus minimum.
7. A survey was conducted in which both men and women were asked a question about a certain issue. Of the responses to this question were "in favor of," "not in favor of," or "no opinion." A chi-square test is to be used to determine whether the response to this question is independent of gender. The number of degrees of freedom for the chi-square test in this situation is
- (A) 6  
 (B) 5  
 (C) 3  
 (D) 2  
 (E) 1
8. If a probability distribution is symmetric, which of the following statements must be true?
- (A) The distribution is normal.  
 (B) The distribution is uniform.  
 (C) The distribution is bimodal.  
 (D) The mean of the distribution is equal to the median of the distribution.  
 (E) The first quartile,  $Q_1$ , of the distribution is equal to the standard deviation of the distribution.

9. Let  $X$  represent a random variable on the test, and suppose that when six-sided number cubes (1 to 6) are rolled, the expected value of  $X$  is 2.5, and the standard deviation of  $X$  is approximately 1.07%. If two 6-sided number cubes are rolled, and the numbers appearing on the two rolls are multiplied, then what is the standard deviation of the resulting product? Closest to the standard deviation of the resulting sum?
- (A) 1.10%
- (B) 1.84%
- (C) 2.41%
- (D) 3.41%
- (E) 5.83%
10. Based on previous research, the standard deviation of the distribution of the age at which children begin to walk is estimated to be 1.5 months. A random sample of children will be selected, and the age at which each child begins to walk will be recorded. A 99 percent confidence interval for the average age at which children begin to walk will be constructed using the data obtained from the sample of children. Of the following, which is the smallest sample size that will result in a margin of error of 0.1 month or less for the confidence interval?
- (A) 400
- (B) 900
- (C) 1,300
- (D) 1,600
- (E) 2,100
11. Let  $X$  be a random variable that has a skewed distribution with mean  $\mu = 10$  and standard deviation  $\sigma = 10$ . Based on random samples of size 400, the sampling distribution of  $\bar{x}$  is
- (A) highly skewed with mean 10 and standard deviation 10
- (B) highly skewed with mean 10 and standard deviation 5
- (C) highly skewed with mean 10 and standard deviation 0.5
- (D) approximately normal with mean 10 and standard deviation 10
- (E) approximately normal with mean 10 and standard deviation 0.5
12. The number of hurricanes reaching the East Coast of the United States was recorded for each of the 100 years by the National Hurricane Center. Summary measures are shown below.

|                      |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| Min = 1.2            | Max = 24            |
| Lower quartile = 7.5 | Upper quartile = 12 |
| Median = 16          | $n = 100$           |

Which of the following statements is true?

- (A) The smallest observation is 1.2 and it is an outlier. No other observations in the data set could be outliers.
- (B) The largest observation is 24 and it is an outlier. No other observations in the data set could be outliers.
- (C) Both 1.2 and 24 are outliers. It is possible that there are also other outliers.
- (D) 1.2 is an outlier and it is possible that there are other outliers in the low end of the data set. There are no outliers at the high end of the data set.
- (E) 24 is an outlier and it is possible that there are other outliers at the high end of the data set. There are no outliers at the low end of the data set.

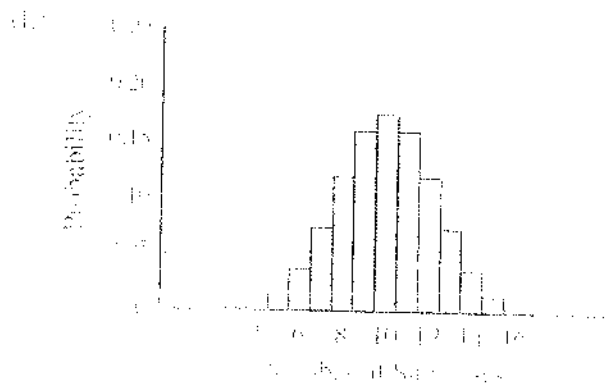
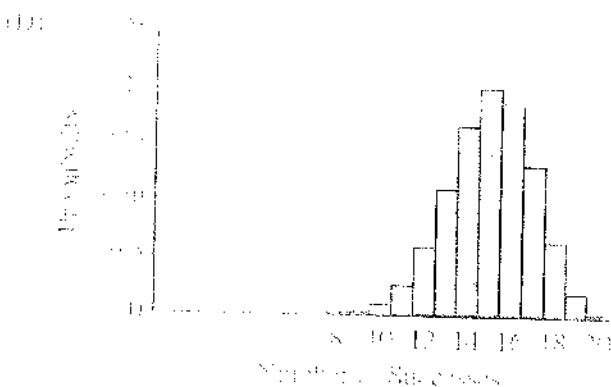
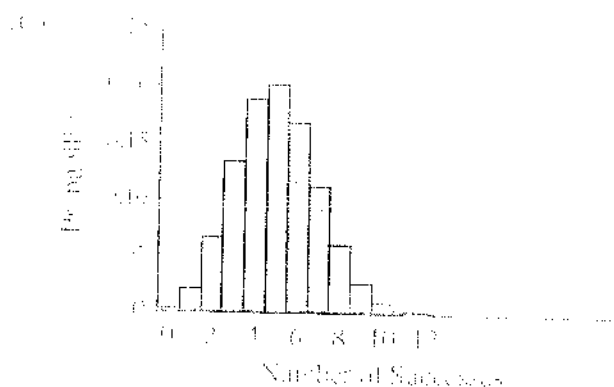
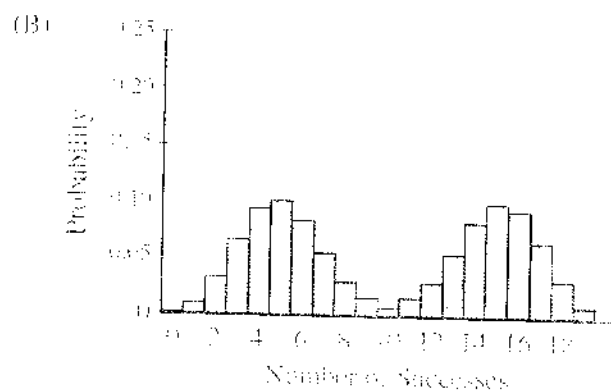
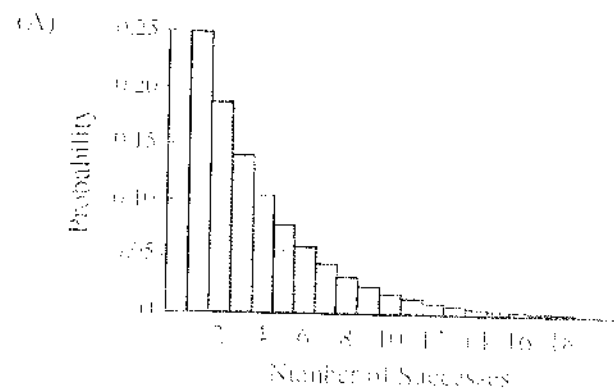
statisticians can't determine that medication is better than placebo, and first, since the current (old) scaling pattern is used for the market. A double-blind experiment was conducted in which 10 people who experience chronic pain were randomly selected to take either the new or the current medication. Each of the 10 people recorded the time, in minutes, from taking the medication until pain relief. After an appropriate time period, each of the 10 people took the other medication and recorded the time from taking the medication until pain relief. The medication each person took first was randomly determined, and because both medications took the same, the people in the study did not know which medication was taken first. The table below shows summary statistics for the results.

|                    | Minutes until Pain Relief |                    | Difference<br>(new minus current) |
|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                    | New Medication            | Current Medication |                                   |
| Mean               | 15.600                    | 16.025             | -0.425                            |
| Standard deviation | 1.811                     | 1.833              | 1.395                             |

Which of the following values is closest to the  $p$ -value of the appropriate  $t$ -test?

- (A) 0.1802  
 (B) 0.3604  
 (C) 0.4750  
 (D) 0.5770

11. Which of the following graphs represents a binomial distribution with  $n = 20$  and  $p = 0.25$ ?



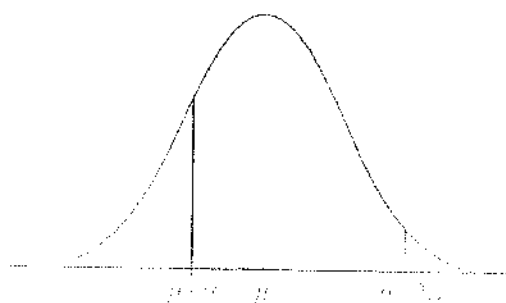
15. An experiment will be conducted to determine whether children learn their multiplication facts better by practicing with flash cards or by memorizing on a computer. Children who volunteer for the experiment will be randomly assigned to one of the two treatments. Because the children's gender may affect the outcome, there will be blocking by gender. After practice, the children will be given a test on their multiplication facts. Will it be impossible to conduct a double-blind experiment?
- (A) The experimenter will know whether the child is a boy or a girl and whether he or she used flash cards or the computer.
- (B) The child will know whether he or she is a boy or a girl.
- (C) The child will know whether he or she used flash cards or the computer.
- (D) The person who grades the tests will know whether the child was a boy or a girl.
- (E) The person who grades the tests will know whether the child used flash cards or the computer.

16. A police officer is using a radar device to check motorists' speeds. Prior to beginning the speed check, the officer estimates that 40 percent of motorists will be driving more than 5 miles per hour over the speed limit. Assuming that the police officer's estimate is correct, what is the probability that among 4 randomly selected motorists, the officer will find at least 1 motorist driving more than 5 miles per hour over the speed limit?

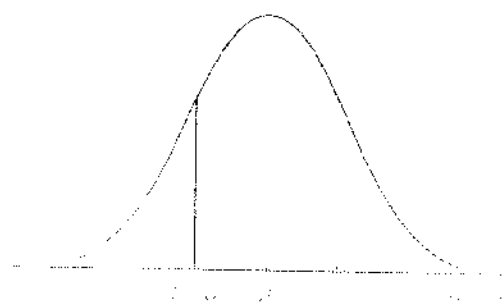
- (A) 0.0256
- (B) 0.1296
- (C) 0.3456
- (D) 0.8704
- (E) 0.9744

17. Zucchini weights are approximately normally distributed with mean 0.8 pound and standard deviation 0.25 pound. Which of the following shaded regions best represents the probability that a randomly selected zucchini will weigh between 0.55 pound and 1.3 pounds?

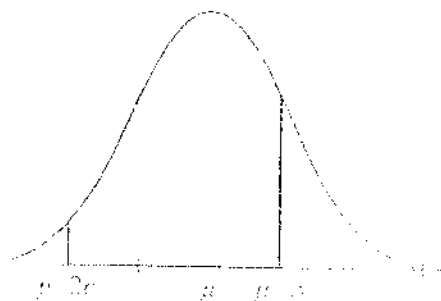
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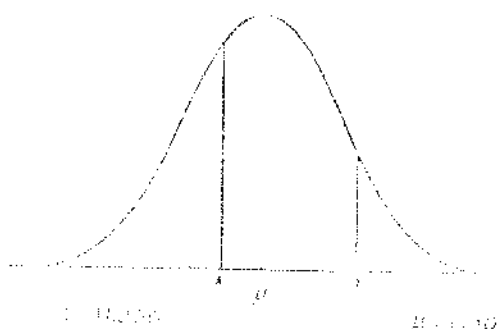
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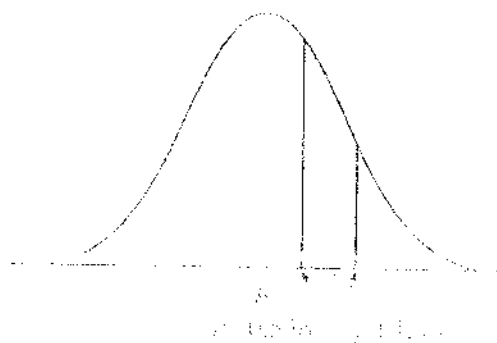
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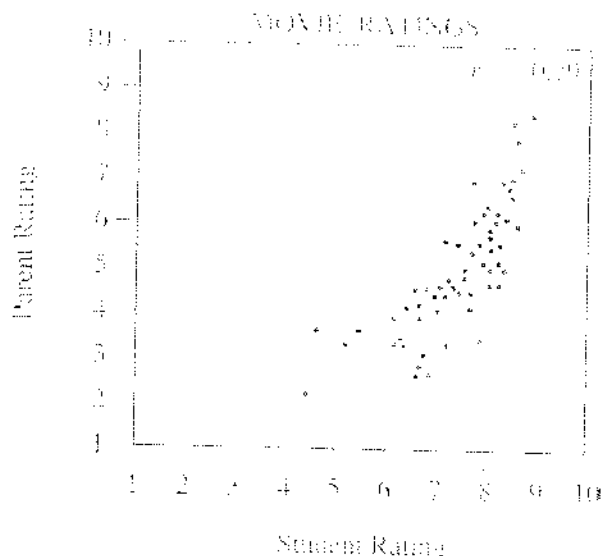
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(E)



16. In a survey, 100 high school students were asked to rate (0 to 10) each of the 10 movies they had rated as "favorable" or "unfavorable," where 1 was "favorable" and 10 was "unfavorable." For each movie, the average rating by students and the average rating by their parents were calculated and the scatterplot below was constructed. The horizontal axis represents the student rating, and the vertical axis represents the parent rating. Thus, an (0, 0) data point would represent the rating of a single movie.



Which of the following statements is justified by the scatterplot?

- (A) The movies that the students liked the best also tended to be the movies that the parents liked the best, but the students tended to give lower scores.
- (B) The movies that the students liked the best also tended to be the movies that the parents liked the best, but the students tended to give higher scores.
- (C) The movies that the students liked the best also tended to be the movies that the parents liked the best, but each group tended to give the same scores.
- (D) The movies that the students liked the best tended to be the movies that the parents liked the least, but the students tended to give lower scores.
- (E) The movies that the students liked the best tended to be the movies that the parents liked the least, but the students tended to give higher scores.
17. Jessica wanted to determine if the proportion of males for a certain species of laboratory bird is less than 0.5. She was given access to appropriate records that contained information on 12,000 live births for the species. To construct a 95 percent confidence interval, she found a sample proportion  $\hat{p} = 0.31$ . From the records, 1,000 random live births were used.

Based on the study, which of the following expressions is an approximate 95 percent confidence interval estimate for  $p$ , the proportion of males in the 12,000 live births?

- (A)  $0.31 \pm 1.96\sqrt{\frac{(0.5)(0.5)}{12,000}}$
- (B)  $0.31 \pm 1.96\sqrt{\frac{(0.31)(0.69)}{12,000}}$
- (C)  $0.31 \pm 1.96\sqrt{\frac{(0.5)(0.5)}{100}}$
- (D)  $0.31 \pm 1.645\sqrt{\frac{(0.5)(0.5)}{100}}$
- (E)  $0.31 \pm 1.96\sqrt{\frac{(0.5)(0.5)}{100}}$

20. A town manager is interested in comparing requests for an on-demand provided service (such as street maintenance and garbage pickup) with nationally published proportions of requests for this service taken from a request for information sample of 70% service requests from the town was divided into one of 10 different categories. Which of the following tests could be used to determine whether the proportions of service requests classify into the 10 service categories for the town differ from national proportion?

(A) A two-sample  $t$ -test for a difference of means  
 (B) A matched-pairs  $t$ -test for means  
 (C) A chi-square test of association  
 (D) A chi-square goodness-of-fit test  
 (E) A  $t$ -test for a correlation of proportions

21. Dan selected a random sample of 100 students from the 1,200 at his school to investigate preferences for making up school days lost due to emergency closings. The results are shown in the table below.

| Preference                              | Number of Students |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Extend the school year into the summer  | 58                 |
| Go to school on Saturdays in the spring | 22                 |

Dan incorrectly performed a large sample test of the difference in two proportions using  $\frac{58}{100}$  and  $\frac{22}{100}$  and calculated a  $p$ -value of 0.02. Consequently, he concluded that there was a significant difference in preference for the two options. Which of the following best describes his error in the analysis of these data?

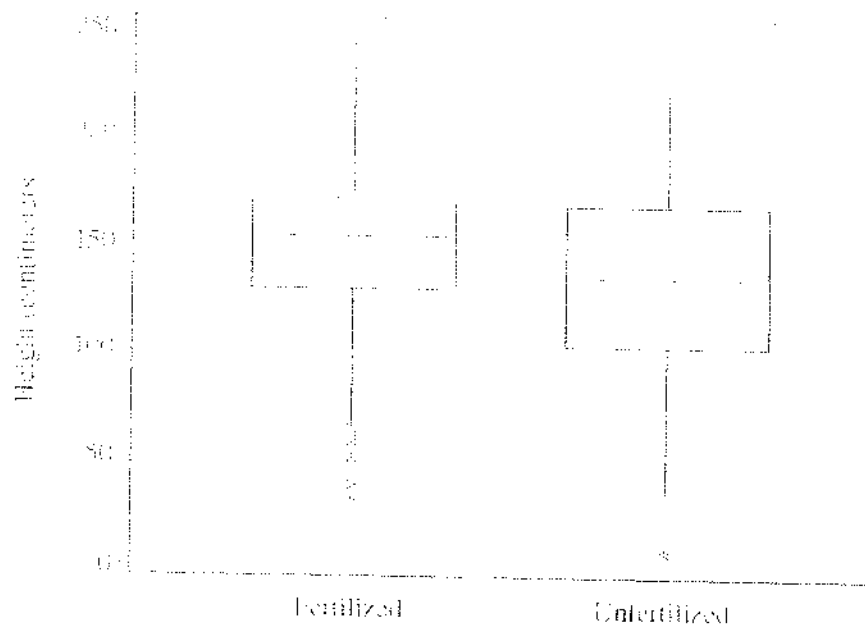
(A) No statistical test was necessary because 0.58 is clearly larger than 0.12.  
 (B) The results of the test were invalid because less than 10% of the population was sampled.  
 (C) Dan performed a two-tailed test and should have performed a one-tailed test.  
 (D) A one-sample test for a proportion should have been performed because only one sample was used.  
 (E) More options should have been included, and a chi-square test should have been performed.

22. In a certain school, 17 percent of the students are enrolled in a psychology course, 28 percent are enrolled in a foreign language course, and 32 percent are enrolled in either a psychology course or a foreign language course or both. What is the probability that a student chosen at random from this school will be enrolled in both a foreign language course and a psychology course?

(A) 0.15  
 (B) 0.12  
 (C) 0.28  
 (D) 0.13  
 (E) 0.05

23. Monthly rent was determined for each apartment in a random sample of 100 apartments. The sample mean was \$820 and the sample standard deviation was \$15. As a result, a 95 percent confidence interval for the true mean monthly rent for the population of apartments from which this sample was selected is (\$815, \$825). Which of the following statements is a correct interpretation of the 95 percent confidence level?

(A) In this population, about 95 percent of all rental prices are between \$815 and \$825.  
 (B) In this sample, about 95 percent of the 100 rental prices are between \$815 and \$825.  
 (C) In repeated sampling, the method produces intervals that include the population mean approximately 95 percent of the time.  
 (D) In repeated sampling, the method produces intervals that include the sample mean approximately 95 percent of the time.  
 (E) The probability of a confidence interval including  $\mu$  is 0.15, or 15%.



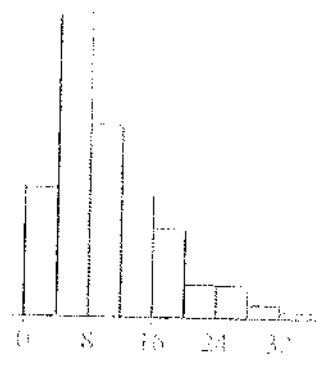
22. The figure above summarizes the heights, in centimeters, of approximately 400 pine seedlings six years after they were planted at a center for environmental study. Approximately half of the trees were fertilized yearly, and the remaining trees were never fertilized. Which of the following statements about the medians and interquartile ranges (IQRs) of the heights of the two groups of trees 6 years after being planted is true?
- (A) The medians and IQRs are the same for the unfertilized trees and the fertilized trees.
- (B) The median for the unfertilized trees is greater than the median for the fertilized trees, and the IQR is also greater for the unfertilized trees.
- (C) The median for the unfertilized trees is the same as the median for the fertilized trees, and the IQR is greater for the unfertilized trees.
- (D) The median for the unfertilized trees is less than the median for the fertilized trees, and the IQR is greater for the unfertilized trees.
- (E) The median for the unfertilized trees is less than the median for the fertilized trees, and the IQR is less for the unfertilized trees.
23. Two friends, Andy and Bob, participate in a game of bowling every week. From past experience, it is known that both friends' scores are approximately normally distributed, where Andy has a mean score of 150 with a standard deviation of 10, and Bob has a mean score of 160 with a standard deviation of 10. Assuming that their scores are independent, which of the following values is closest to the probability that Andy will have a higher score than Bob in a single game?
- (A) 0.16
- (B) 0.28
- (C) 0.41
- (D) 0.58
24. A certain motel is roughly 20 miles from the entrance to Yosemite National Park. The motel manager wants to get a better estimate of the distance and asks five people to each measure the distance, to the nearest tenth of a mile, using the odometer in his or her car. The manager will use the median of the five measurements as the estimate of the distance. Which of the following statements is NOT a statistical justification for the manager's plan?
- (A) Odometer reading should be considered a variable when used to measure this distance.
- (B) The median of the five measurements is more likely to be close to the actual distance than is a single measurement.
- (C) The actual distance should be considered a variable, and taking five measurements allows the manager to estimate the variability in the actual distance.
- (D) If one or two odometers give inaccurate readings, the estimate still should be fairly close to the actual distance.
- (E) The manager can get some indication of how long the estimate might be.

researcher is interested in determining whether or not a child's weight is a good predictor of how high that child can jump. From the body weight, the researcher predicts the height. In one study, body weight, in kilograms, and body vertical jump, in centimeters, for 20 children in a gymnasium were measured. A linear regression analysis was performed, yielding the output below.

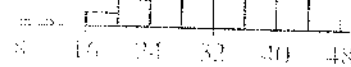
| Regression Analysis: Brain Wt vs Body Wt |              |                    | R = 0.91 |       |
|------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|----------|-------|
| Predictor                                | Coef         | St. Coef           | T        | P     |
| Constant                                 | 68.688       | 3.1270             | 21.966   | 0.000 |
| Body Wt                                  | 1.096        | 0.1308             | 8.379    | 0.000 |
| S = 103.995                              | R-sq = 77.8% | R-sq (adj) = 77.6% |          |       |

Assuming that all conditions for inference are met, which of the following expressions represents a 95 percent confidence interval for the slope of the least squares regression line?

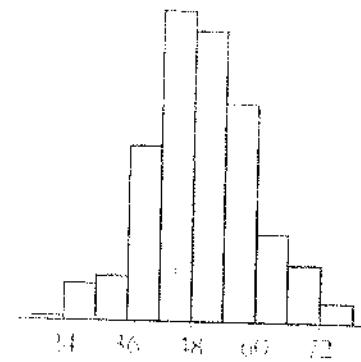
- (A)  $1.096 \pm 2.086(0.1308)$
- (B)  $1.096 \pm 2.086(103.995)$
- (C)  $1.096 \pm 2.086\left(\frac{0.1308}{\sqrt{22}}\right)$
- (D)  $1.096 \pm 2.086\left(\frac{103.995}{\sqrt{22}}\right)$
- (E)  $68.688 \pm 2.086(3.1270)$
28. A marketing research consultant for a hotel chain hypothesizes that men and women differ in their color preference for guest rooms. The consultant shows pictures of rooms decorated with three different color schemes to each person in a random sample of 110 men and to each person in a random sample of 90 women. The consultant asks each person to choose his or her favorite color scheme. A chi-square test for homogeneity of proportions will be used to test the consultant's hypothesis. Assuming that the conditions for inference are met, which of the following statements is true for the test?
- (A) The null hypothesis for the test is that the proportion of each gender who prefer each color scheme is  $\frac{1}{3}$ .
- (B) The sample size is too small to detect a significant difference in a chi-square test for homogeneity of proportions.
- (C) The test is not valid because the sample sizes are not equal.
- (D) The more that men and women differ in their color preferences, the larger the chi-square statistic will be.
- (E) The test would also be appropriate if 110 men and 90 samples had been used for the two samples.
29. The distribution of heights of 6-year-old girls is approximately normally distributed with a mean of 46.0 inches and a standard deviation of 2.7 inches. Aliyah is 6 years old, and her height is 0.96 standard deviation above the mean. Her friend Jayne is also 6 years old and is at the 93rd percentile of the height distribution. At what percentile is Aliyah's height, and how does her height compare to Jayne's height?
- (A) Aliyah's height is at the 17th percentile of the distribution, and she is shorter than Jayne.
- (B) Aliyah's height is at the 67th percentile of the distribution, and she is shorter than Jayne.
- (C) Aliyah's height is at the 67th percentile of the distribution, and she is taller than Jayne.
- (D) Aliyah's height is at the 83rd percentile of the distribution, and she is shorter than Jayne.
- (E) Aliyah's height is at the 83rd percentile of the distribution, and she is taller than Jayne.



Histogram J



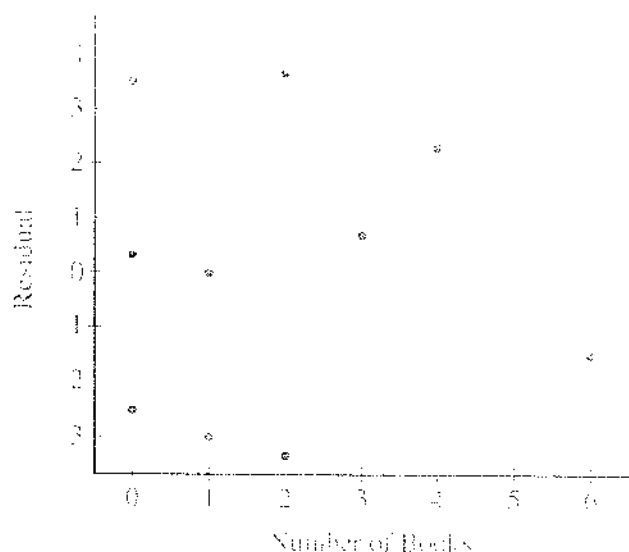
Histogram K



Histogram L

30. For the three histograms above, which of the following correctly orders the histograms from the one with the smallest proportion of data above its mean to the one with the largest proportion of data above its mean?
- (A) J, K, L  
 (B) J, L, K  
 (C) K, L, J  
 (D) L, K, J  
 (E) All three histograms have the same proportion of data above their respective means.
31. A recent study examined 699 car accidents in Toronto over a fourteen-month period. Records of phone-service providers were used to determine whether the driver was using a cell phone during or immediately before the accident. Overall, the researchers found that drivers using cell phones were 4.3 times as likely to have an accident as drivers who were not using cell phones. The result was statistically significant. Which of the following can be concluded from this study?
- (A) Cell phone use increases the likelihood of a car accident.  
 (B) There is an association between cell phone use and accidents, but not necessarily a causal relationship.  
 (C) There is a correlation between cell phone use and accidents, but not necessarily an association.  
 (D) The association between cell phone use and accidents is negative.  
 (E) Cell phone use causes more accidents in Canada, but not necessarily in the United States.
32. A randomized block design will be used in an experiment to compare two diets that protect people from getting sunburned. Which of the following should guide the formation of the blocks?
- (A) Participants in the same block should receive the same diet.  
 (B) Participants should be randomly assigned to the blocks.  
 (C) Participants should be kept blind as to which block they are in.  
 (D) Participants within each block should be as similar as possible with respect to how easily they get sunburned.  
 (E) Participants within each block should be as different as possible with respect to how easily they get sunburned.
33. A regional transportation authority is interested in estimating the mean number of minutes working adults in the region spend commuting to work on a typical day. A random sample of working adults will be selected from each of three strata: urban, suburban, and rural. Selected individuals will be asked the number of minutes they spend commuting to work on a typical day. Why is stratification used in this situation?
- (A) To remove bias when estimating the proportion of working adults living in urban, suburban, and rural areas.  
 (B) To remove bias when estimating the mean commuting time.  
 (C) To reduce bias when estimating the mean commuting time.  
 (D) To decrease the variability in estimates of the proportion of working adults living in urban, suburban, and rural areas.  
 (E) To decrease the variability in estimates of the mean commuting time.

87. The weight, in pounds, of a full backpack and the corresponding number of books in the backpack were recorded for each of 10 college students. The resulting data were used to create the residual plot and the regression line shown below.



| Parameter | Estimate | Std. Err. | Alternative | DF | T-Stat | P-Value    |
|-----------|----------|-----------|-------------|----|--------|------------|
| Intercept | 10.53    | 1.23      | $\neq 0$    | 8  | 8.57   | $< 0.0001$ |
| Slope     | 0.53     | 0.46      | $\neq 0$    | 8  | 1.15   | 0.2825     |

- Which of the following values is closest to the actual weight, in pounds, of the backpack for the student who had 4 books in the backpack?
- (A) 8  
 (B) 10  
 (C) 13  
 (D) 15  
 (E) 17
88. A group of students wanted to investigate the claim that the average number of text messages sent yesterday by students in their school was greater than 100. They selected a random sample of 70 students and counted the number of text messages he or she sent yesterday. An appropriate  $t$ -test was conducted and resulted in a  $p$ -value of 0.0953. Assuming the conditions for the  $t$ -test were met, which of the following is an appropriate conclusion?
- (A) Because  $p < 0.10$ , at the 10% significance level, it can be concluded that the mean number of text messages sent yesterday by students in the school is less than 100.  
 (B) Because  $p < 0.10$ , at the 10% significance level, it cannot be concluded that the mean number of text messages sent yesterday by students in the school is greater than 100.  
 (C) Because  $p > 0.05$ , at the 5% significance level, it can be concluded that the mean number of text messages sent yesterday by students in the school is greater than 100.  
 (D) Because  $p > 0.05$ , at the 5% significance level, it can be concluded that the mean number of text messages sent yesterday by students in the school is less than 100.  
 (E) Because  $p > 0.05$ , at the 5% significance level, it cannot be concluded that the mean number of text messages sent yesterday by students in the school is greater than 100.

36. Two volunteers, a woman and a man, each committed to donating to charity each week for the next year. The woman's weekly donations are independent of each other, and the amount donated in a week by one volunteer is approximately normal with a mean of \$10 and standard deviation of \$10, and the amount donated in a week by the other volunteer is approximately normal with mean \$60 and standard deviation \$20. Which of the following is closest to the expected number of weeks in a 52-week year that their combined donation will exceed \$120?
- (A) 0, the combined donation never exceeds \$120 in a week.  
 (B) 1 week  
 (C) 3 weeks  
 (D) 5 weeks  
 (E) 8 weeks
37. A university will add fruit juice vending machines to its classroom buildings if the student body president is convinced that more than 20 percent of the students will use them. A random sample of  $n$  students will be selected and asked whether or not they would use the vending machines. A large-sample test for proportions at the significance level of  $\alpha = 0.05$  will be performed. The null hypothesis that the proportion of all students who would use the vending machines is 20 percent will be tested against the alternative that more than 20 percent of all students would use them. For which of the following situations would the power of the test be highest?
- (A) The sample size is  $n = 750$ , and 20 percent of all students use the vending machines.  
 (B) The sample size is  $n = 750$ , and 25 percent of all students use the vending machines.  
 (C) The sample size is  $n = 1,000$ , and 25 percent of all students use the vending machines.  
 (D) The sample size is  $n = 500$ , and 50 percent of all students use the vending machines.  
 (E) The sample size is  $n = 1,000$ , and 50 percent of all students use the vending machines.
38. Each of the faces of a fair six-sided number cube is numbered with one of the numbers 1 through 6, with a different number appearing on each face. Two such number cubes will be tossed, and the sum of the numbers appearing on the faces that land up will be recorded. What is the probability that the sum will be 4, given that the sum is less than or equal to 6?
- (A)  $\frac{2}{36}$   
 (B)  $\frac{5}{36}$   
 (C)  $\frac{1}{12}$   
 (D)  $\frac{2}{9}$   
 (E)  $\frac{2}{9}$
39. An experiment will be conducted to test the effectiveness of a weight-loss supplement. Volunteers will be randomly assigned to take either the supplement or a placebo for 90 days, with 12 volunteers in each group. The volunteers will not know which treatment they receive. At the end of the experiment, researchers plan to calculate the mean weight loss for each of the two groups and to construct a two-sample  $t$ -confidence interval for the difference of the two treatment means. Which of the following assumptions is necessary for the confidence interval to be valid?
- (A) The sample size is greater than or equal to 10 percent of the population size.  
 (B) Each of the two groups has at least 5 successes and at least 5 failures.  
 (C) The distributions of weight loss of the two treatments are approximately normally distributed.  
 (D) The volunteers in the supplement group are paired with volunteers in the placebo group.  
 (E) The expected sample means are equal to the expected population means.