



# Mark Scheme (Results)

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Question Number	Scheme		Marks
1 (a)	Rankings 2, 9, 7, 8, 6, 5, 1, 4, 3, 10		B1
	$\sum d^2 = 9 + 0 + 16 + 0 + 16 + 16 + 25 + 0 + 16 + 0 [= 98]$		M1
	$r_s = 1 - \frac{6 \times '98'}{10(10^2 - 1)} = 0.4060\dots$		awrt 0.406 M1 A1
			(4)
(b)	$H_0 : \rho = 0 \quad H_1 : \rho > 0$		B1
	Critical Value $r_s = 0.7455$ or CR: $r_s \dots 0.7455$		B1
	Not in the critical region/not significant/Do not reject $H_0$		M1
	There is insufficient evidence of a <b>positive correlation</b> between the final <b>position</b> of a football team in the English Premier League and their average match day <b>attendance</b> .		A1ft (4)
<b>Notes</b>			<b>Total 8</b>
(a)	<b>B1</b>	For all 8 correct missing rankings. If in the table and in the working space and different then award the highest scoring response.	
	<b>M1</b>	For an attempt at $\sum d^2$ (at least 5 correct values seen, with an attempt to add) May be implied by 98	
	<b>M1</b>	For using $1 - \frac{6\sum d^2}{10(99)}$ with their $\sum d^2$ (you will need to check their $\sum d^2$ if no value shown)	
	<b>A1</b>	awrt 0.406 Allow $\frac{67}{165}$ <b>NB</b> awrt 0.406 or $\frac{67}{165}$ scores 4/4	
(b)	<b>B1</b>	For both hypotheses correct. Must be in terms of $\rho$ or $\rho_s$ (Condone $p$ ). Must be attached to $H_0$ and $H_1$	
	<b>B1</b>	For CV of 0.7455	
	<b>M1</b>	A correct statement ft part (a) and their CV– no context needed but do not allow contradicting non contextual statements. This may be implied by a correct contextual conclusion on its own.	
	<b>A1ft</b>	Correct conclusion in context. Must mention words in bold oe, ft their $r$ in part (a) and their critical value.	

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2 (a)	$\frac{[0 \times 5] + 1 \times 38 + 2 \times 32 + 3 \times 17 + 4 \times 7 + 5 \times 1}{100} [= 1.86]^*$		B1*
			(1)
(b)	[ $r = 1.203$ ] because total <b>expected</b> frequency must equal 100		B1
			(1)
(c)	[The manager needed to do this] to ensure that [all] <b>expected</b> frequencies were greater than 5		B1
			(1)
(d)	$H_0$ : Poisson (distribution) is [a] suitable/ sensible (model)		B1
	$H_1$ : Poisson (distribution) is not [a] suitable/ sensible (model)		
	$v = [5 - 1 - 1] = 3$		B1
	$c_{\frac{2}{3}}(0.01) = 11.345 \Rightarrow \text{CR: } X^2 \dots 11.345$		M1
	[Lies in the CR/Reject $H_0$ ] Sufficient evidence to say that <b>Poisson</b> is not a suitable model		A1ft
		(4)	
<b>Notes</b>			<b>Total 7</b>
(a)	<b>B1*</b>	For a correct method to show the mean is 1.86 (Ignore use of $6 \times 0$ ) Allow $\frac{[0] + 38 + 64 + 51 + 28 + 5}{100}$	
(b)	<b>B1</b>	A correct explanation referring to the fact that total/sum <b>expected</b> frequency/ $E_i$ must equal total observed frequency e.g. $100 - (15.567 + 28.955 + 26.928 + 16.696 + 7.763 + 2.888) = r$	
(c)	<b>B1</b>	A correct explanation referring to the fact that [all] $E_i$ / <b>expected</b> frequencies/values need to be greater than 5 e.g because <b>expected</b> 5 customers and [ <b>expected</b> ] 6 or more customers are both less than 5 Allow $2.88 < 5$ and $1.203/r < 5$ or $4.091 < 5$	
(d)	<b>B1</b>	Both hypotheses correct. Must mention Poisson/Po at least once.	
	<b>B1</b>	$v = 3$ This mark can be implied by a correct critical value of 11.345 if no DoF given	
	<b>M1</b>	For 11.345 or ft their degrees of freedom $[c_{\frac{2}{4}}(0.01) = 13.277]$	
	<b>A1ft</b>	A correct conclusion based on their $\chi^2$ critical value. Must mention Poisson	

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3 (a)	$\left[ p = \frac{118}{40} = \right] 2.95$		B1
	$[q = ] \frac{350.05 - 40(2.95)^2}{39} = 0.05$		M1 A1
			(3)
(b)	$H_0 : \mu_A = \mu_B \quad H_1 : \mu_A < \mu_B$		B1
	$z = \pm \frac{2.65 - 2.95}{\sqrt{\frac{0.07}{50} + \frac{0.05}{40}}}$		M1 M1
	$= 5.827... \text{ or } = -5.827...$		awrt $\pm 5.83$ A1
	CV = 1.6449		B1
	Reject $H_0$ There is significant evidence to support the biologist's <b>belief</b>		M1 A1ft
			(7)
(c)	Large sample sizes so ...		
	<b>both</b> sample means are normally distributed (CLT)		B1
	$s_A^2 = \sigma_A^2$ <b>and</b> $s_B^2 = \sigma_B^2$		B1
		(2)	
<b>Notes</b>			<b>Total 12</b>
(a)	<b>B1</b>	2.95 only	
	<b>M1</b>	For use of $\frac{\sum x^2 - n\bar{x}^2}{n-1}$ oe ft their $\bar{x}$ May be implied 0.05 provided no incorrect working seen	
	<b>A1</b>	cao	
(b)	<b>B1</b>	Both hypotheses correct. Allow equivalent hypotheses. Must be in terms of $\mu$	
	<b>M1</b>	For the denominator. Ft their 0.05	
	<b>M1</b>	Fully correct. Ft their 2.95 and their 0.05	
	<b>A1</b>	awrt 5.83 allow $ z  = 5.827...$ accept $p = 2.8(1) \times 10^{-9}$	
	<b>B1</b>	$ CV  = 1.6449$ or better	
	<b>M1</b>	A correct conclusion not in context ft their $z$ value and CV or a correct $p$ value (2 sf)	
	<b>A1ft</b>	ft their $z$ value and their CV (NB their CV must be consistent with their $z$ value) or a correct $p$ value (2 sf). Correct conclusion in context, need <b>belief/claim</b> . May be in words with <b>weights</b> and <b>region</b> e.g. the <b>weights</b> in <b>region A</b> are smaller	
(c)	<b>B1</b>	Must comment on <b>both</b> sample means e.g. the sample means are normally distributed	
	<b>B1</b>	Must comment on <b>both</b> variances/standard deviations e.g. sample variances can be used as values for the population variances	

Question Number	Scheme		Marks
4 (a)	$2 \times \text{awrt } 2.5758 \times \text{SE} = 0.964 - 0.9$ or $\text{awrt } 2.5758 \times x = 0.032$		M1 B1
	$\Rightarrow \frac{0.964 - 0.9}{2 \times \text{awrt } 2.5758} [= 0.0124]^*$ or $x = \frac{0.032}{\text{awrt } 2.5758} [= 0.0124]^*$		A1*
			(3)
(b)	$[\bar{x} =] \frac{0.964 + 0.9}{2} [= 0.932]$ or $[\bar{x} =] 0.964 - '2.5758' \times 0.0124 [= \text{awrt } 0.932]$ or $[\bar{x} =] 0.9 + '2.5758' \times 0.0124 [= \text{awrt } 0.932]$		M1
	'0.932' $\pm 1.96 \times 0.0124$		M1 B1
	(0.9076..., 0.9563...)		awrt (0.908, 0.956) A1
			(4)
(c)	$2 \times z \times 0.0124 = 0.04$		M1
	$z = 1.612...$		awrt 1.61 A1
	$P(Z > '1.61') = P(Z < -'1.61') = 1 - '0.9463'$		M1
	$= 0.0537$ (Calculator gives 0.05371...)		awrt 0.0537
	Confidence level = $[100 \times] (1 - 2 \times '0.0537')$ or $[100 \times] ('0.9463' \times 2 - 1)$		M1
	$= 89.26$		awrt 89.3 A1
		(5)	
<b>Notes</b>			<b>Total 12</b>
(a)	<b>M1</b>	For $2 \times z$ value $\times \text{SE} = 0.964 - 0.9$ oe or $z$ value $\times x = 0.032$ oe where $2 < z < 3$ May be implied by $\frac{0.964 - 0.9}{2 \times \text{awrt } 2.5758}$ or $\frac{0.032}{\text{awrt } 2.5758}$	
	<b>B1</b>	awrt 2.5758	
	<b>A1*</b>	Answer is given so no incorrect working must be seen. Must be at least one line of correct working between M1 and the final answer. Must use awrt 2.5758 May be implied by awrt 0.01242...	
(b)	<b>M1</b>	Accept awrt 0.932 to imply a correct method. If using a $z$ value, then this must be awrt 2.5758 or consistent with the $z$ value used in part (a)	
	<b>M1</b>	For $\bar{x} \pm z$ value $\times 0.0124$ fit their $\bar{x}$ and where $1.5 < z < 2$	
	<b>B1</b>	awrt 1.96	
	<b>A1</b>	for (awrt 0.908, awrt 0.956) Allow awrt $0.908 < \mu < \text{awrt } 0.956$	
(c)	<b>M1</b>	For $2 \times z \times 0.0124 = 0.04$ oe May be implied by awrt 1.61	
	<b>A1</b>	For $z = \text{awrt } 1.61$	
	<b>M1</b>	For awrt 0.946 or awrt 0.947 or awrt 0.053 or awrt 0.054 <b>NB awrt 0.946 or or awrt 0.947 or awrt 0.053 or awrt 0.054 scores M1A1M1</b>	
	<b>M1</b>	For $[100 \times] (1 - 2 \times '0.0537')$ or $[100 \times] ('0.9463' \times 2 - 1)$ fit their $P(Z > '1.61')$ (May be implied by 89.26 or awrt 89.2 or awrt 89.3 or 0.8926 or awrt 0.892 or awrt 0.893)	
	<b>A1</b>	For awrt 89.3 <b>NB</b> An answer of 89.2 or 89 can score M1A1M1M1A0	

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5 (a)(i)	Quota sampling would remove the need for a sampling frame oe		B1
	Quota sampling [can be/introduce] bias		B1
			(2)
(b)(i)	$\frac{(66 + 40) \times 120}{200} = 63.6$		M1 A1
(ii)	$(66 + 40) - 63.6 = 42.4$ or $\frac{(66 + 40) \times 80}{200} = 42.4$		A1
			(3)
(c)	H <sub>0</sub> : Students favourite science <b>subject</b> and <b>place</b> lived are independent/not associated H <sub>1</sub> : Students favourite science <b>subject</b> and <b>placed</b> lived are not independent/associated		B1
	Observed	Expected	$\frac{(O - E)^2}{E}$
	66	63.6	$\frac{(66 - 63.6)^2}{63.6} \left[ = \frac{24}{265} = 0.09056... \right]$
	40	'42.4'	$\frac{(40 - '42.4')^2}{'42.4'} \left[ = \frac{36}{265} = 0.13584... \right]$
	$\sum \frac{(O - E)^2}{E} = 4.549 + '0.09056...' + '0.13584...'$		M1
	$= 4.775...$		awrt 4.78
	$\nu = (2 - 1)(3 - 1) = 2$		B1
	$c_{\frac{2}{2}}(0.1) = 4.605 \Rightarrow \text{CR: } \chi^2 \dots 4.605$		B1ft
	[in the CR/significant/Reject H <sub>0</sub> ] There is sufficient evidence to suggest that students' favourite science <b>subject</b> is not independent of the <b>place</b> they live.		dA1ft
			(7)
<b>Notes</b>			<b>Total 12</b>
(a)(i)	<b>B1</b>	For a correct advantage. Possible advantages (but not an exhaustive list): includes all key subgroups, effective for small populations (Do not allow quick oe or cheap oe or easy oe)	
(ii)	<b>B1</b>	For a correct disadvantage. Possible disadvantages (but not an exhaustive list): [risk of] non-random [selection], difficulty in setting quotas	
(b)(i)	<b>M1</b>	For a correct method to find either expected frequency May be implied by 63.6 or 42.4	
(ii)	<b>A1</b>	For either 63.6 or 42.4	
	<b>A1</b>	For both 63.6 and 42.4	
(c)	<b>B1</b>	For both hypotheses correct. Must mention subject and place at least once. Do not allow correlation to imply association. Allow dependent to imply not independent	
	<b>M1</b>	A correct method for finding both contributions to the $\chi^2$ value ft their 63.6 and their 42.4	
	<b>M1</b>	Adding their two values to 4.549 (may be implied by a full $\chi^2$ calculation, do not ISW)	
	<b>A1</b>	awrt 4.78 <b>NB</b> This implies M1M1A1	
	<b>B1</b>	$\nu = 2$ This mark can be implied by a correct critical value of 4.605	
	<b>B1ft</b>	4.605 or better ft their degrees of freedom [ $c_{\frac{2}{2}}(0.1) = 6.251$ ]	
	<b>dA1ft</b>	Dependent on both M marks being awarded. A correct contextual conclusion, which has the words subject and place (Allow 'where they live' to imply 'the place they live'). Allow an answer in terms of association. Do not allow correlation to imply association. Allow dependent to imply not independent ft their $\sum \frac{(O - E)^2}{E}$ and their $\chi^2$ critical value This mark is independent of hypotheses	

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6 (a)	$[E(\bar{X}) = ] \frac{2a+3+4a+9}{2}$		M1
	$= \frac{6a+12}{2} = 3a+6 \neq a^* \quad (\text{So biased})$		A1*
			(2)
(b)	$'(3a+6)' - a = 2a+6$		B1ft
			(1)
(c)	$c = \frac{1}{'3'}$		B1ft
	$' \frac{1}{3} ' \times '(3a+6)' + d = a$		M1
	$d = -2$		A1
			(3)
(d)	$' \frac{1}{3} ' \times 7.32 - '2' [= 0.44] \quad \text{or} \quad 3a+6 = 7.32 [\Rightarrow a = 0.44]$		M1
	$4 \times '0.44' + 9$		M1
	$= 10.76$		A1
			(3)
<b>Notes</b>			<b>Total 9</b>
(a)	<b>M1</b>	For using the formula $\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)$ May be implied by $\frac{6a+12}{2}$ or $3a+6$	
	<b>A1*</b>	For $\frac{6a+12}{2}$ or $3a+6$ and $\neq a$ (Allow $3a+6-a$ or $2a+6$ and $\neq > 0$ )	
(b)	<b>B1ft</b>	For $2a+6$ or ft their part (a)	
(c)	<b>B1</b>	For $\frac{1}{3}$ or $\frac{1}{\text{coefficient of } a \text{ (from part a)}}$	
	<b>M1</b>	For $c \times \text{their } (3a+6) + d = a$ oe written or used May be implied by $d = -2$	
	<b>A1</b>	Cao	
(d)	<b>M1</b>	For their $c \times 7.32 - \text{their } d$ oe or $7.32 = '3a+6'$	
	<b>M1</b>	For $4 \times \text{their } 0.44 + 9$	
	<b>A1</b>	cao Do not ISW but condone rounding	

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7 (a)	$W = S_1 + S_2 + S_3 + L_1 + L_2 + L_3 + L_4$		
	$W \sim N(3 \times 7.7 + 4 \times 20, 3 \times 0.01^2 + 4 \times 0.02^2)$ So $W \sim N(103.1, 0.0019)$		M1 A1
	$[P(W > 103.15) = ]P\left(Z > \frac{103.15 - '103.1'}{\sqrt{0.0019}}\right) [= P(Z > 1.1470\dots)]$		M1
	$[1 - 0.8749] = 0.1251$ (Calculator gives 0.12567...)	awrt 0.13	A1
			(4)
(b)	Let $Y = L_1 - L_2$		
	$Y \sim N(0, 2 \times 0.02^2)$ So $Y \sim N(0, 0.0008)$		M1 A1
	$P\left(Z > \frac{0.01 - '0'}{\sqrt{0.0008}}\right)$ or $P\left(Z < \frac{-0.01 - '0'}{\sqrt{0.0008}}\right)$		M1
	$2 \times (1 - 0.6368) = 0.7264$ (Calculator gives $2 \times 0.36183\dots$ )	awrt $0.724 \sim 0.726$	M1 A1
			(5)
(c)	$T \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$		
	$\mu = 7.7n - 7.7n [= 0]$		M1
	$\sigma^2 = 0.0001n^2 + 0.0001n$		M1
	$\frac{2 - '0'}{\sqrt{0.0001n^2 + 0.0001n}} = 1.99$		M1 B1
	$0.0001n^2 + 0.0001n - 1.01[00755\dots] = 0$		dM1
	$n = 100$		A1
			(6)
<b>Notes</b>			<b>Total 15</b>
(a)	<b>M1</b>	For setting up a normal distribution with a mean 103.1	
	<b>A1</b>	For a correct expression for variance (0.0019) or standard deviation (0.04358...) Implied by a correct variance or a correct standard deviation	
	<b>M1</b>	For standardising using 103.15, their mean and their standard deviation	
	<b>A1</b>	If their mean and/or their standard deviation/variance are incorrect then working must be shown awrt 0.13	
(b)	<b>M1</b>	For $L_1 - L_2$ May be implied by a correct mean or variance	
	<b>A1</b>	For $N(0, 0.0008)$	
	<b>M1</b>	For standardising using 0.01, their mean and their standard deviation (May be implied by awrt 0.6368 or awrt 0.3632 or awrt 0.3618 or awrt 0.6382)	
	<b>M1</b>	For 2 times $p$ where $2p$ is a probability (Calculator gives $2 \times 0.36183\dots$ )	
	<b>A1</b>	For answers in the range awrt 0.724 – awrt 0.726	
(c)	<b>M1</b>	For a correct expression for $\mu$ Implied by a mean of 0	
	<b>M1</b>	For a correct expression for $\sigma^2$	
	<b>M1</b>	For standardising using 2, their mean and their standard deviation and set = to a $z$ value where $1.95 <  z  < 2$	
	<b>B1</b>	awrt 1.99 seen or used	
	<b>dM1</b>	Dependent on 2 <sup>nd</sup> M1. For rearranging to get a correct 3 term quadratic e.g. $n^2 + n - 10101$ or $n^2 + n - 10102$	
	<b>A1</b>	cao (Must reject -101 if found)	