MIDTERM **Math 243** SUMMER 2009

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1. [3] TRUE/FALSE: Circle T in each of the following cases if the statement is *always* true. Otherwise, circle F.

   T F If x is an observation from a distribution that has mean μ and standard deviation $\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{5}}$, the standardized value of x is $z = \frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}$

   T F Populations with a Normal distribution are best described by the five-number-summary.

   T F The mean is more sensitive to outliers than the median.

Show your work for the following problems. The correct answer with no supporting work will receive NO credit (this includes multiple choice questions).

2. The National Halothane Study was a major investigation of the safety of anesthetics used in surgery. Records of over 850,000 operations performed in 34 major hospitals showed the following death rates for four common anesthetics.

Anesthetic	A	B	C	D
Death rate	1.7%	1.7%	3.4%	1.9%

   (a) [2] Is the above study an observational study or an experiment? Why?

   (b) [3] A friend of yours is going into surgery and needs anesthetic. After discovering the above data, she decides she wants to avoid the anesthetic C. Explain to your friend why her conclusions are wrong.

3. [2] Draw the standard Normal curve:

   (a) [1] What is the area bounded between the standard Normal curve and the horizontal axis?

   (b) [2] What is the area bounded between the standard Normal curve and the horizontal axis that is to the left of the z-score 1.55?

   (c) [3] Treat the standard Normal curve as a density curve. Find the point z with 40% of the observations falling above it.

4. People who eat lots of fruits and vegetables have lower rates of colon cancer than those who eat little of these foods. Fruits and vegetables are rich in "antioxidants" such as vitamins A, C, and E. Will taking antioxidants help prevent colon cancer? A medical experiment studied this question with 864 people who were at risk of colon cancer. The subjects were divided into four groups: daily beta-cartene, daily vitamins C and E, all three vitamins every day, or daily placebo. After four years, the researchers were surprised to find no significant difference in colon cancer among the groups.

   (a) [4] What does "no significant difference" mean in describing the outcome of the study?

   (b) [2] Suggest some lurking variables that could explain why people who eat lots of fruits and vegetables have lower rates of colon cancer.

5. Suppose the scores on a final exam are Normally distributed with a mean of 72 and standard deviation of 9.8.

   - [2] What is the probability of choosing a student with a score less than 70?

   - [2] If I randomly ask 20,000 students what their test score was, *about* how many should I expect to have a scores less than 70?

   - [4] What is the probability that a student received a B on the exam? (Assume scores between 80 and 90 receive a B.)

   - [5] Collect a simple random sample of five students. What is the probability that the average test score of the five students is below 70?
     Hint: Draw the density curve you will be working with.

6. Biologists studying the healing of skin wounds measured the rate a razor cut in the skin of an anesthetized newt. Assume that we know that the standard deviation of healing rates is 8 micrometers (millionths of a meter) per hour. Here are the data from 18 newts, measured in micrometers per hour.

29	27	34	40	22	14	35	26	28
35	12	30	23	18	11	22	23	33

(a) [2] Find the mean and median.

(b) [5] Draw a box plot of the data.

(c) [3] Find the 95% confidence interval for the average rate that new cells closed razor cuts in newts.

(d) [5] Use the figure below to explain the concept of the 95% confidence interval that you found in part (c).