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**COMMERCE**  
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**COM1C02 : Quantitative Techniques & Operation Research**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 60

- Instructions :** 1) Answer **any 4** bunches of questions from **6** bunches of questions in Section A.  
 2) Answer **any one** question **each** from the **2** sets of questions in Section B.

SECTION – A

1. a) What do you mean by a Random experiment ? 1
- b) Construct a network diagram from the following data : 3  
 Activities A, B and C can start simultaneously  
 A precedes D, I  
 B precedes G, F  
 D precedes G, F  
 C precedes E  
 E precedes H, K  
 F precedes H, K  
 G, H precedes J
- c) A systematic sample of 200 pages was taken from a dictionary and the observed frequency distribution of foreign words per page was found to be as follows. Calculate the expected frequencies using Poisson Distribution. 5

No. of foreign words per page (x)	0	1	2	3	4
Frequency (f)	109	65	22	3	1



2. a) What do you mean by a standard normal distribution ? 1

b) An Electric company produces 2 products-X and Y. Products produced are sold on weekly basis. The weekly production cannot exceed 70 for product X and 55 for product Y because of limited available facilities. The company employs total of 80 workers. Product X requires 3 man weeks of labour, while Y requires one man week of labour. Profit margin on X is 40 and on Y is 60. Formulate a LPP to maximise profit. 3

c) Explain the steps involved in testing hypothesis. 5

3. a) What do you mean by standard error ? 1

b) The odds against X solving a mathematical problem are 9 to 5 and odds in favour of student Y solving the same problem are 15 to 13. What is the probability that the problem is solved ? 3

c) The following table gives the activities in a construction project and other relevant information.

Activity	1-2	1-3	2-3	2-4	3-4
Duration	20	25	10	12	6

i) Draw a network diagram.

ii) Find total and free floats for each activity. 5

4. a) Define Operations Research. 1

b) Distinguish between one tailed and two tailed tests. 3

c) A small project is composed of seven activities whose time estimates are given below-

Activity	Event	Optimistic time	Most likely time	Pessimistic time
A	1-2	6	6	24
B	1-3	6	12	18
C	1-4	12	12	30
D	2-5	6	6	6
E	3-5	12	30	48
F	4-6	12	30	42
G	5-6	18	30	54

Draw a network diagram and calculate expected project duration and variance of project length. 5



- 5. a) What is a feasible solution in Linear Programming Problems ? 1
- b) Outline the main features of Operations Research. 3
- c) On inspection of random sample of 300 items produced by a machine, 20 are found to be defective. Does this justify the assumption that the machine is producing 2% defective items on an average. 5
  
- 6. a) What is free float ? 1
- b) The mean height of the students of a certain college is 64" with a standard deviation of 2". How many of the said college consisting of 5000 students would you expect to be over 5 feet height. 3
- c) Define : 5
  - i) Sample point
  - ii) Sample space
  - iii) Equally likely events
  - iv) Mutually exclusive events
  - v) Dependent events.

SECTION - B

- 7. a) Fit a normal curve to the following data and calculate the theoretical frequencies by the area method. 12

<b>X :</b>	60 - 65	65 - 70	70 - 75	75 - 80	80 - 85	85 - 90	90 - 95	95 - 100
<b>F :</b>	3	21	150	335	326	135	26	4

OR

- b) The following data relate to the yield of four varieties of wheat each sown on 5 plots. Find whether there is a significant difference between the mean yield of these varieties.

Plot	A	B	C	D
1	17	10	13	9
2	9	5	16	11
3	7	15	17	9
4	13	12	10	8
5	19	13	14	13

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8. a) A company manufactures two products A and B. The contribution per kg of output is ₹ 240 and ₹ 140 respectively for product A and B. The total fixed costs amounts to ₹ 1,200 per week.

	Product A	Product B	Total quantity available per week
P	16	20	160
Raw materials Q	10	25	150
R	4	0	32

Using the graphical approach of Linear programming, calculate the maximum profit per week.

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OR

- b) A random sample of 10 items gives a Mean of 3 with a sum of the squares of deviations from the Mean of 25. From this can it be said that at 95% and 99% probability level that the sample is from a population having a Mean of 4. Also determine the fiducial limits of the population mean at the above two confidence levels.

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