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**FINAL EXAMINATION
SEMESTER II
SESSION 2014/2015**

COURSE NAME : INDUSTRIAL RELIABILITY
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DURATION : 3 HOURS
INSTRUCTION : ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

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- Q1** (a) State and describe the five elements of reliability. (5 marks)
- (b) Describe two differences between censoring Type I and censoring Type II. (2 marks)
- (c) Explain two effects of data censoring. (2 marks)

- Q2** A population of capacitors is known to fail according to Weibull distribution with characteristic life, $\alpha = 20,000$ power-on hours and the CDF is given as:

$$F(t) = 1 - e^{-(t/\alpha)^\beta}$$

- (a) State the scale parameter of the above distribution. (3 marks)
- (b) Calculate the cumulative percent fallout at 10,000 hours, given that the shape parameter of three. (2 marks)
- (c) If it is known that the probability that a new capacitor will fail by 30,000 hours is 0.706, compose the value of the shape parameter. (5 marks)
- (d) At what time will 15% of these capacitors expected to fail, if given that the shape parameter of 0.8? (4 marks)
- (e) Show that the exponential model is nested within the Weibull distribution. Then, sketch the hazard function for the exponential distribution. (4 marks)

- Q3** (a) A manufacturer produces parts with a mean width of 2.5 cm. The population distribution about this average value is normal with a variance of 0.1 cm. The specification for the part is 2.0 cm to 3.0 cm.
- (i) What fraction of the parts produced end up being scrapped? (4 marks)
 - (ii) If random sample of 3 parts were selected, calculate the probability that mean sample is larger than the width specification for the part. (4 marks)
 - (iii) Derive lognormal distribution for the above normal distribution. (5 marks)
- (b) A population of devices is known to fail according to a lognormal distribution. Compose the median life necessary for 1.5% failures by 100 hours, given a shape parameter of three. (7 marks)

Q4 Twenty electric generators were placed on test until failure, where the failure times are as follows:

121	121	279	711	848	1051	1051
1425	1657	1883	1883	2951	5296	5637
6054	6303	6853	7201	9068	10,609	

- (a) Compose the estimate for the survivor function of 6,000 hours by using the following approach:
 - (i) Empirical survivor function (3 marks)
 - (ii) Kaplan-Meier or product-limit estimate (5 marks)
- (b) By using your answer in (a)(i), construct a 95% confidence interval for the probability that a generator will survive to 6,000 hours. (4 marks)
- (c) By using maximum likelihood estimate, produce the estimated of conditional probability of failure, $\hat{h}(y_i)$ for $i = 7$ and 8. (4 marks)

- Q5** (a) A gamma prior with $a=1$ and $b=2300$ was chosen for a system with assumed exponential interarrivals times for repair having mean time between failure (MTBF) of 2300. A new test was run for 2500 hours when a repair action was needed.
- (i) Compute the Bayes point estimator for λ and MTBF. (4 marks)
 - (ii) Compute the 95% lower bound for the system MTBF. (4 marks)
- (b) A group of engineers investigating the reliability of a new piece of equipment. They want to determine the minimum test time that can confirm a MTBF of 500 with 95% confidence. Assumed that the prior parameters a and b are known to be 2 and 1400 respectively.
- (i) Calculate the minimum test time by using Bayesian Test Time if they decide to allow up to two failures, (4 marks)
 - (ii) Compare your answer in (b)(i) if you use classical minimum test time to solve the problem. Then, conclude your answer. (5 marks)

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- Q6** (a) Given the linear acceleration relationship between a random time to failure at use conditions, t_U and time at which the failure would happen at a set higher stress conditions, t_S is given as the following equation:

$$t_U = AF \times t_S ; AF \text{ is acceleration factor.}$$

By using the above equation, derive the relationship of the following function:

- (i) Cumulative failure probability at use condition, F_U and cumulative failure probability at a set higher stress conditions, F_S .
(2 marks)
 - (ii) Density function at use condition, f_U and density function at a set higher stress conditions, f_S .
(3 marks)
 - (iii) Instantaneous failure rate, h_U and instantaneous failure rate at a set higher stress conditions, h_S .
(3 marks)
- (b) A component was tested at $335^\circ C$ in a laboratory has an exponential distribution with a mean time to fail (MTTF) of 5500 hours. Typical use temperature for the component is $30^\circ C$ and the acceleration factor between the two temperatures is 28. Solve the following questions for typical use temperature:
- (i) Compute the failure rate of 10,000 hours.
(4 marks)
 - (ii) Calculate the percentage of these components will fail before the end of the expected useful life period of 20,000 hours.
(4 marks)
 - (iii) At what time will 10% of these components are expected to fail?
(4 marks)

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Appendix

Test Length Guide

Number of Failures	Confidence Level						
	50%	60%	75%	80%	90%	95%	97.5%
0	0.693	0.916	1.39	1.61	2.30	3.00	3.69
1	1.68	2.02	2.69	2.99	3.89	4.74	5.57
2	2.67	3.11	3.92	4.28	5.32	6.30	7.22
3	3.67	4.18	5.11	5.52	6.68	7.75	8.77
4	4.67	5.24	6.27	6.72	7.99	9.15	10.24
5	5.67	6.29	7.42	7.91	9.27	10.51	11.67
6	6.67	7.34	8.56	9.08	10.53	11.84	13.06
7	7.67	8.39	9.68	10.23	11.77	13.15	14.42
8	8.67	9.43	10.80	11.38	12.99	14.43	15.76
9	9.67	10.48	11.91	12.52	14.21	15.71	17.08
10	10.67	11.52	13.02	13.65	15.41	16.96	18.39
15	15.67	16.69	18.49	19.23	21.29	23.10	24.74
20	20.67	21.84	23.88	24.73	27.05	29.06	30.89
30	30.67	32.09	34.55	35.56	38.32	40.69	42.83
50	50.67	52.49	55.62	56.89	60.34	63.29	65.92
100	100.67	103.23	107.58	109.35	114.07	118.08	121.63

Note: Multiply desired MBTF by factor to determine test time needed to demonstrate desired MTBF at a given confidence level, if *k* failures occur.

$GAMMAINV(0.95, 2, 0.0002) = 0.0009$

$GAMMAINV(0.95, 2, 2) = 7.7794$

$GAMMAINV(0.95, 4, 2) = 15.5073$

$GAMMAINV(0.05, 2, 2) = 0.7107$

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