



Normal Approximation to Binomial Distribution (Edexcel and OCR MEI) MS

Q1.

Question	Scheme		Marks	AOs
(a)(i)	$X \sim B(15, 0.48)$		M1	3.3
	$P(X = 3) = 0.019668\dots$	awrt 0.0197	A1	3.4
(ii)	$[P(X \geq 5) = 1 - P(X \leq 4)] = 0.92013\dots$		awrt 0.920	A1
			(3)	
(b)	Y is the number of hits	M is the number of misses		
	$Y \sim N(120, 62.4)$	$M \sim N(130, 62.4)$	B1	3.3
	$P(X > 110) \approx P(Y > 110.5)$	$P(X > 110) \approx P(M < 139.5)$		
	$\left[=P\left(Z > \frac{110.5 - "120"}{\sqrt{62.4}} \right) \right]$	$\left[=P\left(Z < \frac{139.5 - "130"}{\sqrt{62.4}} \right) \right]$	M1	3.4
	$= 0.88544\dots$		A1	1.1b
			(3)	
(6 marks)				

Notes:				
(a)	M1	Writing or using the binomial distribution in (i) or (ii) Allow for sight of $B(15, 0.48)$ or in words: <u>binomial</u> with $n = 15$ and $p = 0.48$ may be implied in (i) or (ii) by one correct answer to 3sf or sight of $P(X \leq 4) = 0.07986\dots$ i.e. awrt 0.0799. Allow for ${}^{15}C_3 \times 0.48^3 \times 0.52^{12}$ as this is "correct use" Condone $B(0.48, 15)$		
(i)	A1	awrt 0.0197		
(ii)	A1	awrt 0.920 (Allow 0.92)		
(b)	B1	Setting up a correct Normal model. Allow sight of $N(120, 62.4)$ or $N(130, 62.4)$ or $N\left(120, \frac{312}{5}\right)$ or $N\left(130, \frac{312}{5}\right)$ or may be awarded if used correctly in standardisation or in words: <u>Normal</u> with <u>mean</u> = 120/130 and <u>variance</u> = 62.4 or sd = $\sqrt{62.4}$ condone $N(120, \sqrt{62.4})$ or $N(130, \sqrt{62.4})$ or sd = 62.4 Look out for $\sigma = \frac{\sqrt{1560}}{5}$ or $\frac{2\sqrt{390}}{5}$ or awrt 7.90 (condone 7.9) This may be implied by sight of 0.897 or 0.8854...		
	M1	Sight of the continuity correction with a normal distribution		
		110.5 or 111.5 or 109.5	139.5 or 140.5 or 138.5	
		NB we will also allow 129.5 or 130.5 or 128.5	NB we will also allow 120.5 or 119.5 or 121.5	
		Continuity correction may be seen in standardisation NB No continuity correction(CC) gives awrt 0.897 which is M0 unless CC seen		
	A1	awrt 0.8854 or awrt 0.885 dependent on sight of >110.5 or <129.5 or <139.5 or >120.5 Allow \leq or \geq instead of $<$ or $>$ NB 0.885548... from $B(250, 0.48)$ scores M0A0		

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Q2.

Question Number	Scheme	Marks
(a)	$H_0 : p = 0.15 \quad H_1 : p \neq 0.15$ $X \sim B(30, 0.15)$ $P(X \leq 1) = 0.0480$ or CR: $X = 0$ $(0.0480 > 0.025)$ not a significant result or do not reject H_0 or not in CR there is no evidence of a <u>change</u> in the <u>proportion of customers buying an item from the display</u> .	B1 B1 M1 A1 M1 A1ft (6)
(b)	$H_0 : p = 0.2 \quad H_1 : p > 0.2$ Let $S =$ the number who buy sandwiches, $S \sim B(120, 0.2)$, $S \approx W \sim N\left(24, \sqrt{19.2}^2\right)$ $P(S \geq 31) = P(W \geq 30.5)$ $= P\left(Z > \frac{30.5 - 24}{\sqrt{19.2}}\right)$ or $\frac{x - 0.5 - 24}{\sqrt{19.2}} = 1.2816$ $[= P(Z > 1.48..)]$ $= 1 - 0.9306$ $= 0.0694$ $x = 30.1$ < 0.10 so a significant result, there is evidence that more customers are purchasing sandwiches or the shopkeepers claim is correct.	B1 M1 A1 M1 M1 M1 A1 B1ft (8) 14

Notes:		
(a)	1 st B1 for H_0 must use p 2 nd B1 for H_1 must use p 1 st M1 for writing or using $B(30, 0.15)$ – may be implied by correct CR 1 st A1 0.0480 or $X = 0$. Allow $X \leq 0$. Ignore upper CR. NB Allow CR $X \leq 1$ if using one tail test. 2 nd M1 A correct statement (see table below) Do not allow non-contextual conflicting statements eg “significant” and “accept H_0 ”. Ignore comparisons 2 nd A1 for a correct statement in context. For context we need idea of <u>change/decrease in number of customers buying from display</u> – may use different words. NB A correct contextual statement on its own scores M1A1	
	Two tail $0.025 < p < 0.975$ or One tail $0.05 < p < 0.95$	Two tail $p < 0.025$ or $p > 0.975$ or One tail $p < 0.05$ or $p > 0.95$
2 nd M1	not significant/ accept H_0 / Not in CR or contextual	significant/ reject H_0 / In CR or contextual
2 nd A1	There is no evidence of a <u>change/decrease</u> in the <u>proportion of customers buying an item from the display</u>	There is evidence of a <u>change/decrease</u> in the <u>proportion of customers buying an item from the display</u> .
(b)	1 st B1 both hypotheses correct – must use p . 1 st M1 for a normal approx 1 st A1 for correct mean and sd 2 nd M1 for use of continuity correction, either 30.5 or 31.5 or $(x \pm 0.5)$ seen 3 rd M1 standardising with their mean and their sd and 30.5, 31 or 31.5 or x or $(x \pm 0.5)$ 4 th M1 for 1 - tables value or 1.2816 2 nd A1 for awrt 0.069 or $x = 30.1$ 2 nd B1ft For a correct conclusion in context using their probability and 0.1 For context we need idea of <u>more customers buying sandwiches</u> – may use different words	
	One tail $0.1 < p < 0.9$ or Two tail $0.05 < p < 0.95$	One tail $p < 0.1$ or $p > 0.9$ or Two tail $p < 0.05$ or $p > 0.95$
2 nd M1	not significant/ accept H_0 / Not in CR or contextual	significant/ reject H_0 / In CR or contextual
2 nd A1	There is no evidence of an increase in the proportion of customers buying sandwiches	There is evidence of a change/increase in the proportion of customers buying sandwiches.



Q3.

Question Number	Scheme		Marks
	$N(0.2n, 0.16n)$	B1: Mean = $0.2n$ and Var = $0.16n$ oe this may be awarded if they appear in the standardisation as $0.2n$ and either $0.16n$ or $\sqrt{0.16n}$	B1
	$P\left(Z > \frac{55.5 - 0.2n}{\sqrt{0.16n}}\right) = 0.0401$	M1: Using a continuity correction either 55.5 or 54.5	M1
	$\frac{55.5 - 0.2n}{\sqrt{0.16n}} = 1.75$	B1: Using a $z = awrt \pm 1.75$ M1: Standardising using either 55.5, 54.5 or 55 and equal to a z value. Follow through their mean and variance. If they have not given the mean and Var earlier then they must be correct A1: A correct equation. May be awarded for $\frac{55.5 - 0.2n}{\sqrt{0.16n}} = 1.75$ Condone use of an inequality sign rather than an equals sign	B1M1A1
	$0.2n + 0.7\sqrt{n} - 55.5 = 0$	M1d: This is dependent on the previous method mark being awarded. Using either the quadratic formula or completing the square or factorising or any correct method to solve their 3 term equation. If they write the formula down then allow a slip. If no formula written down then it must be correct for their equation. May be implied by correct answer or $\sqrt{n} = 15$ or 342.25 NB you may award this mark if they use 54.5 for awrt 14.9, -18.4, 221 or 337 55 for awrt -18.4, 14.9, 223 or -117 If the answer is not one of these then the method for solving their 3 term equation must be seen.	M1d
	$\sqrt{n} = 15$	A1: Allow 15 or -18.5 do not need to see n or \sqrt{n} . Condone $n = 15$ or $n = -18.5$	A1
	$n = 225$	A1 : cao 225 do not need to see n or \sqrt{n}	A1 (8)
	Alternative method for last 3 marks $(0.2n - 55.5)^2 = (-0.7\sqrt{n})^2$ $0.04n^2 - 22.69n + 3080.25 = 0$ $n = 225$ or $1369/4$ $n = 225$	M1 solving 3 term quadratic in n as above A1 either 225 or $1369/4$ or 342.25 A1 must select 225	Total 8

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Q4.

Question Number	Scheme	Marks	
(a)	$P(M < 10) = P\left(Z < \frac{12-14}{\sigma}\right) = 0.1$		
	$\Rightarrow \frac{12-14}{\sigma} = -1.2816$	MI standardising (\pm) with 12, 14 and σ and setting equal to a z value where $ z > 1$ B1 ± 1.2816 or better	
	$\sigma = 1.5605\dots = \text{awrt } 1.56 \text{ minutes}$	A1 awrt 1.56 Do not allow answer written as an exact fraction.	
		(3)	
(b)	T represents number less than 12 minutes. $T \sim B(15, 0.1)$	B1 Writing or using $B(15, 0.1)$	B1
	$P(T \leq 1)$	MI writing $P(T \leq 1)$ or $P(T < 2)$ any letter may be used.	MI
	$= 0.549$	A1 awrt 0.549	A1
		NB 0.549 gets B1 M1 A1	(3)
(c)	[$T \sim$ number of people who take less than 12 mins to complete the test] $T \sim B(n, 0.1)$		
	T can be approximated by $N(0.1n, 0.09n)$	B1 mean = $0.1n$ and Var = $0.09n$ oe may be seen in an attempt at standardisation	B1
	$P\left(Z < \frac{8.5-0.1n}{\sqrt{0.09n}}\right) = 0.3085$	MI using a continuity correction either 8.5 or 7.5 in an attempt at standardised form. Allow 0.09 for sd.	MI
		B1 a z value of awrt ± 0.5	B1
	$\frac{8.5-0.1n}{\sqrt{0.09n}} = -0.5$ or $\frac{8.5-0.1x^2}{0.3x} = -0.5$	MI standardising using their mean and sd. (If these have not been given then they must be correct here) and one of 7.5, 8, 8.5, 9 or 9.5 and equal to a z value where $ z > 0.4$. Allow any form	MI
		A1 A correct equation in any form . ISW. Do not allow if they have $0.3n$ rather than $0.3\sqrt{n}$	A1
	$0.1n - 0.15\sqrt{n} - 8.5 = 0$ $\sqrt{n} = 10$	MI using either the quadratic formula or completing the square or factorising or any correct method to solve their 3 term quadratic . If they write the quadratic formula down then allow one slip. If no formula written down then it must be correct for their equation. May be implied by seeing 10 or 8.5. They must show working if the equation used is not correct. 2nd A1 awrt 10.0 – do not need to see n or \sqrt{n} . Allow $n = 10$ May be implied by 100	M1A1
	$n = 100$	3rd A1 cso 100 If they have a second answer of 72.25 they must reject it to get this final mark.	A1 cso (8)
		(Total 14)	

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Q5.

Question	Scheme	Marks	AOs
(a)	The seeds would be destroyed in the process so they would have none to sell	B1	2.4
		(1)	
(b)	$[S = \text{no. of seeds out of 24 that germinate, } S \sim B(24, 0.55)]$		
	$T = \text{no. of trays with at least 15 germinating. } T \sim B(10, p)$	M1	3.3
	$p = P(S \geq 15) = 0.299126\dots$	A1	1.1b
	So $P(T \geq 5) = 0.1487\dots$ awrt <u>0.149</u>	A1	1.1b
		(3)	
(c)	n is large and p close to 0.5	B1	1.2
		(1)	
(d)	$X \sim N(132, 59.4)$	B1	3.4
	$P(X \geq 149.5) = P\left(Z \geq \frac{149.5 - 132}{\sqrt{59.4}}\right)$	M1	1.1b
	$= 0.01158\dots$ awrt <u>0.0116</u>	A1cso	1.1b
		(3)	
(e)	e.g The probability is very small therefore there is evidence that the company's claim is incorrect.	B1	2.2b
		(1)	
(9 marks)			

Notes:

(a)

B1: cao

(b)

M1: for selection of an appropriate model for T

1st A1: for a correct value of the parameter p (accept 0.3 or better)

2nd A1: for awrt 0.149

(c)

B1: both correct conditions

(d)

B1: for correct normal distribution

M1: for correct use of continuity correction

A1: cso

(e)

B1: correct statement

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