



SCHOOL OF COMPUTING AND ENGINEERING SCIENCES
Master of Science in Sustainable Energy Transitions
MSET8201: Research Methodology

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Time: 2 ½ Hours

Instructions:

1. This Examination Paper consists of **FOUR** Questions.
2. Answer Question #1 (**Compulsory**) and any other **TWO** Questions.

Question #1 (Compulsory):

- (a) Consider the following references collected by a Research Group while exploring the research idea. Format the references using APA referencing style. You can use the uppercase for authors names for clarity purposes only. *You will need to write short notes to justify your decision(s).* [5 Marks]
1. Kirsten Ulsrud, Charles Muchunku, Debajit Palit, Gathu Kirubi: Solar energy, mini-grids, and private sector initiatives. Publisher – Taylor and Francis Group 1st Edition 201. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9780429433955-1>
 2. Hyun Jin JulieYu, Patrice Geoffron: Solar PV market and policies. Book Photovoltaic Solar Energy Conversion Technologies, Applications and Environmental Impacts 2020, Pages 413 - 437 Publisher – Academic Press.
 3. Katia Benson, Daniel Zimmerle , Samuel Booth , Ian Baring-Gould: Road Mapping Mini Grid innovations for cost reduction : Publisher - IEEE ; Conference - 2019 IEEE Global Humanitarian Technology Conference (GHTC) ; Conference Location: Seattle, WA, USA.
 4. Zieba Falama R, Ngangoum Welaji F, Hamda Soulouknga M, Kwefeu Mbakop F, Dadjé A. Optimal Decision-Making on Hybrid Off-Grid Energy Systems for Rural and Remote Areas Electrification in the Northern Cameroon. Journal of Electrical and Computer Engineering. 2022 Apr 12, 2022.
 5. Abu-Jasser, Assad. An Off-Grid Wind Energy System Powering a Residence in Gaza. Journal of Applied Sciences in Environmental Sanitation. 2010: 5 (2).
- (b) Arrange the references prepared in (a) as it would appear in the listing for a Journal Publication that adopts APA style of referencing? [3 Marks]
- (c) What criteria did you use to arrange the references list? Why is it important to have such an arrangement for the readers? [2 Marks]
- (d) Differentiate between qualitative and quantitative research. Include mention of possible differences in purpose, method, data sources and data analysis [6 Marks]

- (e) Discuss the essential elements required in a Method Section for an intervention research study. [4 Marks]

Question #2:

- (a) What is concept map in respect to research problem one would like to solve? Further, describe any three scenarios in which a concept would be useful. [4 Marks]
- (b) Briefly distinguish between *internal validity* and *external validity* in a research undertaking [3 Marks]
- (c) What is your understanding the central limit theorem / central tendency? Why is it important in a research process? What are some examples of the utilization of central limit theory / central tendency? [4 Marks]
- (d) With tangible examples, differentiate between Type I and Type II errors in a research [4 Marks].

Question #3:

- (a) What is the purpose of a chi-square in a sample of a given population? What are some important to note about chi-square in the application to a sample? [3 Marks]
- (b) Table Q3 shows the data of incidences of water-borne diseases in three tropical regions.

Table Q3: Incidences of Waterborne Diseases

	India	Ecuador	South America	Total
Typhoid	31	14	45	90
Cholera	2	5	53	60
Diarrhoea	53	45	2	100
Total	86	64	100	250

- i. Calculate the chi-square value of water-borne diseases given in Table Q3 [8 Marks]
- ii. What are the degrees of freedom for this data? Explain your answer. [2 Marks]
- iii. What conclusion should be made with respect to an experiment when the significance level is 0.05 ($p = 0.05$)? [2 Marks]

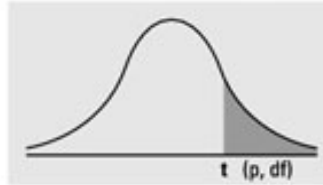
Question #4:

- (a) What is the sole purpose of a t-test? Explain your answer with tangible explanations. [2 Marks]
- (b) Compute t-test value for the following two sets of values, namely: Group #1 {2, 7, 9, 8, 4} and Group #2 {1, 2, 5, 4, 3}? *Clearly show your working for the t-test computation.* [8 Marks]
- (c) Suppose you had Null hypothesis as mean of Group #1 is equal to mean of Group #2. Do you accept or reject the null hypothesis at 0.025 significance level? What about 0.001? Demonstrate why or why not. *The appendix in this Examination Paper has one-tail t-distribution table for your convenience* [5 Marks]

Appendices:

Chi-Square Right-Tail Probability ($\geq \chi^2$)										
DF	0.995	0.99	0.975	0.95	0.9	0.1	0.05	0.025	0.01	0.005
1	---	---	0.001	0.004	0.016	2.706	3.841	5.024	6.635	7.879
2	0.010	0.020	0.051	0.103	0.211	4.605	5.991	7.378	9.210	10.597
3	0.072	0.115	0.216	0.352	0.584	6.251	7.815	9.348	11.345	12.838
4	0.207	0.297	0.484	0.711	1.064	7.779	9.488	11.143	13.277	14.860
5	0.412	0.554	0.831	1.145	1.610	9.236	11.070	12.833	15.086	16.750
6	0.676	0.872	1.237	1.635	2.204	10.645	12.592	14.449	16.812	18.548
7	0.989	1.239	1.690	2.167	2.833	12.017	14.067	16.013	18.475	20.278
8	1.344	1.646	2.180	2.733	3.490	13.362	15.507	17.535	20.090	21.955
9	1.735	2.088	2.700	3.325	4.168	14.684	16.919	19.023	21.666	23.589
10	2.156	2.558	3.247	3.940	4.865	15.987	18.307	20.483	23.209	25.188
11	2.603	3.053	3.816	4.575	5.578	17.275	19.675	21.920	24.725	26.757
12	3.074	3.571	4.404	5.226	6.304	18.549	21.026	23.337	26.217	28.300
13	3.565	4.107	5.009	5.892	7.042	19.812	22.362	24.736	27.688	29.819
14	4.075	4.660	5.629	6.571	7.790	21.064	23.685	26.119	29.141	31.319
15	4.601	5.229	6.262	7.261	8.547	22.307	24.996	27.488	30.578	32.801
16	5.142	5.812	6.908	7.962	9.312	23.542	26.296	28.845	32.000	34.267
17	5.697	6.408	7.564	8.672	10.085	24.769	27.587	30.191	33.409	35.718
18	6.265	7.015	8.231	9.390	10.865	25.989	28.869	31.526	34.805	37.156
19	6.844	7.633	8.907	10.117	11.651	27.204	30.144	32.852	36.191	38.582
20	7.434	8.260	9.591	10.851	12.443	28.412	31.410	34.170	37.566	39.997
21	8.034	8.897	10.283	11.591	13.240	29.615	32.671	35.479	38.932	41.401
22	8.643	9.542	10.982	12.338	14.041	30.813	33.924	36.781	40.289	42.796
23	9.260	10.196	11.689	13.091	14.848	32.007	35.172	38.076	41.638	44.181
24	9.886	10.856	12.401	13.848	15.659	33.196	36.415	39.364	42.980	45.559
25	10.520	11.524	13.120	14.611	16.473	34.382	37.652	40.646	44.314	46.928
26	11.160	12.198	13.844	15.379	17.292	35.563	38.885	41.923	45.642	48.290
27	11.808	12.879	14.573	16.151	18.114	36.741	40.113	43.195	46.963	49.645
28	12.461	13.565	15.308	16.928	18.939	37.916	41.337	44.461	48.278	50.993
29	13.121	14.256	16.047	17.708	19.768	39.087	42.557	45.722	49.588	52.336
30	13.787	14.953	16.791	18.493	20.599	40.256	43.773	46.979	50.892	53.672
40	20.707	22.164	24.433	26.509	29.051	51.805	55.758	59.342	63.691	66.766
50	27.991	29.707	32.357	34.764	37.689	63.167	67.505	71.420	76.154	79.490
60	35.534	37.485	40.482	43.188	46.459	74.397	79.082	83.298	88.379	91.952
70	43.275	45.442	48.758	51.739	55.329	85.527	90.531	95.023	100.425	104.215
80	51.172	53.540	57.153	60.391	64.278	96.578	101.879	106.629	112.329	116.321
90	59.196	61.754	65.647	69.126	73.291	107.565	113.145	118.136	124.116	128.299
100	67.328	70.065	74.222	77.929	82.358	118.498	124.342	129.561	135.807	140.169

Numbers in each row of the table are values on a t -distribution with (df) degrees of freedom for selected right-tail (greater-than) probabilities (p).



df/p	0.40	0.25	0.10	0.05	0.025	0.01	0.005	0.0005
1	0.324920	1.000000	3.077684	6.313752	12.70620	31.82052	63.65674	636.6192
2	0.288675	0.816497	1.885618	2.919986	4.30265	6.96456	9.92484	31.5991
3	0.276671	0.764892	1.637744	2.353363	3.18245	4.54070	5.84091	12.9240
4	0.270722	0.740697	1.533206	2.131847	2.77645	3.74695	4.60409	8.6103
5	0.267181	0.726687	1.475884	2.015048	2.57058	3.36493	4.03214	6.8688
6	0.264835	0.717558	1.439756	1.943180	2.44691	3.14267	3.70743	5.9588
7	0.263167	0.711142	1.414924	1.894579	2.36462	2.99795	3.49948	5.4079
8	0.261921	0.706387	1.396815	1.859548	2.30600	2.89646	3.35539	5.0413
9	0.260955	0.702722	1.383029	1.833113	2.26216	2.82144	3.24984	4.7809
10	0.260185	0.699812	1.372184	1.812461	2.22814	2.76377	3.16927	4.5869
11	0.259556	0.697445	1.363430	1.795885	2.20099	2.71808	3.10581	4.4370
12	0.259033	0.695483	1.356217	1.782288	2.17881	2.68100	3.05454	4.3178
13	0.258591	0.693829	1.350171	1.770933	2.16037	2.65031	3.01228	4.2208
14	0.258213	0.692417	1.345030	1.761310	2.14479	2.62449	2.97684	4.1405
15	0.257885	0.691197	1.340606	1.753050	2.13145	2.60248	2.94671	4.0728
16	0.257599	0.690132	1.336757	1.745884	2.11991	2.58349	2.92078	4.0150
17	0.257347	0.689195	1.333379	1.739607	2.10982	2.56693	2.89823	3.9651
18	0.257123	0.688364	1.330391	1.734064	2.10092	2.55238	2.87844	3.9216
19	0.256923	0.687621	1.327728	1.729133	2.09302	2.53948	2.86093	3.8834
20	0.256743	0.686954	1.325341	1.724718	2.08596	2.52798	2.84534	3.8495
21	0.256580	0.686352	1.323188	1.720743	2.07961	2.51765	2.83136	3.8193
22	0.256432	0.685805	1.321237	1.717144	2.07387	2.50832	2.81876	3.7921
23	0.256297	0.685306	1.319460	1.713872	2.06866	2.49987	2.80734	3.7676
24	0.256173	0.684850	1.317836	1.710882	2.06390	2.49216	2.79694	3.7454
25	0.256060	0.684430	1.316345	1.708141	2.05954	2.48511	2.78744	3.7251
26	0.255955	0.684043	1.314972	1.705618	2.05553	2.47863	2.77871	3.7066
27	0.255858	0.683685	1.313703	1.703288	2.05183	2.47266	2.77068	3.6896
28	0.255768	0.683353	1.312527	1.701131	2.04841	2.46714	2.76326	3.6739
29	0.255684	0.683044	1.311434	1.699127	2.04523	2.46202	2.75639	3.6594
30	0.255605	0.682756	1.310415	1.697261	2.04227	2.45726	2.75000	3.6460
z	0.253347	0.674490	1.281552	1.644854	1.95996	2.32635	2.57583	3.2905
CI	———	———	80%	90%	95%	98%	99%	99.9%