

MULTIPLE CHOICE. Choose the one alternative that best completes the statement or answers the question.

Using the following uniform density curve, answer the question.



This is a uniform density distribution.  
 Probabilities are calculated by finding Areas = length \* height

- 1) What is the probability that the random variable has a value greater than 5?
 

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|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------------------|
| A) 0.250 | B) 0.325 | C) 0.500 | D) 0.375 | 1) <u>    D    </u> |
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$\text{Prob } x > 5 = \text{length} * \text{height} = 3 * 0.125 = 0.375$
- 2) What is the probability that the random variable has a value greater than 3.3?
 

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| A) 0.5875 | B) 0.4625 | C) 0.5375 | D) 0.7125 | 2) <u>    A    </u> |
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$P(x > 3.3) = 4.7 * 0.125 = 0.5875$       Note that length =  $8 - 3.3 = 4.7$
- 3) What is the probability that the random variable has a value less than 3?
 

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| A) 0.250 | B) 0.500 | C) 0.375 | D) 0.125 | 3) <u>    C    </u> |
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$P(x < 3) = 3 * 0.125 = 0.375$
- 4) What is the probability that the random variable has a value greater than 1?
 

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| A) 0.875 | B) 0.825 | C) 1.000 | D) 0.750 | 4) <u>    A    </u> |
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$x > 1 = 8 - 1 = 7$        $P(x > 1) = 7 * 0.125 = 0.875$
- 5) What is the probability that the random variable has a value greater than 1.4?
 

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| A) 0.7750 | B) 0.9500 | C) 0.8250 | D) 0.7000 | 5) <u>    C    </u> |
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$x > 1.4 = 8 - 1.4 = 6.6$        $P(x > 1.4) = 6.6 * 0.125 = 0.825$
- 6) What is the probability that the random variable has a value less than 5?
 

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| A) 0.375 | B) 0.625 | C) 0.500 | D) 0.750 | 6) <u>    B    </u> |
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$P(x < 5) = 5 * 0.125 = 0.625$

Assume that the weight loss for the first month of a diet program varies between 6 pounds and 12 pounds, and is spread evenly over the range of possibilities, so that there is a uniform distribution. Find the probability of the given range of pounds lost. Note: Think of a rectangle of length from 6 to 12; height is the reciprocal of length, that is 1/6.

- 7) More than 10 pounds
 

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| A) $\frac{1}{3}$ | B) $\frac{2}{3}$ | C) $\frac{1}{7}$ | D) $\frac{5}{6}$ | 7) <u>    A    </u> |
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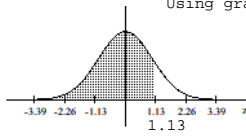
$P(x > 10) = 2 * 1/6 = 1/3$
- 8) Between 7 pounds and 10 pounds
 

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| A) $\frac{1}{3}$ | B) $\frac{1}{4}$ | C) $\frac{2}{3}$ | D) $\frac{1}{2}$ | 8) <u>    D    </u> |
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$P(7 < x < 10) = 3 * 1/6 = 1/2$

Find the area of the shaded region. The graph depicts the standard normal distribution with mean 0 and standard deviation 1.

9)



Using table for Normal distribution, locate  $z = 1.13$  Area given by table ( always "left" or less than  $x$ ) = 0.8708

9)           <sup>C</sup>

Using graphing Calc, Normal cdf: lower is -9999 or -E99, upper = 1.13 mean = 0, sd=1.

Note: For questions 9, 10 and 11, on the calculator, we use normal CDF.

A) 0.8485

B) 0.1292

C) 0.8708

D) 0.8907

10)

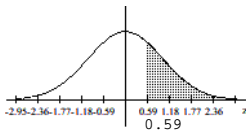


Table: locate  $z = 0.59$ ; are given, left side, = 0.7224; are on the right, greater than 0.59 =  $1 - 0.7224$

10)           <sup>D</sup>

Calculator: Lower = 0.59; upper = 9999 or E99, mean = 0; SD = 1.

= 0.2776

A) 0.7224

B) 0.2224

C) 0.2190

D) 0.2776

11)

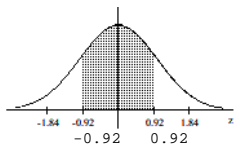


Table: find area A2 for  $z = 0.92$  which is 0.8212; then A1 for  $z = -0.92$  equal to 0.1788; the Area in between the two is the difference of these two areas =  $0.8212 - 0.1788 = 0.6424$

11)           <sup>B</sup>

Calculator: Lower = -0.92; upper = 0.92, mean = 0, SD = 1.

A) 0.1788

B) 0.6424

C) 0.8212

D) 0.3576

Find the indicated z score. The graph depicts the standard normal distribution with mean 0 and standard deviation 1.

12) Shaded area is 0.9599.

12)           <sup>D</sup>

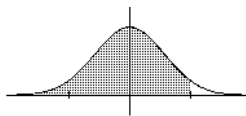


Table: locate "inside" the table this probability (or area) = 0.9599, by checking row and column we learn that the z score that correspond to this area is 1.75

Calculator: In this case we know the probability, same as area, same as "percentile". We need to use Inverse Normal. Enter the area = 0.9599, mean = 0, SD = 1. Done.

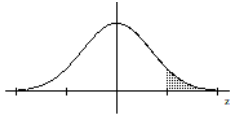
A) -1.38

B) 1.82

C) 1.03

D) 1.75

13) Shaded area is 0.0694.



This time the given area is to the right of the z score. Tables and most calculators only give us area to the left of the z score. Since the total area = 1, we find  $1 - \text{given area} = 1 - 0.0694 = 0.9306$ . Using the table locate that number "inside" the table, the corresponding z score is 1.48. In Calculators, for area enter  $1 - 0.0694$ , for mean = 0, SD = 1. Hit enter. Done.

13)     A    

- A) 1.48                      B) 1.45                      C) 1.26                      D) 1.39

If z is a standard normal variable, find the probability. Notice that for z scores mean = 0 & SD = 1. Always...

14) The probability that z lies between 0 and 3.01 14)     D    

- A) 0.5013                      B) 0.1217                      C) 0.9987                      D) 0.4987

Table: Find area for z = 3.01 (.9987) and for 0 (0.5000); find the difference of the two areas = 0.4987. Calculators: normalcdf, lower =0; upper = 3.01 mean = 0, SD = 1.

15) The probability that z lies between -2.41 and 0 15)     B    

- A) 0.0948                      B) 0.4920                      C) 0.4910                      D) 0.5080

Table: Area for z = -2.41 (0.0080) for z = 0 (0.5000); difference = 0.4920 [Always larger area minus smaller area]. Calc: lower = -2.41, upper=0; mean=0, SD=1.

16) The probability that z is less than 1.13 16)     B    

- A) 0.8485                      B) 0.8708                      C) 0.1292                      D) 0.8907

Table: Locate z = 1.13; "less than" is "left" areas given by tables. The corresponding area is 0.8708; in Calc; lower = -9999 or -E99, upper =1.13, mean=0, SD=1.

Find the indicated value.

17)  $Z_{0.005}$  17)     C    

- A) 2.015                      B) 2.835                      C) 2.575                      D) 2.535

Alpha values indicate the area of the right tail of the normal curve. Tables give us the left, so say  $1 - 0.005 = 0.995$  and search for the z score that correspond to 0.995, which is 2.575 (approx); using Calc, InvNorm of area =  $1 - 0.005 = 0.995$ , mean=0, SD=1, retrieves 2.5758.

Provide an appropriate response.

18) Assume that adults have IQ scores that are normally distributed with a mean of 100 and a standard deviation of 15 (as on the Wechsler test). Find the probability that a randomly selected adult has an IQ between 90 and 120 (somewhere in the range of normal to bright normal). 18)     A    

- A) 0.6568                      B) 0.6014                      C) 0.6227                      D) 0.6977

Tables; Find z score for x = 90; then, the z score for x =120. Recall:  $z = (x - \text{mean}) / \text{SD}$   
 Z for x=90 =  $(90 - 100) / 15 = -0.67$  For 120,  $z = (120 - 100) / 15 = 1.33$  Area for z = -0.67 = 0.2514; for z = 1.33, A = 0.9082; the diff between the two = 0.6568

19) Assume that adults have IQ scores that are normally distributed with a mean of 100 and a standard deviation of 15 (as on the Wechsler test). Find  $P_{10}$ , which is the IQ score separating the bottom 10% from the top 90%. 19)     D    

- A) 81.9                      B) 81.3                      C) 80.1                      D) 80.8

From 19 to 23 percentiles are given. Using the "bottom" area or left area, we find corresponding Z on table; then solve for  $x = Z * \text{SD} + \text{mean}$ ; in calculators we reach Inv Norm enter the "bottom" or left area, mean & SD; hit enter.  
 For #19.  $P_{10}$  same as 10% = 0.1000; the corresponding z = -1.28; Therefore,  $x = -1.28 * 15 + 100 = 80.8$   
 Calculator: InvNorm, Area = 0.10; mean=100; SD = 15

20) Assume that adults have IQ scores that are normally distributed with a mean of 100 and a standard deviation of 15 (as on the Wechsler test). Find the IQ score separating the top 16% from the others. 20)     C    

- A) 85.0                      B) 108.1                      C) 114.9                      D) 99.1

Top 16%, therefore "bottom" is  $100 - 16 = 84\%$ . As decimal, 0.8400; corresponding Z is 0.99; therefore,  $x = 0.99 * 15 + 100 = 114.85$   
 In Calculators: InvNorm, area = 0.84, mean=100, SD=15. Done.

Solve the problem. Round to the nearest tenth unless indicated otherwise.

21) In one region, the September energy consumption levels for single-family homes are found to be normally distributed with a mean of 1050 kWh and a standard deviation of 218 kWh. Find  $P_{45}$ , which is the consumption level separating the bottom 45% from the top 55%. 21)     D    

- A) 1078.3                      B) 1148.1                      C) 1087.8                      D) 1021.7

Bottom 45%, = 0.45000; corresponding z = -0.13.  $x = -0.13 * 218 + 1050 = 1021.66$  Calculator: Inv Norm, area 0.45; mean = 1050, SD = 218.

22) Scores on a test are normally distributed with a mean of 68.9 and a standard deviation of 11.6. Find  $P_{81}$ , which separates the bottom 81% from the top 19%. 22)     B    

- A) 72.3                      B) 79.1                      C) 0.88                      D) 0.291

Bottom 81% = 0.8100, by Table corresponding z = 0.88  $x = 0.88 * 11.6 + 68.9 = 79.108$  Calculators: Inv Norm: area = 0.81, mean = 68.9, SD = 11.6

- 23) A bank's loan officer rates applicants for credit. The ratings are normally distributed with a mean of 200 and a standard deviation of 50. Find  $P_{60}$ , the score which separates the lower 60% from the top 40%. 23)     A

A) 212.5                                      B) 211.3                                      C) 207.8                                      D) 187.5

Bottom 60%, = 0.6000 by Table corresponding z=0.25      x=0.25\*50+200=212.50      Calculator: Inv Norm: area=0.60, mean = 200, SD=50.

Assume that X has a normal distribution, and find the indicated probability.

- 24) The mean is  $\mu = 60.0$  and the standard deviation is  $\sigma = 4.0$ . Find the probability that X is less than 53.0. 24)     D

A) 0.0802                                      B) 0.9599                                      C) 0.5589                                      D) 0.0401

z=(53-60)/4 = -1.75 Check table for area corresponding z=-1.75, tables give us area to the left of value, which is less than the value = 0.0401  
Calculator: Normal cdf, lower= -9999 or -E99, upper = 53, mean = 60, SD = 4.

- 25) The mean is  $\mu = 15.2$  and the standard deviation is  $\sigma = 0.9$ . Find the probability that X is greater than 15.2. 25)     C

A) 1.0000                                      B) 0.9998                                      C) 0.5000                                      D) 0.0003

z= (15.2 -15.2)/0.9 = 0; Z = 0 is located right in the middle = 0.5000. Calculator: normal cdf: lower = 15.2, upper = 9999; mean = 15.2, SD = 0.90

Notice that 0 is right on the middle of the Normal curve; so, the area to the left is 0.5000; on the right, the other half = 0.5000.

- 26) The mean is  $\mu = 15.2$  and the standard deviation is  $\sigma = 0.9$ . Find the probability that X is greater than 16.1. 26)     C

A) 0.1357                                      B) 0.1550                                      C) 0.1587                                      D) 0.8413

Calculator: normal cdf, lower 16.1 upper, 9999; mean:15.2 SD: 0.9

z= (16.1-15.2)/0.90 = 1.0 By table, area to left of z = 1 is 0.8413; But, in this case we need to find prob of "greater than" or, to the right of x = 16.1; therefore, since table gives us area on the left, the right area = 1 - 0.8413 = 0.1587

Find the indicated probability.

- 27) The diameters of bolts produced by a certain machine are normally distributed with a mean of 0.30 inches and a standard deviation of 0.01 inches. What percentage of bolts will have a diameter greater than 0.32 inches? 27)     A

A) 2.28%                                      B) 97.72%                                      C) 37.45%                                      D) 47.72%

Calculator: normal cdf: lower = 0.32, upper = 99999, mean = 0.30, SD = 0.01

Find z = (0.32-0.30)/0.01 = 2. Area to the left of 2 = 0.9772. To the right (greater than) = 1 - 0.9772 = 0.0228, now 0.0228 \* 100 = 2.28%

- 28) The incomes of trainees at a local mill are normally distributed with a mean of \$1100 and a standard deviation of \$150. What percentage of trainees earn less than \$900 a month? 28)     C

A) 90.82%                                      B) 40.82%                                      C) 9.18%                                      D) 35.31%

Calculator: normalcdf, lower= -9999 upper= 900, mean = 1100, SD = 150.

z = ( 900- 1100 )/150 = -1.33 Area on the left (see table) = 0.0918. Since question asks for "less than" that is "left" so the answer is 0.0918\*100 = 9.18%

- 29) The volumes of soda in quart soda bottles are normally distributed with a mean of 32.3 oz and a standard deviation of 1.2 oz. What is the probability that the volume of soda in a randomly selected bottle will be less than 32 oz? 29)     C

A) 0.3821                                      B) 0.5987                                      C) 0.4013                                      D) 0.0987

Calculator: normalcdf, lower -9999; upper: 32 mean: 32.3, SD: 1.2

z = (32 -32.3)/1.2 = -0.25 By table, area to the left of -0.25 is 0.4013. That is the answer because the question asks for "less than", and, as said above, less is "left", which is area given by tables. On Calculator: normalcdf, lower -9999; upper: 32 mean: 32.3, SD: 1.2

Solve the problem.

- 30) The amount of snowfall falling in a certain mountain range is normally distributed with a mean of 89 inches, and a standard deviation of 14 inches. What is the probability that the mean annual snowfall during 49 randomly picked years will exceed 91.8 inches? 30)     D

A) 0.5808                                      B) 0.4192                                      C) 0.0026                                      D) 0.0808

Calculator: normalcdf, lower: 91.8, upper: 9999, SD=14/7

Note: problems 30, 31 & 32 we don't compare a value to the given mean, but a sample mean of sample size = n. The standard deviation must be divided by the square root of the sample size n. In #30 n = 49. Sqrt of 49 = 7. Then, 14/7 = 2.

z =(91.8-89)/2 = 1.4, by table area = 0.9192; "exceeds" means greater, or area on the right: so, we have 1 - 0.9192 = 0.0808.

- 31) The annual precipitation amounts in a certain mountain range are normally distributed with a mean of 85 inches, and a standard deviation of 14 inches. What is the probability that the mean annual precipitation during 49 randomly picked years will be less than 87.8 inches? 31)     A

A) 0.9192                                      B) 0.5808                                      C) 0.4192                                      D) 0.0808

Calculators: Using SD = 14/Sqrt49 = 2 NormCDF, lower: -9999; upper: 87.8 mean = 85, SD = 2.

Again, sample size is 49. Sqrt 49 = 7. Dive SD by 7: 14/7 = 2. Find Z = (87.8-85)/2 = 1.4 Question asks for less, which is value given in tables: 0.9192.

- 32) The weights of the fish in a certain lake are normally distributed with a mean of 18 lb and a standard deviation of 12. If 16 fish are randomly selected, what is the probability that the mean weight will be between 15.6 and 21.6 lb? 32)     B

A) 0.0968                                      B) 0.6730                                      C) 0.3270                                      D) 0.4032

Calculator: Normcdf, lower 15.6, upper 21.6, mean 18 for SD, use 12/Sqrt 16 = 12/4 = 3.

In #32 sample size is 16. Sqrt 16 =4. Divide SD/4 = 12/4 = 3.

Finding Z scores for both x values: 15.6 and 21.6: Z = (15.6-18)/3 = -0.8      Z = ( 21.6 - 18)/3 = 1.2 The corresponding areas are, respectively 0.2119 and 0.8849, find the positive diff = 0.6730.

NOTE: Sqrt is short for "square root".