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Mathematics
Advanced
PAPER 31: Statistics

You must have:

Mathematical Formulae and Statistical Tables (Green), calculator

Total Marks

Candidates may use any calculator permitted by Pearson regulations. Calculators must not have the facility for symbolic algebraic manipulation, differentiation and integration, or have retrievable mathematical formulae stored in them.

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- If pencil is used for diagrams/sketches/graphs it must be dark (HB or B).
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **all** questions and ensure that your answers to parts of questions are clearly labelled.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*
- You should show sufficient working to make your methods clear. Answers without working may not gain full credit.
- Values from statistical tables should be quoted in full. If a calculator is used instead of tables the value should be given to an equivalent degree of accuracy.
- Inexact answers should be given to three significant figures unless otherwise stated.

Information

- A booklet 'Mathematical Formulae and Statistical Tables' is provided.
- The total mark for this part of the examination is 50. There are 6 questions.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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2. Amar is studying the flight of a bird from its nest.

He measures the bird's height above the ground, h metres, at time t seconds for 10 values of t

Amar finds the equation of the regression line for the data to be $h = 38.6 - 1.28t$

(a) Interpret the gradient of this line.

(1)

The product moment correlation coefficient between h and t is -0.510

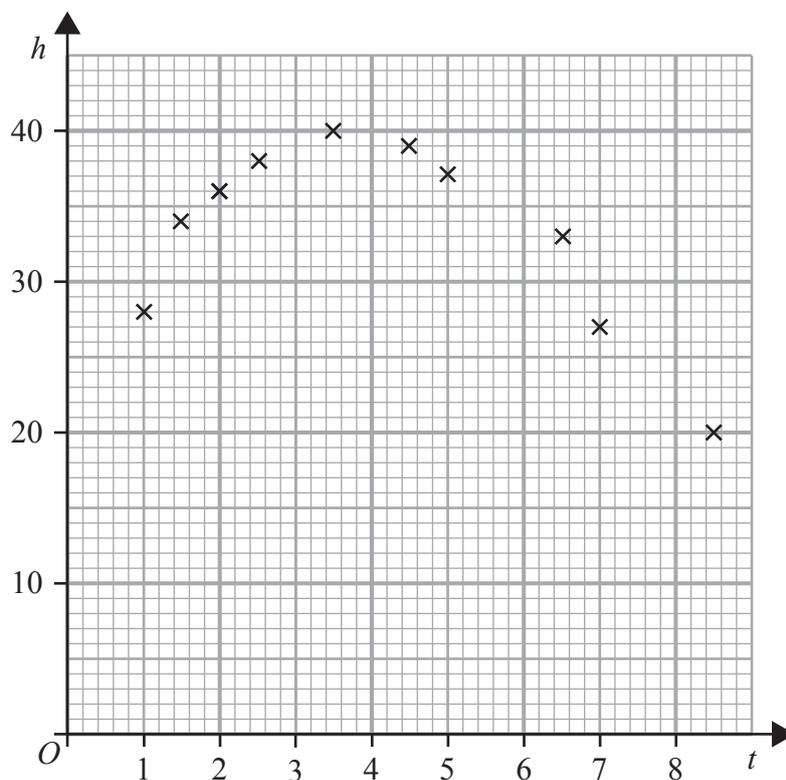
(b) Test whether or not there is evidence of a negative correlation between the height above the ground and the time during the flight.

You should

- state your hypotheses clearly
- use a 5% level of significance
- state the critical value used

(3)

Jane draws the following scatter diagram for Amar's data.



(c) With reference to the scatter diagram, state, giving a reason, whether or not the regression line $h = 38.6 - 1.28t$ is an appropriate model for these data.

(1)

Jane suggests an improved model using the variable $u = (t - k)^2$ where k is a constant.

She obtains the equation $h = 38.1 - 0.78u$

(d) Choose a suitable value for k to write Jane's improved model for h in terms of t only.

(1)



