

HONG KONG STATISTICAL SOCIETY 2012 EXAMINATIONS

Notes to Students

(A) Date, Time and Venue of the 2012 Examinations

- The 2012 Examinations are scheduled as follows:

		Ordinary Certificate	Higher Certificate	Graduate Diploma
Tuesday 22 May 2012	2:00pm – 5:00pm	Module 1 – Collection and Compilation of Data	---	Module 3 – Stochastic processes and time series
Wednesday 23 May 2012	9:30am – 12:30pm	Module 2 – Analysis and Presentation of Data	Module 1 – Data Collection and Interpretation <i>(9:30-11:00am)</i> Module 2 – Probability Models <i>(11:00-12:30pm)</i>	Module 1 – Probability distributions
	2:00pm – 5:00pm	---	Module 5 – Further Probability and Inference <i>(2:00-3:30pm)</i> Module 7 – Time Series and Index Numbers <i>(3:30-5:00pm)</i>	Module 2 – Statistical inference
Thursday 24 May 2012	9:30am – 12:30pm	---	Module 3 – Basic Statistical Methods <i>(9:30-11:00am)</i> Module 4 – Linear Models <i>(11:00-12:30pm)</i>	Module 4 – Modelling experimental data
	2:00pm – 5:00pm	---	Module 6 – Further Applications of Statistics <i>(2:00-3:30pm)</i> Module 8 – Survey Sampling and Estimation <i>(3:30-5:00pm)</i>	Module 5 – Topics in applied statistics

- Details including the venue of the Examinations will be provided to candidates together with the admission slips.

(B) Before the Examinations

- You should arrive at the examination centre at least 10 minutes before the commencement of the examination.
- You must bring to the examination centre the original copy of:
 1. your admission slip; and
 2. your Hong Kong identity card or other personal identification document.Otherwise, the invigilator may refuse to admit you.
- You must not bring any statistical tables, including the tables available on website of the Hong Kong Statistical Society, into the examination centre. Official statistical tables will be provided.
- Answer books, graph papers, supplementary answer sheets and rough work papers will be provided.
- You should bring your own stationery (e.g. ball pen, calculators etc.) and ensure that it is functioning properly. Stationery will not be supplied. No dictionary is allowed to be used.
- Calculator
 - Candidates are expected to make appropriate use of electronic calculators in the examinations. It is the responsibility of each candidate to bring a suitable calculator to the examination and to ensure that it is in good working order.
 - Scientific calculators are permitted in all the Society's examinations, but, to ensure fairness to all candidates, the use of calculators with sophisticated graphical and other facilities is not allowed. Detailed regulations governing calculators are given in the Guide to Examinations and Examination Associate Membership.

(C) After Entering the Examination Centre

- You should occupy the seat assigned to you. The seating plan will be posted at the examination centre (by referring to the candidate number stated on your admission slip).
- Make sure that articles such as notes, books, pagers and mobile phones are taken out from your pockets.
- If you have a pager or a mobile phone, you should turn it off and put

it inside your bag or under your chair.

- You are advised not to leave study materials and personal property outside the examination centre because of the risk of having such items stolen. The examination centre and the Hong Kong Statistical Society will not be responsible for the loss of such items.
- When you receive your question paper, check the front cover to ensure that it is the correct paper for that examination session. If you are in doubt, ask the invigilator.
- You must not turn over the pages of the question paper and must not start working until you are instructed to do so.
- You should start each full question (not part of a question) on a new page of the answer book.
- When the announcement: “Time is up. Put down your pens ...” is made, make sure you obey promptly. If at that time you discover you have not filled in your candidate number, wait until the invigilator is beside you and ask permission to fill it in. If you make any changes without permission, the invigilator will naturally assume you are trying to change an answer, and this will get you into trouble and may lead to a mark penalty.
- You are strictly forbidden to take away any examination material including the examination paper, statistical tables, answer books, answer sheets and rough work sheets.
- At the end of the examination, you should only leave the examination room when instructed by the invigilator.
- If you wish to leave early, you should first tie up your papers, make sure that you have completed all the necessary details on your answer book covers and supplementary answer sheets. You should then raise your hand to summon an invigilator. You are not allowed to leave the examination centre within the last 30 minutes of the examination.
- You must maintain absolute silence and should not speak to other candidates nor disturb them when you are in the examination centre.
- You are not allowed to smoke, litter, eat (including chewing gum) or drink in the examination centre.

(D) Disqualification

- A candidate may be disqualified from part or whole of the Examination or suffer a mark or grade penalty, without refund of the examination fees paid if the candidate:
 - improperly obtains knowledge of examination papers prior to the Examinations;
 - is found to have unauthorized article(s) on/in the examination desk or on his/her person;
 - communicates or attempts to communicate improperly with any person inside or outside the examination room during an examination session;
 - copies from notes, books or electronic devices brought into the examination room or from the answers of another candidate during an examination session;
 - attempts to take away from the examination room any examination material, such as answer sheets, backing sheets or graph paper;
 - leaves the examination centre without permission;
 - starts to work on the question paper before being instructed to do so or continues to write after being told to stop writing at the end of an examination session;
 - passes off work done by someone else as his/her own, in any part of a project where original work is required; or
 - disobeys the instructions of the centre supervisor or an invigilator.

(E) Bad Weather Conditions

- All examinations will normally be postponed when a Typhoon Signal No. 8 or above is hoisted, or when a Rainstorm Black Warning is issued. If weather conditions are doubtful, you should listen to the radio or television broadcast for examination schedules right up to the time you leave for the examination centre. Unless a specific announcement has been made by the Hong Kong Statistical Society that the examination has been postponed due to bad weather conditions, you must assume that the examination will be conducted as originally scheduled.

(F) Further Information

More details about the Examinations can be found in the “Guide to Examinations and Examination Associate Membership”. The Guide can be downloaded from the website of the Hong Kong Statistical Society:
<http://www.hkss.org.hk/Exam/Exam.htm> .