

*Follow these instructions carefully:*

Work on the paper provided; do not use your own paper. *Work only on one problem on each sheet (you should not work on two different problems on the two sides of the same sheet).* On the top of each page, *print* your name (*encircle your last name*) and indicate the number of the problem you are working on by writing e.g. “*Problem #4*”. Always *encircle* your final answer. If there are several parts to a problem, always indicate the part that you are answering, e.g. by writing “*Answer to Part b*” (the number of the problem should be on the top of the page). Do not use a *red* pen or a *red* pencil. Do not write in the corner covered up by the staple (top left corner on the front side, top right corner on the back side). Each problem is worth the *same* amount of credit. **Show all your work.**

1. The numbers

81.1,      84.7,      77.8,      76.4

represent the temperature measured at a certain location and at a certain time. This is regarded as a random sample from a distribution  $\mathcal{N}(m, \sigma^2)$ , where  $m$  is the true temperature, and  $\sigma^2$  measures the precision of the method.

- a) Find an unbiased estimate for  $m$ .
- b) Find an unbiased estimate for  $\sigma^2$  if it is known that  $m = 79.0$ .
- c) Find an unbiased estimate for  $\sigma^2$  if  $m$  is unknown.

2. The numbers

81.1,      84.7,      77.8,      76.4

represent the temperature measured at a certain location and at a certain time. This is regarded as a random sample from a distribution  $\mathcal{N}(m, 16)$ , where  $m$  is the true temperature, and  $\sigma^2 = 16$  measures the precision of the method; the value of  $m$  is not known. Find a 90% confidence interval for  $m$ .

3. The numbers

81.1,      84.7,      77.8,      76.4

represent the temperature measured at a certain location and at a certain time. This is regarded as a random sample from a distribution  $\mathcal{N}(m, \sigma^2)$ , where  $m$  is the true temperature, and  $\sigma^2$  measures the precision of the method; the values of  $m$  and  $\sigma^2$  are not known. Find a 90% confidence interval for  $m$ .

4. The numbers

81.1,      84.7,      77.8,      76.4

represent the temperature measured at a certain location and at a certain time. This is regarded as a random sample from a distribution  $\mathcal{N}(m, \sigma^2)$ , where  $m$  is the true temperature, and  $\sigma^2$  measures the precision of the method; the values of  $m$  and  $\sigma^2$  are not known.

- a) Find a 90% confidence interval for  $\sigma^2$ .
- b) Find a 90% confidence interval for  $\sigma$ .

5. In a random sample of 500 persons eating lunch at a department store cafeteria, 204 persons had dessert. Construct a 90% confidence interval for the true proportion of persons usually eating dessert in this cafeteria.