

# HONG KONG STATISTICAL SOCIETY 2017 EXAMINATIONS

## Notes to Students

### (A) Date, Time and Venue of the 2017 Examinations

- The 2017 Examinations are scheduled as follows:

		Ordinary Certificate	Higher Certificate	Graduate Diploma
Tuesday 16 May 2017	2:00pm – 5:00pm	Module 1 – Collection and Compilation of Data	---	Module 3 – Stochastic Processes and Time Series
Wednesday 17 May 2017	9:30am – 12:30pm	Module 2 – Analysis and Presentation of Data	Module 1 – Data Collection and Interpretation (9:30-11:00am) Module 2 – Probability Models (11:00am-12:30pm)	Module 1 – Probability Distributions
	2:00pm – 5:00pm	---	Module 5 – Further Probability and Inference (2:00-3:30pm) Module 7 – Time Series and Index Numbers (3:30-5:00pm)	Module 2 – Statistical Inference
Thursday 18 May 2017	9:30am – 12:30pm	---	Module 3 – Basic Statistical Methods (9:30-11:00am) Module 4 – Linear Models (11:00am-12:30pm)	Module 4 – Modelling Experimental Data
	2:00pm – 5:00pm	---	Module 6 – Further Applications of Statistics (2:00-3:30pm) Module 8 – Survey Sampling and Estimation (3:30-5:00pm)	Module 5 – Topics in Applied Statistics

- The venue of the Examinations will be at KKLG104 (LG/F, K.K. Leung Building, 梁銶琚樓) the University of Hong Kong.

## **(B) Examination Arrangements under Bad Weather Conditions**

- The examinations of Hong Kong Statistical Society (HKSS) are administered by the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA) according to the instructions given by the HKSS.
- If weather conditions are doubtful (such as the possible hoisting of Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 or the issue of Red/Black Rainstorm Signal), candidates should listen to the radio or television broadcasting stations for examination schedules announced by the HKEAA right up to the time they leave for the examination centre.
- It is important that all candidates should note the following points:
  - under normal circumstances, the HKEAA's announcement of the postponement/cancellation of an examination session will be made approximately two hours before the commencement of the examination;
  - the announcement of closure of schools due to a tropical cyclone or bad weather does not necessarily imply the postponement/cancellation of an examination scheduled to be held that day;
  - **the HKEAA will make a general announcement to cover all affected “public examinations” (公開考試) or “international and professional examinations” (國際及專業考試) and specific names of HKSS examinations will not be mentioned. For example, if the HKEAA announces that all international and professional examinations (國際及專業考試) conducted by the Authority for the morning and/or afternoon sessions are cancelled, it means the HKSS examination(s) for that session(s) will also be cancelled;**
  - once an examination session has started, it will continue for the full allotted time unless physical conditions in the examination room are considered to be dangerous by the Centre Supervisor.
- After the cancellation of examination due to unforeseen circumstances, HKSS has the right to re-schedule the examination to any dates and times the Examination Board sees fit. While HKSS will inform candidates of the new arrangement, candidates are

advised to check with the website of HKSS regarding special announcements.

### **(C) 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.

### **(D) 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.

## **(E) 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.

## **(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> .