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AGM 213

Department of Agricultural Economics, Education and Extension
BSc Agricultural Science (Honours) Part II Examination
ECONOMETRICS I

3 HOURS (100 Marks)

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer any **FOUR** questions. Each question carries **25 marks**.

1. It is generally assumed that Y is a random variable. It can be measured on four different scales. Explain four scales referred to. [25 marks]
2. With the aid of examples, explain three types of data that are generally available for analysis. [25 marks]
3. Table 1 gives per capita income to the nearest \$100 (Y) and the percentage of the economy represented by agriculture reported by the World Bank in 1999 for 15 African countries.
 - (a) Estimate α and β [5 marks]
 - (b) Test at the 5% level the statistical significance of the parameters [7 marks]
 - (c) Calculate the coefficient of determination [7 marks]
 - (d) Report the results obtained in part (a) in standard summary form. [6 marks]

Table 1: Per capita income and the percentage of the economy represented by agriculture reported by the World Bank

Y_i	X_i
6	76
10	16
44	9
47	8
23	14
19	11
13	12
19	11
8	18
44	5
4	26
31	8
24	8
59	9
37	5

4. a) Explain five consequences of imperfect collinearity. [10 marks]
b) Explain three methods used to detect collinearity. [15 marks]
5. Explain how a qualitative variable such as gender is quantified and interpreted in the regression analysis [25 marks]
6. a) Explain five properties of estimators. [10 marks]
b) Illustrate the effect of including an irrelevant variable in regression analysis. [15 marks]

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