

1. (a) Explain the mean ( $\bar{X}$ ), the median (Me) and the mode (Mo). (5%)
- (b) What would be an appropriate density function for a distribution where  $\bar{X} = Me = Mo$ , and why? (5%)
2. (a) The mean length of all possible fish in a tank is 31.7 cm and the variance is 4.8. A biologist is requested to catch two of these fish measuring 35 and 37 cm and bring them over to the lab for further study. What is the probability that he will find such animals in the tank? (10%)
- (b) After long hours and many mosquito bites, our poor biologist in problem (a) returned to the lab complaining no such fish existed in the tank. He collected the following length data: 27.5, 28.3, 30.8, 31.3, 32.4, and 33.8. Do you agree with him and why? (10%)
3. The slope of a linear regression is 2.7, the sum of products is 27.0 and the sum of squared deviation of Y's is 82.8. Are variables X and Y highly correlated and why? (10%)
4. What are the assumptions for analysis of variance (ANOVA)? If the assumptions are not met, what need to be done before ANOVA? If the assumptions obviously cannot be met, what can you do? (20%)
5. The von Bertalanffy growth equation (VBGE)  $L_t = L_\infty(1 - e^{-k(t-t_0)})$  has been most commonly used to express the growth of marine species. If you conducted an age and growth study of redfish, and got two VBGE for males and females. How do you know if there is growth difference between males and females? (i.e. what kind of statistical test do you suggest and how?) (20%)
6. A fishery scientist went to several fish markets to collect weight (W) and length (L) data for dolphin fish and set up the weight-length relationship of dolphin fish for each area (fish market) following the equation  $W = aL^b$ . The scientist wish to know if the W-L relationship differs among areas, what kind of statistical test do you suggest and how? (20%)



