



The University of Zambia - School of Health Sciences  
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BMS 4425 Research Methodology Test 2

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 Time: 16:00 - 18:00hrs.

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2. Name and briefly describe the main sections of a scientific paper. Which section of a scientific paper should you normally start writing and end with? [10 marks]
  
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Research Methodology (BMS 4415) Assessment Test II

Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2014

Section A: Short Answer Questions. Answer ALL the 4 questions. Each question answered on a SEPARATE answer sheet

1. Name a statistical test or data analysis method (parametric or nonparametric) use to evaluate the following:
  - a) Two paired groups.  
(2 Marks) *Paired t-test*
  - b) Quantify an association between two variables.  
(2 Marks) *do linear (correlation) or Spearman's & Pearson's correlation*
  - c) Predict a value of a variable from measured variables.  
(2 Marks) *Regression analysis*
  - d) Compare two independent groups. *Student's T-test*  
(2 Marks)
  - e) Compare three or more <sup>independent</sup> unmatched groups.  
(2 Marks) *One way Anova.*

a) What is the purpose of a "Work Plan"?  
(2 Marks)

b) Why is it important to set up a budget when planning a research project?  
(2 Marks)

c) What are the key issues in research justification? *→ the sea*  
(6 Marks) *- impr*  
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Does statistical significance always indicate clinical significance, or does correlation always show causation? Explain the two statements, argue for or false, giving one specific example for each.  
(10 marks) *stat sign*

Write short notes on the Helsinki Declaration.  
(10 marks)





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