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Question 1

Source: K21FM2Q1

### Question 1 (7 marks)

The Warburn Trail Festival is an annual event involving a weekend of outdoor running races. One of the races is the River Run.

The table below relates to the 25 competitors in the River Run.

Competitor	Section	Status	Time (minutes)
1	junior	amateur	41
2	senior	amateur	45
3	junior	amateur	62
4	senior	professional	25
5	senior	amateur	34
6	senior	professional	21
7	junior	amateur	41
8	senior	professional	21
9	adult	amateur	40
10	senior	professional	25
11	senior	amateur	47
12	junior	amateur	39
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22	adult	amateur	23
23	senior	amateur	37
24	adult	professional	19
25	senior	amateur	38

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### Question 1 (continued)

The four variables in this data set are:

Competitor – entrant identification number

Section – junior (12-18 years), adult (19-55 years), senior (older than 55 years)

Status – amateur, professional

Time – number of minutes taken to complete the race

- a. Which one of the four variables is ordinal?

1 mark

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- b. How many competitors in the adult section were also professional?

1 mark

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- c. Use the data table to complete the following two-way frequency table below.

2 marks

	Status	
Section	Amateur	Professional
junior		
adult	6	
senior		
Total	18	

- d. What percentage of amateurs are adults?  
Give your answer correct to one decimal place.

1 mark

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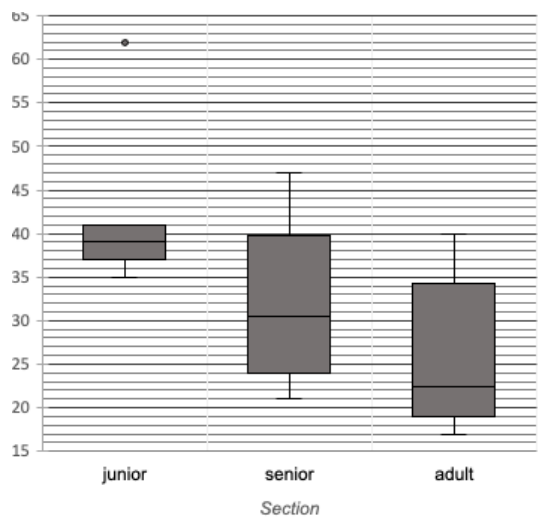
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### Question 1 (continued)

The boxplots below show the distribution of time for each section (junior, senior, adult).



- e. Explain why the time, in minutes, taken to complete the race is associated with the section of the runner. Refer to the values of an appropriate statistic in your answer.

1 mark

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**Question 1 (continued)**

- f. The data value of 62 for the junior section is an outlier as it is above the upper fence. Determine the value of the upper fence for the junior section.

1 mark

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**END OF QUESTION 1**

Curriculum	Subject	Topic	Description
Australia	General Mathematics Unit 2	Univariate data analysis	classify a categorical variable as ordinal, such as income level (high, medium, low), or nominal, such as place of birth (Australia, overseas), and use tables and bar charts to organise and display the data (ACMGM027) construct and use parallel box plots (including the use of the 'Q1 – 1.5 x IQR' and 'Q3 + 1.5 x IQR' criteria for identifying possible outliers) to groups in terms of location (median), spread (IQR and range) and outliers and to interpret and communicate the differences observed in the context of the data (ACMGM031)
Victoria	General Mathematics Unit 1	Investigating and comparing data distributions	types of data, including categorical (nominal or ordinal) or numerical (discrete or continuous, interval, ratio). The five-number summary and the boxplot as its graphical representation and display, including the use of the lower fence and upper fence to identify possible outliers
New South Wales	Mathematics Standard Stage 6	Classifying and representing data	investigate and describe the effect of outliers on summary statistics. – use different approaches for identifying outliers, including consideration of the distance from the mean or median, or the use of $Q1-1.5 \times IQR$ and $Q3+1.5 \times IQR$

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Question 20

Source: K14FM2Q2

**Question 20 continued)**

- e. These dentists consider that people with at least 2 cavities have not flossed sufficiently. Use this information to complete the following percentage frequency table. Give answers to one decimal place.

	Gender	
Flossing	Female	Male
Sufficient		
Insufficient		

1 mark

**END OF QUESTION 20**

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Curriculum	Subject	Topic	Description
Australia	General Mathematics Unit 3	Bivariate data analysis	Calculate and interpret the correlation coefficient ( $r$ ) to quantify the strength of a linear association. (ACMGM054)
Victoria	General Mathematics Unit 3, 4	Data Analysis	Pearson correlation coefficient, $r$ , its calculation and interpretation
New South Wales	Mathematics Standard Stage 6	Bivariate data analysis	Calculate and interpret Pearson's correlation coefficient ( $r$ ) using technology to quantify the strength of a linear association of a sample

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Source: K21FM2S1

#### Question 1 (7 marks)

<p><b>a.</b> <b>Section.</b></p> <p><i>Section</i> is ordinal. Categorical data that has a natural order. Junior, adult and senior can be ordered by age group.</p> <p>(1 mark)</p>	<p><b>b.</b></p> <p><b>Two</b></p> <p>Competitors 18 and 24 are professional adults.</p> <p>(1 mark)</p>																		
<p><b>c.</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="151 1003 699 1373"><thead><tr><th></th><th colspan="2">Status</th></tr><tr><th>Section</th><th>Amateur</th><th>Professional</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>junior</td><td>7</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td>adult</td><td>6</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>senior</td><td>5</td><td>5</td></tr><tr><td><b>Total</b></td><td><b>18</b></td><td><b>7</b></td></tr></tbody></table> <p>(2 marks)</p>		Status		Section	Amateur	Professional	junior	7	0	adult	6	2	senior	5	5	<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>7</b>	<p><b>d.</b></p> $\frac{6}{18} \times 100 \approx 33.3\%$ <p>(1 mark)</p>
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<p><b>e.</b></p> <p>The median time of 39 minutes for juniors is greater than the median for seniors (30.5) which is greater than for adults (22.5).</p> <p>(1 mark)</p>	<p><b>f.</b></p> $IQR = 41 - 37 = 4$ $\begin{aligned} \text{Upper fence} &= Q_3 + 1.5 \times IQR \\ &= 41 + 1.5 \times 4 \\ &= 47 \end{aligned}$ <p>(1 mark)</p>																		

END OF ANSWERS TO QUESTION 1

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Source: K14FM2S2

### Question 20 (7 marks)

**a.**

Use calculator to get  $\text{Number of Cavities} = 5.7 + -0.5 \times \text{Number of flosses}$ .

(1 mark)

**b.**

The value of Pearson's correlation coefficient,  $r$ , is  $-0.7$ , which means there is a moderate negative relationship between number of flosses and number of cavities.

(1 mark)

**c.**

The coefficient of determination,  $r^2$ , is  $0.49$ .

The data indicates that on average  $49\%$  of the variation in the number of cavities can be explained by the variation in the number of flosses.

(3 marks)

**d.**

A gradient of  $-0.5$  indicates that when the number of flosses increases by 1 then the number of cavities decreases by  $0.5$ , or better, when the number of flosses increases by 2 per week, then the number of annual cavities decreases by 1.

(1 mark)

**e.**

Flossing	Gender	
	Female	Male
Sufficient	$\frac{8}{15} \times 100 = 53.3\%$	$\frac{3}{15} \times 100 = 20.0\%$
Insufficient	$\frac{7}{15} \times 100 = 46.7\%$	$\frac{12}{15} \times 100 = 80.0\%$

(1 mark)

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Question 3

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### Question 3 (4 marks)

Runners visit Warburn throughout each year to train for the Trail Festival.

The table below shows the number of runners visiting to train each season over two years.

	Summer	Autumn	Winter	Spring
2018	436	540	340	604
2019	386	500	298	576

- a. The seasonal index for Spring is shown in the table below.  
Find the seasonal indices for the other three seasons and write them in the table below.  
Round your answers to 2 decimal places.

3 marks

Summer	Autumn	Winter	Spring
			1.28

- b. The total number of runners visiting to train each season in 2020 is shown in the table below.

	Summer	Autumn	Winter	Spring
2020	280	306	195	321

Use the appropriate seasonal index from part a. to deseasonalise the number of runners visiting in Spring 2020.

Round your answer to the nearest whole number.

1 mark

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Insufficient		

1 mark

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