#### **CHAPTER 5 - DATA COLLECTION AND SAMPLING**

#### **MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS**

In the following multiple-choice questions, please circle the correct answer.

- 5-01. A marketing research firm selects a random sample of adults and asks them a list of questions regarding their beverage preferences. What type of data collection is involved here?
  - a. An experiment.
  - b. A survey.
  - c. Direct observation.
  - d. None of these choices.
- 5-02. Which of the following must be avoided in designing a survey?
  - a. Dichotomous questions.
  - b. Leading questions.
  - c. Demographic questions.
  - d. All of these choices are true.
- 5-03. Which method of data collection is involved when a researcher counts and records the number of students wearing backpacks on campus in a given day?
  - a. An experiment.
  - b. A survey.
  - c. Direct observation.
  - d. None of these choices.
- 5-04. A researcher conducts a study where she divides subjects into two groups, gives each group a certain treatment, and records their responses. What type of data collection is being used here?
  - a. An experiment.
  - b. Direct observation.
  - c. A survey.
  - d. A census.

- Which of the following data collection methods is not 5-05. observational?
  - a. A personal interview.
  - b. A telephone interview.
  - c. A self-administered questionnaire.
  - d. An experiment.
- The difference between a sample mean and the population 5-06. mean is called:
  - a. nonresponse error.
  - b. selection bias.
  - c. sampling error.
  - d. nonsampling error.
- 5-07. When the population is divided into mutually exclusive sets, and then a simple random sample is drawn from each set, this is called:
  - a. simple random sampling.
  - b. stratified random sampling.
  - c. cluster sampling.
  - d. selection bias.
- 5-08. A pharmaceutical company interested in measuring how often physicians prescribe a certain drug has selected a simple random sample from each of two groups: M.D. (Medical Doctors) and D.O. (Osteopaths). What is this type of sampling called?
  - a. Simple random sampling.
  - b. Cluster sampling.
  - c. Stratified random sampling.
  - d. None of these choices.

- When every possible sample with the same number of 5-09. observations is equally likely to be chosen, the result is called a:
  - a. simple random sample.
  - b. stratified random sample.
  - c. cluster sample.
  - d. biased sample.
- Which of the following types of samples should not be used to 5-10. make good statistical inferences from a sample to a population?
  - a. Stratified random samples.
  - b. Self-selected samples.
  - c. Cluster samples.
  - d. All of these choices are true.
- 5-11. Which of the following causes sampling error?
  - a. Taking a random sample from a population instead of studying the entire population.
  - b. Making a mistake in the process of collecting the data.
  - c. Nonresponse bias.
  - d. All of these choices are true.
- The mean age of all students at York University is 24 years. 5-12. The mean age of a random sample of 100 students selected from this university is found to be 24.6 years. The difference 24.6 - 24 = 0.6 is called the:
  - a. probability error
  - b. nonsampling error
  - c. sampling error
  - d. population error

- To give away a door prize, the host of a dinner party put each 5-13. person's name into a hat, mixed them up, and selected one name. What sampling method was used?
  - a. Simple random sample
  - b. Systematic sample
  - c. Stratified random sample
  - d. Cluster sample
- 5-14. Which of the following situations lends itself to cluster samples?
  - a. When it is difficult to develop a complete list of the population members.
  - b. When the population members are widely dispersed.
  - c. When selecting and collecting data from a simple random sample is too costly.
  - d. All of these choices are true.
- 5-15. Which of the following describes selection bias?
  - a. A leading question is selected for inclusion in the survey.
  - b. Some members of the target population are excluded from possible selection for the sample.
  - c. A person selected for the sample has a biased opinion about the survey.
  - All of these choices are true.

# **Chapter 5 MCQ Answer Key**

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5-11 a	5-12 c	5-13 a	5-14 d	5-15 b					