

1. A dependent variable is also known as a(n) \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. explanatory variable
- b. control variable
- c. predictor variable
- d. response variable

ANSWER: d

RATIONALE: FEEDBACK: A dependent variable is known as a response variable.

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DIFFICULTY: Easy

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2. If a change in variable  $x$  causes a change in variable  $y$ , variable  $x$  is called the \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. dependent variable
- b. explained variable
- c. explanatory variable
- d. response variable

ANSWER: c

RATIONALE: FEEDBACK: If a change in variable  $x$  causes a change in variable  $y$ , variable  $x$  is called the independent variable or the explanatory variable.

POINTS: 1

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3. In the equation  $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + u$ ,  $\beta_0$  is the \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. dependent variable
- b. independent variable
- c. slope parameter
- d. intercept parameter

ANSWER: d

RATIONALE: FEEDBACK: In the equation  $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + u$ ,  $\beta_0$  is the intercept parameter.

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4. In the equation  $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + u$ , what is the estimated value of  $\beta_0$ ?

- a.  $\bar{y} - \hat{\beta}_1 \bar{x}$
- b.  $\bar{y} + \beta_1 \bar{x}$

$$c. \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i)^2}$$

$$d. \sum_{i=1}^n xy$$

ANSWER:

a

RATIONALE:

FEEDBACK: The estimated value of  $\beta_0$  is  $\bar{y} - \hat{\beta}_1 \bar{x}$ .

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5. In the equation  $c = \beta_0 + \beta_1 i + u$ ,  $c$  denotes consumption and  $i$  denotes income. What is the residual for the 5<sup>th</sup> observation if  $c_5 = \$500$  and  $\hat{c}_5 = \$475$ ?

- a. \$975
- b. \$300
- c. \$25
- d. \$50

ANSWER:

c

RATIONALE:

FEEDBACK: The formula for calculating the residual for the  $i^{\text{th}}$  observation is  $\hat{u}_i = y_i - \hat{y}_i$ . In this case, the residual is  $\hat{u}_5 = c_5 - \hat{c}_5 = \$500 - \$475 = \$25$ .

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6. What does the equation  $\hat{y} = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x$  denote if the regression equation is  $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + u$ ?

- a. The explained sum of squares
- b. The total sum of squares
- c. The sample regression function
- d. The population regression function

ANSWER:

c

RATIONALE:

FEEDBACK: The equation  $\hat{y} = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x$  denotes the sample regression function of the given regression model.

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7. If  $x_i$  and  $y_i$  are positively correlated in the sample then the estimated slope is \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. less than zero
- b. greater than zero
- c. equal to zero
- d. equal to one

**ANSWER:** b

**RATIONALE:** **FEEDBACK:** If  $x_i$  and  $y_i$  are positively correlated in the sample then the estimated slope is greater than zero.

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8. The sample correlation between  $x_i$  and  $y_i$  is denoted by \_\_\_\_\_.

- a.  $\hat{\beta}_1$
- b.  $\hat{\sigma}_x$
- c.  $\hat{\sigma}_y$
- d.  $\hat{\rho}_{xy}$

**ANSWER:** d

**RATIONALE:** **FEEDBACK:** The sample correlation between  $x_i$  and  $y_i$  is denoted by  $\hat{\rho}_{xy}$ .

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9. Consider the following regression model:  $y = \alpha_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + u$ . Which of the following is a property of Ordinary Least Square (OLS) estimates of this model and their associated statistics?

- a. The sum, and therefore the sample average of the OLS residuals, is positive.
- b. The sum of the OLS residuals is negative.
- c. The sample covariance between the regressors and the OLS residuals is positive.
- d. The point  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$  always lies on the OLS regression line.

**ANSWER:** d

**RATIONALE:** **FEEDBACK:** An important property of the OLS estimates is that the point  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$  always lies on the OLS regression line. In other words, if  $\mathbf{x} = \bar{\mathbf{x}}$ , the predicted value of  $y$  is  $\bar{y}$ .

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10. The explained sum of squares for the regression function,  $y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + u_1$ , is defined as \_\_\_\_\_.

a.  $\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2$

b.  $\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y})^2$

c.  $\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{u}_i$

d.  $\sum_{i=1}^n (u_i)^2$

ANSWER:

b

RATIONALE:

FEEDBACK: The explained sum of squares is defined as  $\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y})^2$ .

POINTS:

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11. If the total sum of squares (SST) in a regression equation is 81, and the residual sum of squares (SSR) is 25, what is the explained sum of squares (SSE)?

a. 64

b. 56

c. 32

d. 18

ANSWER:

b

RATIONALE:

FEEDBACK: Total sum of squares (SST) is given by the sum of explained sum of squares (SSE) and residual sum of squares (SSR). Therefore, in this case,  $SSE = 81 - 25 = 56$ .

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12. If the residual sum of squares (SSR) in a regression analysis is 66 and the total sum of squares (SST) is equal to 90, what is the value of the coefficient of determination?

a. 0.73

b. 0.55

c. 0.27

d. 1.2

ANSWER:

c

RATIONALE:

FEEDBACK: The formula for calculating the coefficient of determination is  $R^2 = 1 - \frac{SSR}{SST}$ .

In this case,  $R^2 = 1 - \frac{66}{90} = 0.27$ .

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13. Which of the following is a nonlinear regression model?

- a.  $y = \alpha_0 + \beta_1 x^{1/2} + u$
- b.  $\log y = \alpha_0 + \beta_1 \log x + u$
- c.  $y = 1 / (\alpha_0 + \beta_1 x) + u$
- d.  $y = \alpha_0 + \beta_1 x + u$

**ANSWER:** c  
**RATIONALE:** **FEEDBACK:** A regression model is nonlinear if the equation is nonlinear in the parameters. In this case,  $y = 1 / (\alpha_0 + \beta_1 x) + u$  is nonlinear as it is nonlinear in its parameters.

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14. In a regression equation, changing the units of measurement of only the independent variable does not affect the \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. dependent variable
- b. slope
- c. intercept
- d. error term

**ANSWER:** c  
**RATIONALE:** **FEEDBACK:** In a regression equation, changing the units of measurement of only the independent variable does not affect the intercept.

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**DIFFICULTY:** Easy  
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**TOPICS:** Units of Measurement and Functional Form  
**KEYWORDS:** Bloom's: Knowledge

15. Which of the following is assumed for establishing the unbiasedness of Ordinary Least Square (OLS) estimates?

- a. The error term has an expected value of 1 given any value of the explanatory variable.
- b. The regression equation is linear in the explained and explanatory variables.
- c. The sample outcomes on the explanatory variable are all the same value.
- d. The error term has the same variance given any value of the explanatory variable.

**ANSWER:** d  
**RATIONALE:** **FEEDBACK:** The error  $u$  has the same variance given any value of the explanatory variable.  
**POINTS:** 1  
**DIFFICULTY:** Easy  
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16. The error term in a regression equation is said to exhibit homoskedasticity if \_\_\_\_.

- a. it has zero conditional mean
- b. it has the same variance for all values of the explanatory variable
- c. it has the same value for all values of the explanatory variable
- d. if the error term has a value of one given any value of the explanatory variable

**ANSWER:** b

**RATIONALE:** **FEEDBACK:** The error term in a regression equation is said to exhibit homoskedasticity if it has the same variance for all values of the explanatory variable.

**POINTS:** 1

**DIFFICULTY:** Easy

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17. In the regression of  $y$  on  $x$ , the error term exhibits heteroskedasticity if \_\_\_\_.

- a. it has a constant variance
- b.  $\text{Var}(y|x)$  is a function of  $x$
- c.  $x$  is a function of  $y$
- d.  $y$  is a function of  $x$

**ANSWER:** b

**RATIONALE:** **FEEDBACK:** Heteroskedasticity is present whenever  $\text{Var}(y|x)$  is a function of  $x$  because  $\text{Var}(u|x) = \text{Var}(y|x)$ .

**POINTS:** 1

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18. What is the estimated value of the slope parameter when the regression equation,  $y = \alpha_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + u$  passes through the origin?

- a.  $\sum_{i=1}^n y_i$
- b.  $\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})$
- c.  $\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}$
- d.  $\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2$

**ANSWER:** c

*RATIONALE:*

*FEEDBACK:* The estimated value of the slope parameter when the regression equation passes

through the origin is 
$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}.$$

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*DIFFICULTY:*

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Regression through the Origin and Regression on a Constant

*KEYWORDS:*

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19. A natural measure of the association between two random variables is the correlation coefficient.

a. True

b. False

*ANSWER:*

True

*RATIONALE:*

*FEEDBACK:* A natural measure of the association between two random variables is the correlation coefficient.

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*DIFFICULTY:*

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20. Simple regression is an analysis of correlation between two variables.

a. True

b. False

*ANSWER:*

True

*RATIONALE:*

*FEEDBACK:* Simple regression is an analysis of correlation between two variables.

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*DIFFICULTY:*

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21. The sample covariance between the regressors and the Ordinary Least Square (OLS) residuals is always positive.

a. True

b. False

*ANSWER:*

False

*RATIONALE:*

*FEEDBACK:* The sample covariance between the regressors and the Ordinary Least Square (OLS) residuals is zero.

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22.  $R^2$  is the ratio of the explained variation compared to the total variation.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: True

RATIONALE: FEEDBACK: The sample covariance between the regressors and the Ordinary Least Square (OLS) residuals is zero.

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23. There are  $n-1$  degrees of freedom in Ordinary Least Square residuals.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: False

RATIONALE: FEEDBACK: There are  $n-2$  degrees of freedom in Ordinary Least Square residuals.

POINTS: 1

DIFFICULTY: Easy

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KEYWORDS: Bloom's: Knowledge

24. The variance of the slope estimator increases as the error variance decreases.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: False

RATIONALE: FEEDBACK: The variance of the slope estimator increases as the error variance increases.

POINTS: 1

DIFFICULTY: Easy

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25. In general, the constant that produces the smallest sum of squared deviations is always the sample average.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: True

RATIONALE: FEEDBACK: In general, the constant that produces the smallest sum of squared deviations is always the sample average.

POINTS: 1

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KEYWORDS: Bloom's: Knowledge

