

Sec 2 Math: Statistics

A) Mean (Average)

The **mean** is the average of the values.

$$\text{Mean} = \frac{\text{sum of data values}}{\text{number of data}}$$

B) Median (Middle Number)

The **median** is the middle values that divides the data (or observations) into 2 equal parts.

The median occurs exactly at the middle position, which is the $\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)^{\text{th}}$ term.

C) Mode (Most Occurred Number)

The **mode** is the value that occurs most frequently in a data set.

There can be **more than 1 mode** in some distributions. The distribution will be described as Bi-modal or Tri-modal etc.

D) Table Diagram (Basic)

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Frequency (f)	4	4	10	8	2	0

For these results, find the

(a) mode (b) median (c) mean

(a) 2 heads

**Note: "2 heads shown" occurred 10 times. The mode is 2, not 10!*

(b) Position of median: $\frac{28+1}{2} = 14.5^{\text{th}}$ Number

Counting from left, the 14.5th Number occurs under $x = 2$.

\therefore Median is 2.

$$(c) \frac{4 \times 0 + 4 \times 1 + 10 \times 2 + 8 \times 3 + 2 \times 4 + 0 \times 5}{4 + 4 + 10 + 8 + 2 + 0} = 2$$

\therefore Mean is 2.

**Note: When finding mean, some students make the mistake of dividing the denominator by 6 instead of (4+4+10+8+2+0).*

E) Stem and leaf diagram (basic)

Stem	Leaf
0	7 7 8
1	1 4 4 4 8
2	0 1 3 5 7 8 9 9
3	0 2 4 5 7 9
4	0 2 7

Key : 1 | 1 means 11 marks

Find (i) the modal score,
(ii) the median score.
(iii) the passing mark, if 56% of pupils passed the test.

(i) The modal score is 14 marks.

(ii) There are 25 numbers.
Position of Median is $\frac{25+1}{2} = 13^{\text{th}}$ term.
Counting the 13th term from one end, the median is 27.

(iii) $25 \times 44\% = 11$ (11 pupils failed the test),
The 12th student got the passing mark
 \therefore The passing marks is either 24 or 25 marks.

F) Mean Median and Mode (basic)

(a) The following marks are scored by 9 students in a Mathematics test marked out of a total of 15: 4,9,11,8,10,5,11,14,7.
Find

(i) the modal mark,
(ii) the median mark.
(b) The mean of nine numbers is 16. The mean of seven of these numbers is 15.
Find the other two numbers if the difference between them is 3.

(a)(i) 11

(ii) **Note: Remember to arrange numbers in ascending order first!*

4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 11, 14

The Median (middle number) is 9.

(b) Total of 9 numbers = $16 \times 9 = 144$

Total of 7 numbers = $7 \times 15 = 105$

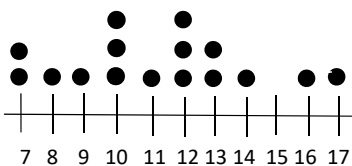
Total of other 2 numbers = $144 - 105 = 39$

Smaller numbers = $\frac{39-3}{2} = 18$

$18 + 3 = 21$

G) Understanding and solving dot diagrams (basic)

The following dot diagram shows the marks of 16 students in a test. The total marks for the test is 20.



(a) If the passing mark is 10 marks, find the percentage of students who failed the test.
(b) Find the (i) Mean, (ii) Median, (iii) mode.
(c) The results if another student who scored 17 marks is added to the data set.
Describe the change in the mean, median and mode.

$$(a) \frac{4}{16} \times 100\% = 25\%$$

The percentage of students who failed the test is 25%

$$(b)(i) \frac{7 \times 2 + 8 + 9 + 10 \times 3 + 11 + 12 \times 3 + 13 \times 2 + 14 + 16 + 17}{16} = 11.3125 \text{ (marks)}$$

$$(b)(ii) \text{ Position of Median} = \frac{16+1}{2} = 8.5^{\text{th}} \text{ term.}$$

8th term is 11, 9th term is 12.

$$\therefore 8.5^{\text{th}} \text{ term} = \frac{11+12}{2} = 11.5 \text{ (marks)}$$

(b)(iii) 10 and 12 marks

**Note: This set of data is Bi-modal (2 modes)*

$$(c) \frac{181+17}{16+1} = 11.6$$

Mean = 11.6 (3.s.f)

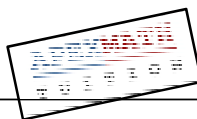
Position of Median = $\frac{17+1}{2} = 9^{\text{th}}$ term.

Median = 12

Mode = 10 and 12

No change in mode, median increased to

12 and mean increased to 11.6



H) Given Median, find Largest/smallest x. (Important)

No. of hour	0	1	2	3
No. of students	2	x	6	15

If the median of the data is 2, find the largest and smallest possible value of x.

Solution:

No. of hour	0	1	2	3
No. of students	2	x	1+5	15

To get the largest x, let the circled "1" be the median number. So its left should be equals to the right:

$$2 + x = 5 + 15$$

$$x = 18$$

The largest value of x is 18

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$$2 + x + 5 = 15$$

$$x = 8$$

The smallest value of x is 8

I) Table Diagram (intermediate)

No. of hour	0	1	2	3	4	5
No. of students	2	3	6	15	x	5

(i) Write down the largest possible value of x, given that the mode is 3.
(ii) Write down the largest possible value of x, given that the median is 3.
(iii) Find x, given that the mean is 3.

(i) $15 - 1 = 14$

The largest value of x is 14

(ii) $2 + 3 + 6 + 14 = x + 5$

$$x = 20$$

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(iii) $2 \times 0 + 3 \times 1 + 6 \times 2 + 15 \times 3 + 4x + 5 \times 5 = 85 + 4x$

$$3 = \frac{85+4x}{2+3+6+15+x+5}$$

$$3(31+x) = 85+4x$$

$$93+3x = 4x+85$$

$$x = 8$$

J) Intermediate Question

The mean of 9 numbers is 30. The mean of the first four numbers is 15. The last 5 numbers are the same but are different from the first 4 numbers.

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(a) The Total of the 9 numbers:

$$9 \times 30 = 270$$

The total of the first 4 numbers:

$$15 \times 4 = 60$$

The total of the last 5 numbers:

$$270 - 60 = 210$$

Since the last 5 numbers are the same,

$$\frac{210}{5} = 42$$

$$\frac{5 \times 9 + 1}{2} + 5$$

\therefore The median is 42.

$$(b) \frac{270+30}{9+1} = 30$$

\therefore The Value of the 10th number is 30.

$$(c) \frac{10+1}{2} = 5.5$$

$$\frac{42+30}{2} = 36$$

The median will get smaller as the new median is 36.

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Total of Numbers:

$$7 \times 5 = 35$$

Since median is 5 and mode is 4,

4	4	5		
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Since the largest number is 3 times the smallest number,

$$4 \times 3 = 12$$

$$35 - 4 - 4 - 5 - 12 = 10$$

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Ans: 4,4,5,10,12

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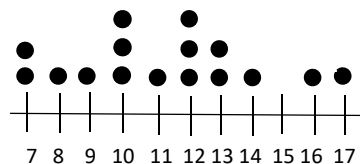
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