

EASTERN UNIVERSITY, SRI LANKA

FOURTH YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION IN AGRICULTURE –2013/2014

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EC 4106: BASIC ECONOMETRICS (2:30/00/60)

Answer ALL Questions

Time allowed: 02 hours

01) a) Briefly discuss how you can make use of the “methodology of econometrics”, while taking into account a two variable regression model.

b) Set the “Null and Alternative Hypothesis” for the model given below and decide whether they are accepted or rejected at 5% significant level:

$$\text{Food Expenditure} = 263.6416 + 0.0056 \text{ Total expenditure} + 2.2316 \text{ Total income}$$

$$Se = (11.5932) \quad (0.0019) \quad (0.2099)$$

$$t = (22.7411) \quad (2.8187) \quad (10.6293)$$

$$p \text{ value} = (0.0000) \quad (0.0065) \quad (0.0000)$$

$$r^2 = 0.7077; \quad df = 61$$

$$F_{2,61} = 31.1034 \text{ (P value} = 0.0000)$$

02) a) Briefly explain how you can include dummy variables (while making use of different levels as examples) into multiple regression models.

b) The following table shows a time series data column. Formulate a testing procedure to show whether the given data set obeys or does not obey the MLR (Multiple Linear Regression) assumption of free from “Autocorrelation”.

Y_t	X_{2t}	X_{3t}
45.69	14.53	16.74
44.64	15.3	16.81
48.27	15.92	19.5

03) Write **Short Notes** on the following:

- Method of OLS (Ordinary Least Square) estimation.
- Linear regression models.
- BLUE properties of OLS estimators.

04) a) The model summary and ANOVA table details of a simple regression analysis is shown below. Answer the following questions based on the tables:

- Interpret the R and R^2 value of the model shown here.
- What is the amount of variations accounted by the model and interpret about the regression and residual sums of squares of this model.

Table 1: Regression results

Model Summary

Model 1	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square
	0.783	0.613	0.600

Predictors: (Constant), whether have social participation, amount of agricultural land, amount of credit, amount of cattle, amount of irrigated land

Table 2: ANOVA

Model	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Regression	499300000000	5	99860000000	48.397	0.000
Residual	315700000000	153	2063000000		
Total	815000000000	158			

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b) The following table shows the results of multiple regression analysis to examine the effect of different independent variables on non-farm income.

Determinants of non-farm income: OLS regression results		
Independent variables	Coefficient	Sig
Distance to market	0.008	0.15
Fruits and vegetables acreage	-0.007	0.03
Attended high school (dummy)	0.129	0.02
Age	0.074	0.00
Dependency ratio	-0.164	0.00

($P < 0.05$)

- i) Write down the estimated equation for the above model.
- ii) Interpret the effects of each independent variable on non-farm income.
