

Quick Questions 11 Sampling and the Sampling Distribution of the Means

I. Place the number of the appropriate formula next to the concept it defines.

- A. The 99% confidence interval 3
- B. Standard error of the mean 1
- C. Used when the population variance is unknown and the sample is large 5
- D. The 95% confidence interval 4
- E. The mean of the sampling distribution of the means 2

1.	$\sigma_{\bar{x}} = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$
2.	$\mu_{\bar{x}}$
3.	$\bar{x} \pm 2.58 \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$
4.	$\bar{x} \pm 1.96 \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$
5.	$\bar{x} \pm 2.58 \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$

II. Answer the following true or false and fill in the blank questions.

- A. The primary cause of sampling error is poor collection techniques. T F
- B. The standard error of the mean is halved when the sample size is doubled. T F
- C. A one-number estimate of the population mean is called a point estimate of the mean.
- D. A range for a population parameter is called the confidence interval.
- E. A stratified random sample may be more accurate than a simple random sample because a small diverse section of the population might not be chosen with a simple random sample.

III. Calculate the 95% and 99% confidence intervals for the population mean given a sample of 36 resulted in a mean of 55 and a standard deviation of 18.

95% CI → z = 1.96

$$\bar{x} \pm Z \frac{S}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$$55 \pm 1.96 \frac{18}{\sqrt{36}}$$

$$55 \pm 1.96(3)$$

$$55 \pm 5.9$$

$$49.1 \leftrightarrow 60.9$$

99% CI → z = 2.58

$$\bar{x} \pm Z \frac{S}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$$55 \pm 2.58 \frac{18}{\sqrt{36}}$$

$$55 \pm 2.58(3)$$

$$55 \pm 7.7$$

$$47.3 \leftrightarrow 62.7$$