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Preface

TO THE SEVENTH EDITION

The book which was originally written some Twelve years ago has, during the intervening period, been revised and reprinted several times. The authors have, however been thinking, for the last several months that the book needed not only a thorough revision but rather a complete rewriting. They have been able to find time to rewrite the entire book and represent it to their readers. They now take great pleasure in presenting this is to the readers the *seventh completely* revised edition of the book. The subject-matter in the whole book has been re-written in the light of numerous *criticisms* and *suggestions* received from the users of the previous editions.

Some of the *major changes* are:

- * During the course of rewriting, it, has been specially borne in mind that the subject develops in a smooth and coherent manner so as to provide an orderly presentation. The readers will find the study of the subject more interesting, relevant and convenient.
- * The theoretical discussion throughout the text has been refined, restructured and updated retaining all the basic features of the previous editions especially the simplicity of exposition, practical orientation to business and economic situations.
- * Various new solved examples have been added in each chapter. These examples have been selected in such a manner that, after carefully doing these examples, a student would be able to tackle all the questions asked in the set of exercises. Moreover these examples keep in view the trend of questions asked in the examination.
- * Exercises at the end of each chapter are substantially reorganised. Many new questions are included in the exercise sets. Repetition of question of the same type (more than what is necessary) has been avoided, and

thus the number of questions has been reduced. Further in the sets of exercises, the questions have been carefully arranged and properly graded.

- * In order that a student does not get stuck up while trying questions, hints have been given for important questions not covered by solved examples.
- * Solved examples and unsolved problems have been drawn from latest examination papers up to May, 1990.
- * The subject-matter has been presented in a rigorous manner, and in simple and effective language, so as to make the exposition clear and lucid even to a beginner.

All this has meant recasting of the entire book, and we earnestly hope that in its present form the book will prove more useful to the students. The authors are confident that the present edition like the earlier ones would enjoy the patronage of the readers.

Suggestions for the improvement in quality of the book and intimation of error and misprints will be most gratefully received and will be duly incorporated in the future editions.

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TO THE FIRST EDITION

In view of the growing emphasis on quantitative techniques of analysis and presentation, Statistics (theory and methods) has found place in many professional and academic courses. To cater to these needs a larger number of books have come up in the market from many Indian and foreign authors. The books from Indian writers have a wide coverage but show a lack of insight in many advanced topics and invariably are found devoid of practical bias. In this respect the books by foreign writers are good where the treatment in respect to some aspects is really excellent but full justice is not done to all the topics. Above all, their treatment has no relevance to Indian situation.

Looking to these conditions, we decided to take up the writing of the present book. We were also encouraged by the excellent response to our earlier work, *Business Mathematics* had from the readers. Some of the special features of the present book are stated briefly as follows :

- * It is designed primarily for the students of C.A. (Intermediate), I.C.W.A. (Intermediate and Final), and management courses to cater to their needs of conceptual clarity and practical application.

- * To meet the above requirements the book covers theoretical, practical and applied aspects of statistics in a clear and exhaustive manner. The applications to various situations have invariably been shown initially in the form of a chart for quick grasp of the scope and later by a large number of practical illustrations and examples.
- * The various concepts have been introduced nicely and their relevance explained with reference to practical business and economic situations. Formal definitions of various concepts have also been given with suitable analytical comments.
- * The theoretical discussion of each sub-section has been accompanied by simple illustrations and complex problems have been given thereafter as solved examples.
- * A large number of exercises have been given at the end of each chapter for further practice. These cover most of the problems set at recent examinations of C.A., I.C.W.A., M.Com., M.A. (Econ.), B.A. (Econ.), M.B.A. of various institutes and universities.
- * Special attention has been paid to advanced topics like probability, theoretical distributions, sampling and significance tests, analysis of time series, forecasting and business barometers, statistical quality control and statistical decision theory.

We trust our readers will find the presentation and exposition of the subject quite lucid and easy to understand. A conscious effort has been made all through to keep the treatment simple and non-technical. The idea has been to impart insight into various statistical tools, that too without resort to undue technicality and verbosity. Mathematical proofs have been given only in the footnotes. It is expected that even those who have not studied statistics earlier will find the subject interesting. They will be able to grasp the basic concepts and will be able to acquire an ability to make use of these in their practical and professional career. We feel no tutorial guidance will be required if the study is taken up of each chapter from beginning till the end.

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