6. a) What is a regression line ?
b) The following data show the scores obtained by a group of 20 students on a college entrance examination and a verbal comprehension test. Interpret the data. 7

|  | College <br> entrance <br> exam $(\boldsymbol{X})$ | Verbal <br> compre- <br> hension <br> test $(\boldsymbol{Y})$ | Student | College <br> entrance <br> exam $(\boldsymbol{X})$ | Verbal <br> compre- <br> hension <br> test $(\boldsymbol{Y})$ |
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| $A$ | 52 | 49 | $K$ | 64 | 53 |
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| $D$ | 28 | 34 | $N$ | 43 | 41 |
| $E$ | 63 | 52 | $O$ | 30 | 15 |
| $F$ | 44 | 41 | $P$ | 65 | 50 |
| $G$ | 70 | 45 | $Q$ | 35 | 28 |
| $H$ | 32 | 32 | $R$ | 60 | 55 |
| $I$ | 49 | 29 | $S$ | 49 | 37 |
| $J$ | 51 | 49 | $T$ | 66 | 50 |

## Master of Arts Examination, 2019

## (1st Year, 2nd Semester )

## SOCIOLOGY

## Social Statistics

## Course : 2.4

Time: Two hours
Full Marks : 30
Answer any three question :

1. Write short notes on:
a) Note the factors that increase the probability of rejecting the null hypothesis.
b) Discuss the three characteristics of bivariate associations.
2. a) What are the three characteristics of the mean? 4
b) A survey of the ages of residents of nursing homes yielded the following measures of central tendency: Mean $=70$ Median $=78$ Mode $=83$.

In which direction is the distribition likely to be skewed?
c) Below is a table of the area of New England States in square miles. Compute the mean and the median Which measure gives a better description of the area of a typical New England state?

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