Exam 1

Please put your answers in the following table.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

- 1. The standard deviation is always non-negative. (true of false)
- 2. Six components failed out of 1000 manufactured components, determine the reliability of the components.
 - A. 0.006
 - B. 0
 - C. 1
 - D. 0.994
- 3. The factor of safety is defined by $n_s = \mu_{S_y}/\mu_S$, where μ_{S_y} and μ_S are the means of yield strength S_y and stress *S*, respectively. Denote σ_{S_y} and σ_S as the standard deviations of S_y and *S*, respectively. The reliability is defined by $R = P\{S_y > S\}$. Which of the following statements is not true to improve reliability?
 - A. Keep n_s constant, and increase σ_{S_v} and σ_s .
 - B. Keep σ_{S_v} and σ_S constant, and increase n_s .
 - C. Keep n_s constant, and decrease σ_{S_v} and σ_s .
 - D. Keep n_s constant, and decrease σ_{S_y} .
- 4. Two cases are shown for the normally distributed stress of a component. Which case has probability of failure?



- A. Case 1
- B. Case 2
- C. Equal probability
- D. Cannot determine

- 5. A hollow tube has an inside diameter of d_i~N(20, 0.3²) mm and an outside diameter of d_o~N(25, 0.4²) mm. What is the distribution of the thickness t of the tube?
 A. t~N(45, 0.5²) mm
 B. t~N(5, 0.5²) mm
 C. t~N(5, 0.7²) mm
 D. t~N(5, 0.25²) mm
- 6. The length of a shaft is *L*∼*N*(5,0.01²) in. What is the Pr{5 − 0.02 < *L* < 5 + 0.02}?
 A. 0.9545
 B. 0.9973
 C. 0.6827
 D. 0.9999
- 7. A circular rod with a diameter of $d \sim N(\mu_d, \sigma_d^2)$ is subjected to a tensile force $P \sim N(\mu_P, \sigma_P^2)$. The yield strength of the rod is S_y . If the reliability of the rod is defined by the probability $R = P\{S_y > \frac{4P}{\pi d^2}\}$, which of the following actions cannot improve the reliability?
 - A. Do not change *d* and decrease μ_P
 - B. Do not change *P* and increase μ_d
 - C. Do not change *P* and increase σ_d
 - D. Do not change *P* and decrease σ_d

8. For the above problem, if the limit-state function is defined by $g = S_y - \frac{4P}{\pi d^2}$, and denote μ_g and σ_g as the mean and standard deviation of g, respectively. Which of the following statements is true?

- A. The larger is μ_p , the larger is μ_g B. The larger is S_y , the larger is σ_q
- C. The smaller is S_y , the larger is σ_g D. The larger is S_y , the larger is μ_g
- 9. A cylindrical part is loaded by an axial force P, causing a stress of S~N(20, 2²) MPa. The modulus of elasticity is E = 200 GPa. What is the mean and standard deviation of the normal strain ε?
 A. μ_ε = 0.1, σ_ε = 0.01
 B. μ_ε = 0.1, σ_ε = 0.1
 C. μ_ε = 0.1, σ_ε = 0.001
 D. μ_ε = 0.1, σ_ε = 0.0001
- 10. For problem 9, if the allowable strain is $\epsilon_a = 0.12$, what is the probability of failure? A. $\Phi(20)$ B. $\Phi(-2)$ C. $\Phi(2)$ D. $\Phi(-20)$