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**GRADE 12**

**MATHEMATICAL LITERACY P1**

**EXEMPLAR 2025**

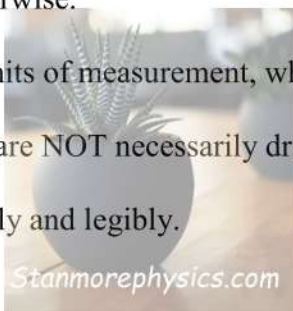
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**This question paper consists of 13 pages and a 19-page SPECIAL ANSWER BOOK.**

**INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION**

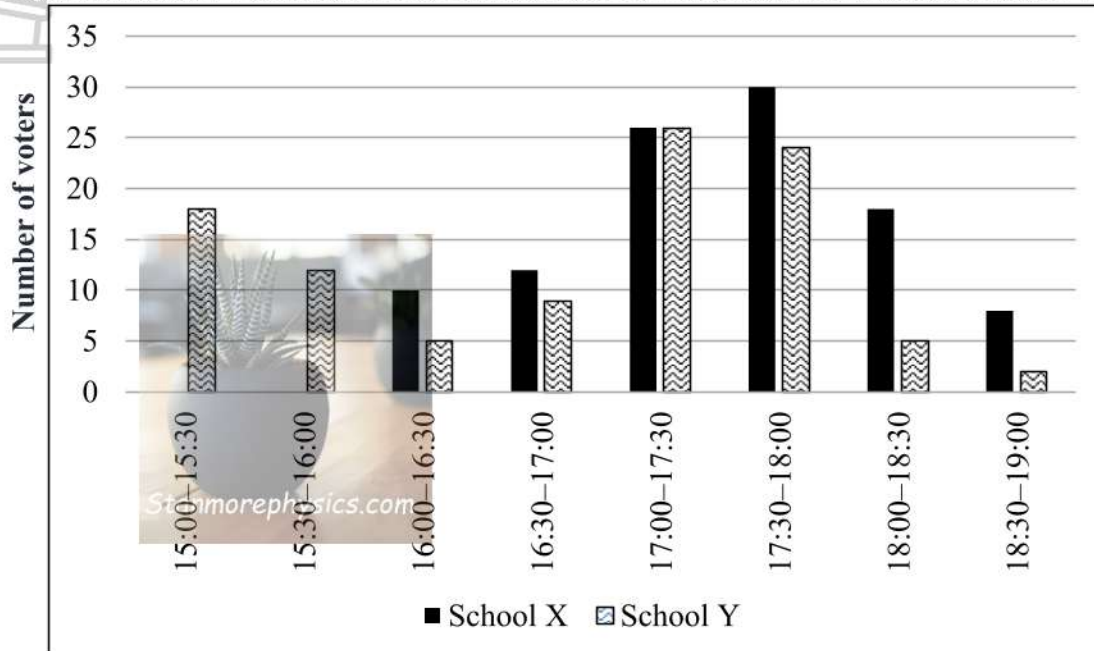
1. This question paper consists of FIVE questions.
2. Answer ALL the questions in the SPECIAL ANSWER BOOK provided.
3. You may use an approved calculator (non-programmable and non-graphical), unless stated otherwise.
4. Show ALL calculations clearly.
5. Round off ALL final answers appropriately according to the given context, unless stated otherwise.
6. Indicate units of measurement, where applicable.
7. Diagrams are NOT necessarily drawn to scale, unless stated otherwise.
8. Write neatly and legibly.



## QUESTION 1

- 1.1 School X and School Y conducted an election for new members to serve on the school governing body (SGB). The graph below shows the number of voters voting during different time slots at School X and School Y.

**NUMBER OF VOTERS PER TIME SLOT AT SCHOOL X AND SCHOOL Y**



[Adapted from SGB elections, 2024]

Use the information above to answer the questions that follow.

- 1.1.1 Write down the number of voters at School Y from 16:00–16:30. (2)
- 1.1.2 Identify the time slot when 30 people voted at School X. (2)
- 1.1.3 Choose the statement (A–C) below that BEST describes the trend of the voters at School Y. (2)
- A As time went by, the voter numbers increased to a maximum and then decreased.
  - B The voter numbers started high, then decreased and then picked up again.
  - C The number of voters decreased, then increased and finally decreased with time.
- 1.1.4 The probability of randomly selecting a voter from School X is 0,56 during the 17:30–18:00 time slot. (2)
- Write 0,56 as a simplified fraction.
- 1.1.5 Calculate the total number of voters at both schools who voted during the 17:00–17:30 time slot. (3)

1.2

The newly elected SGB planned to have lunch with the staff.

TABLE 1 below shows the average comparative food prices for May 2022 and May 2023 needed for some of the lunch items.

**TABLE 1: COMPARATIVE FOOD PRICES FOR SOME LUNCH ITEMS**

FOOD ITEMS	PRICE IN RAND		PERCENTAGE CHANGE	
	MAY 2022	MAY 2023	YEAR ON YEAR	MONTH ON MONTH
410 g beans	12,60	15,14	20,2	0,5
250 g instant coffee	45,56	48,47	6,4	-1,0
Eggs 1,5 dozen tray	52,97	57,33	8,2	1,6
750 ml sunflower oil	40,68	35,52	-12,7	-2,3
Oranges per kg	22,07	20,10	-8,9	-14,5
Chicken giblets per kg	37,73	46,75	23,9	2,2
Chicken portions per 2 kg	86,80	93,06	7,2	0,6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>R316,37</b>		

[Adapted from [www.statsa.gov.za](http://www.statsa.gov.za)]

Use TABLE 1 above to answer the questions that follow.

- 1.2.1 Identify the food items that showed a decrease in both the month-on-month and year-on-year percentage change. (3)
- 1.2.2 Determine the missing value, A. (2)
- 1.2.3 Calculate the price of a dozen eggs during May 2022. (2)
- 1.2.4 Write down the unit ratio, in the form **1 : ...**, for the price of the oranges in May 2022 to the price of the oranges in May 2023. (3)



1.3

TABLE 2 below gives definitions of terminology used in Mathematical Literacy.

**TABLE 2: TERMINOLOGY USED IN MATHEMATICAL LITERACY**

LETTER	DEFINITION
<b>A</b>	An increase in the price of a basket of goods or services over time that is representative of the economy as a whole
<b>B</b>	Sum of all the values divided by the number of values
<b>C</b>	The income received from the item sold and the cost price of the item is the same
<b>D</b>	Value or values appearing most often in a data set
<b>E</b>	The difference between the highest and lowest values in a data set
<b>F</b>	An amount paid regularly at a particular rate for the use/loan of money
<b>G</b>	These are amounts that must be paid every month and which stay the same, like rent, school fees and transport costs
<b>H</b>	Middle value in an ordered data set
<b>I</b>	Expenses that change over time or from one week/month to the next, e.g. telephone and electricity costs
<b>J</b>	The point where the income exceeds the expenses

Use TABLE 2 above and match the definitions with the terminology below. Write only the letter (A–J) next to the question numbers (1.3.1 to 1.3.4), e.g. 1.3.5 K.

- 1.3.1 Break-even point (2)
- 1.3.2 Inflation (2)
- 1.3.3 Variable expenses (2)
- 1.3.4 Mean (2)
- [29]

## QUESTION 2

- 2.1 Mieke purchased prepaid electricity and received the following till slip. Note that some information has been omitted.

TAX INVOICE VAT NO. 4420106777	
*** PREPAID ELECTRICITY ***	
Electricity Municipal Prepaid	
VAT REGISTRATION NO. 4370102313	
Meter: 07032985769	
DOMESTIC HOUSEHOLD TARIFF	
Transaction Sequence No.: 56332515	
Amount	R1 300,00
Units	*** kWh
Electricity	R1 130,43
VAT 15%	<b>B</b>
TOTAL	R1 300,00

[Adapted from original till slip]

Use the information above to answer the questions that follow.

- 2.1.1 Write down the meter number. (2)
- 2.1.2 Determine the missing value, **B**. (3)
- 2.1.3 A partial residential electricity tariff table (excluding VAT) is shown below.

**TABLE 3: RESIDENTIAL ELECTRICITY TARIFF**

BLOCK	CONSUMPTION (kWh)	TARIFF (R/kWh)
Block 1	0–350	2,19
Block 2	More than 350	2,91

- Determine the number of kWh units Mieke purchased. (7)

2.2

Miecke plans to install a home solar system unit consisting of solar panels, a battery and an inverter. She sees the advertisement below in a community newspaper showing the two different payment options for the same unit.

HOME SOLAR SYSTEM UNIT PAYMENT OPTIONS	
<b>OPTION 1: RENT-TO-OWN</b> Pay for 7 years at R1 549 p/m Additional costs: R782 initiation fee Buy-out after rental period R7 820	<b>OPTION 2: CASH PRICE</b> R78 200 (incl. VAT)

[Adapted from <https://solar.alumo.co.za>]

Use the information above to answer the questions that follow.

2.2.1 Write down the monthly instalment for the rent-to-own option. (2)

2.2.2 Calculate, excluding VAT, the cash price of the home solar system unit. (3)

2.2.3 After seven years, Miecke decides to buy-out the rent-to-own option.

Calculate the extra amount she has to pay compared to buying the home solar system unit for cash. (5)

2.3

Miecke is 45 years old and earns a monthly taxable income of R39 275,85 in the 2023/2024 tax year. She does not belong to a medical aid.

ANNEXURE A in the ANSWER BOOK shows the annual tax table for individuals for the 2023/2024 tax year.

Use ANNEXURE A and the information above to answer the questions that follow.

2.3.1 Identify the tax bracket that Miecke will use to calculate her income tax payable. (3)

2.3.2 Calculate Miecke's annual tax payable for the 2023/2024 tax year. (5)  
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**QUESTION 3**

- 3.1 ANNEXURE B in the ANSWER BOOK shows two graphs. GRAPH 1 shows the trends in the total number of Shoprite and Pick n Pay stores for the period 2014 to 2023. GRAPH 2 shows the trends in the total number of employees in these two stores for the period 2005 to 2023.

Use ANNEXURE B and the information above to answer the questions that follow.

- 3.1.1 Identify the year in which there was a decrease in the number of employees in the Pick n Pay stores for the first time. (2)
- 3.1.2 It is projected that the number of Pick n Pay stores will increase by 95,39% from 2023 to 2032.  
Determine, by means of calculations, the projected number of Pick n Pay stores in 2032. (3)
- 3.1.3 An analyst stated that Shoprite employed more employees per store than Pick n Pay during 2023.  
Verify, showing ALL calculations, whether the analyst's statement is valid. (6)
- 3.1.4 Determine, as a percentage, the probability of randomly selecting a year where the number of Shoprite stores is fewer than 2 000. (3)



3.2

A study relating to the amount of time spent (in minutes) by a selected number of customers in a store was conducted on a particular Saturday. On that Saturday, a total of 12 342 customers visited the store.

12	15	25	25	40	28	18	23
43	15	22	19	15	8	37	9
24	23	15	67	25	29	6	17
15	43	23	27	33	26	127	10

Use the information above to answer the questions that follow.

3.2.1 Write down the number of customers that represent the sample size and the number of customers that represent the population size for this study. (3)

3.2.2 Choose the correct option (A, B, C, D or E) that represents the stage in the data handling process that uses the measures of central tendency and spread.

- A Collecting data
- B Classifying and organising data
- C Summarising data
- D Representing data
- E Analysing data

(2)

3.2.3 Give a reason why the value of 127 is considered to be an outlier in the data set. (2)

3.2.4 Shown below, in rank order, is selected data of the time spent by customers in the store and an incomplete box-and-whisker plot of the same data.



Use the information above to answer the questions that follow.

(a) Calculate the value of the upper quartile (Q3). (3)

(b) Vuyo stated that if the outlier value was removed from the data set, the new interquartile (IQR) value would be 13.

Verify Vuyo's statement, showing ALL calculations.

(5)

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## QUESTION 4

- 4.1 Lee's parents plan to celebrate his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. This special event will be held at a popular hotel, starting at 18:00.

TABLE 4 below shows some of the budgeted expenses for the party.

**TABLE 4: BUDGETED EXPENSES FOR THE PARTY**

Cost of the venue	R750 deposit and R6 185 for the day
Food and drinks	R18 000
Birthday cake	R1 250
<b>OPTIONS FOR DISC JOCKEYS (DJs)</b>	
DJ Rain	R4 000 for 5 hours or less. Thereafter the tariff is an additional R1 250 per hour.
DJ 5-Star	R1 000 per hour or part thereof
DJ Cool	R6 000 for the party

[Adapted from [www.bloemshowgrounds.co.za/venues & bark.com](http://www.bloemshowgrounds.co.za/venues%20&%20bark.com)]

Use TABLE 4 and the information above to answer the questions that follow.

- 4.1.1 The table below represents the cost to hire DJ Rain.

**TABLE 5: COST TO HIRE DJ RAIN PER HOUR**

Number of hours	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Cost (in R)	4 000	4 000	P	4 000	4 000	Q	6 500	7 750	R

- (a) Write a formula to calculate the cost to hire DJ Rain for more than 5 hours in the following form:

$$\text{Cost} = \dots \quad (3)$$

- (b) Complete the table by calculating the missing values **P**, **Q** and **R**. (4)

- 4.1.2 The graphs showing the costs to hire DJ 5-Star and DJ Cool are shown on the ANSWER SHEET.

- (a) Name the type of graph used to represent the cost to hire DJ 5-Star. (2)

- (b) Use TABLE 5, showing the cost to hire DJ Rain for up to 9 hours, to draw a line graph on the same grid in the ANSWER BOOK. (4)

- 4.1.3 Lee's parents decide to hire DJ 5-Star for the 21<sup>st</sup> birthday party. DJ 5-Star will provide the music entertainment from 18:00 until 01:30.

Determine the total budgeted expenses for the party. (5)

- 4.1.4 Give ONE reason why Lee's parents did not choose DJ Cool. (2)

- 4.2 The hotel has three other smaller venues, each accommodating a maximum number of guests per function, as listed below:

Cinema-style venue	400 guests
Sit-down venue without dancing space	250 guests
Sit-down venue with dancing space	200 guests

TABLE 6 shows the number of guests accommodated for functions at the three venues during a specific month in 2022 and 2023.

**TABLE 6: ACTUAL NUMBER OF GUESTS PER FUNCTION**

YEAR	NUMBER OF GUESTS								
2023	180	350	400	200	215	90	150	230	160
2022	360	160	300	70	160	200	240		

[Adapted from [www.bloemshowgrounds.co.za/venues](http://www.bloemshowgrounds.co.za/venues)]

Use TABLE 6 and the information above to answer the questions that follow.

- 4.2.1 Write, as a decimal, the probability that a cinema-style venue was chosen as a suitable function venue for all the functions held during 2022 and 2023. (3)
- 4.2.2 Determine the median number of guests accommodated during 2023. (3)
- 4.2.3 The manager stated that the range of the number of guests per function during 2022, is the same as the range of the number of guests per function during 2023. (5)
- Verify, showing ALL calculations, whether his statement is valid. [31]



**QUESTION 5**

- 5.1 The pie charts on ANNEXURE C in the ANSWER BOOK show the Indian Union budgets for income and expenditure for 2023/2024. Some values have been omitted.

The currency used in India is the rupee. India also has different denominations for the larger currency amounts.

**NOTE:** 100 000 rupees = 1 lakh  
100 lakhs = 1 crore

Use ANNEXURE C and the information above to answer the questions that follow.

- 5.1.1 Choose the correct word from those given in brackets. Write down only the word next to the question number (5.1.1).

A budget is a (deficit/surplus/balanced) budget when the income is less than the expenditure. (2)

- 5.1.2 General sales tax (GST) is a tax that is similar to VAT in South Africa.

Calculate the missing percentage for GST on the pie chart. (3)

- 5.1.3 Calculate, in lakh crores, the amount spent on defence in India. (3)

- 5.1.4 List THREE sources of income shown on the pie chart where the total percentages add up to the borrowing percentage value. (3)

- 5.1.5 Sanji calculated, in lakh crores, the amount spent on interest payments. He rounded off his answer to the nearest whole number.

Sanji stated that the rounded answer he calculated did not make much difference in rupees when compared to the non-rounded answer.

Verify, showing ALL calculations, whether his statement is valid. (6)

- 5.2 In 2024, South Africa received R302,4 billion from corporate income tax.

**NOTE:** R1 000 000 = 4 447 989,1 rupees  
4 447 989,1 rupees = 44,479891 lakhs

[Adapted from [www.wise.com/](http://www.wise.com/), 10 June 2024]

- 5.2.1 Convert R302,4 billion to million rands. (2)

- 5.2.2 Hence, convert the South African corporate income tax to lakh crore. (4)



5.3

A house in Chennai, India, is valued at 5 000 000 rupees at the end of 2024.

TABLE 7 shows the inflation rates in India for house prices for the last five years.

**TABLE 7: INFLATION RATES IN INDIA FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS**

YEAR	INFLATION RATE
2024	8%
2023	7,5%
2022	7%
2021	6,5%
2020	6%

[Adapted from [hewire.in/economy/the-truth-about-inflation-in-india-and-around-the-world](https://www.hewire.in/economy/the-truth-about-inflation-in-india-and-around-the-world)]

Use TABLE 7 and the information above to answer the questions that follow.

- 5.3.1 Describe the trend in the inflation rates in India. (2)
- 5.3.2 Calculate how much the house was worth at the end of 2022. (6)

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## QUESTION 1

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1.3.1		(2)
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1.3.3		(2)
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## QUESTION 2

	Solution	Marks
2.1.1		(2)
2.1.2		(3)
2.1.3		(7)

	Solution	Marks
2.2.1		(2)
2.2.2		(3)
2.2.3		(5)



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## 2.3 ANNEXURE A

### TAX RATES FROM 1 MARCH 2023 TO 29 FEBRUARY 2024



Tax Bracket	Taxable income (R)	Tax rates (R)
A	1–237 100	18% of taxable income
B	237 101–370 500	42 678 + 26% of taxable income above 237 100
C	370 501–512 800	77 362 + 31% of taxable income above 370 500
D	512 801–673 000	121 475 + 36% of taxable income above 512 800
E	673 001–857 900	179 147 + 39% of taxable income above 673 000
F	857 901–1 817 000	251 258 + 41% of taxable income above 857 900
G	1 817 001 and above	644 489 + 45% of taxable income above 1 817 000

TAX REBATES 2023/2024	
Primary	R17 235
Secondary (person 65 and older)	R9 444
Tertiary (person 75 and older)	R3 145

TAX THRESHOLDS 2023/2024	
Under 65	R95 750
65 and older	R148 217
75 and older	R165 689

2023/2024 MEDICAL CREDITS – MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION	
For the taxpayer or for a dependant who is a member of a medical aid	R364
For the taxpayer and one dependant	R728
For each additional dependant	R246

[Adapted from [www.sars.gov.za](http://www.sars.gov.za)]

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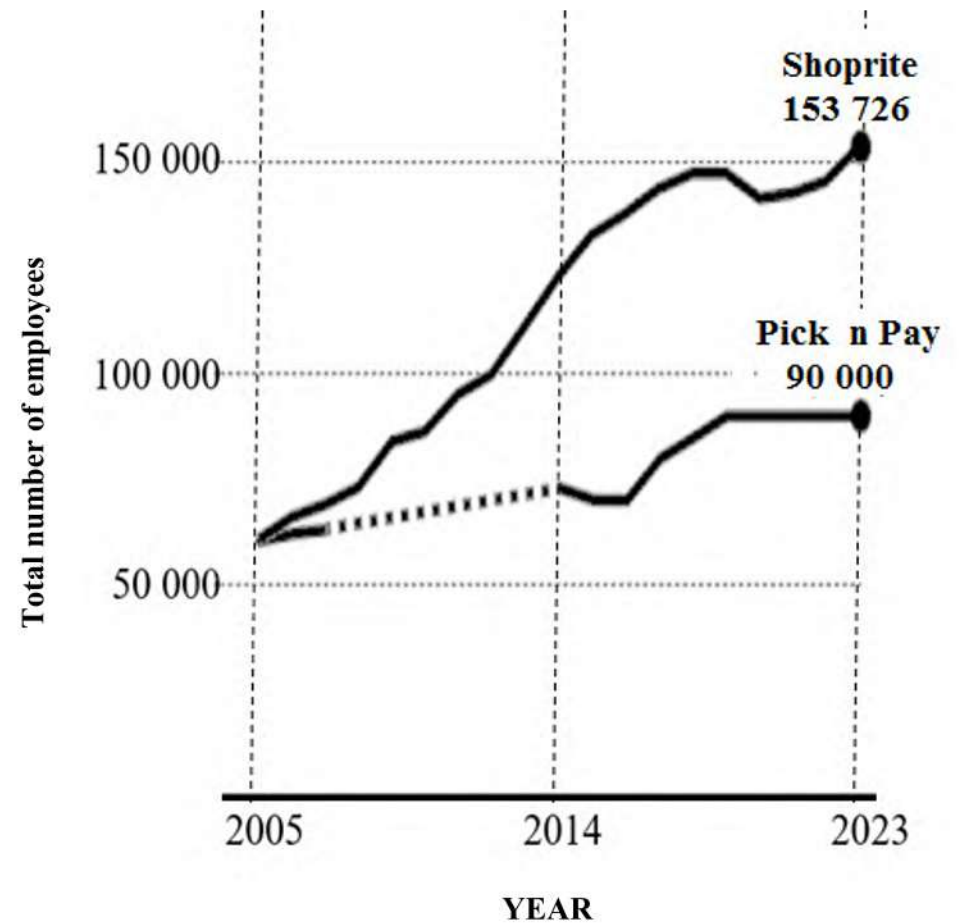
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#### 3.1 ANNEXURE B

**GRAPH 1: TRENDS IN  
THE TOTAL NUMBER OF STORES**



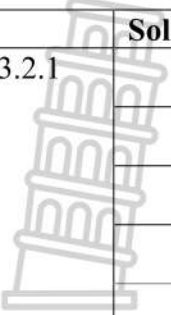

**GRAPH 2: TRENDS IN  
THE TOTAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES**



[Adapted from [www.theoutlier.co.za](http://www.theoutlier.co.za)]

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3.1.1		(2)
3.1.2		(3)
3.1.3		(6)
3.1.4		(3)



	Solution	Marks
3.2.1		(3)
3.2.2		(2)
3.2.3		(2)
3.2.4(a)		(3)
3.2.4(b)		(5)
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### QUESTION 4

	Solution	Marks
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4.1.1(b)		(4)
4.1.2(a)		(2)

**Solution**

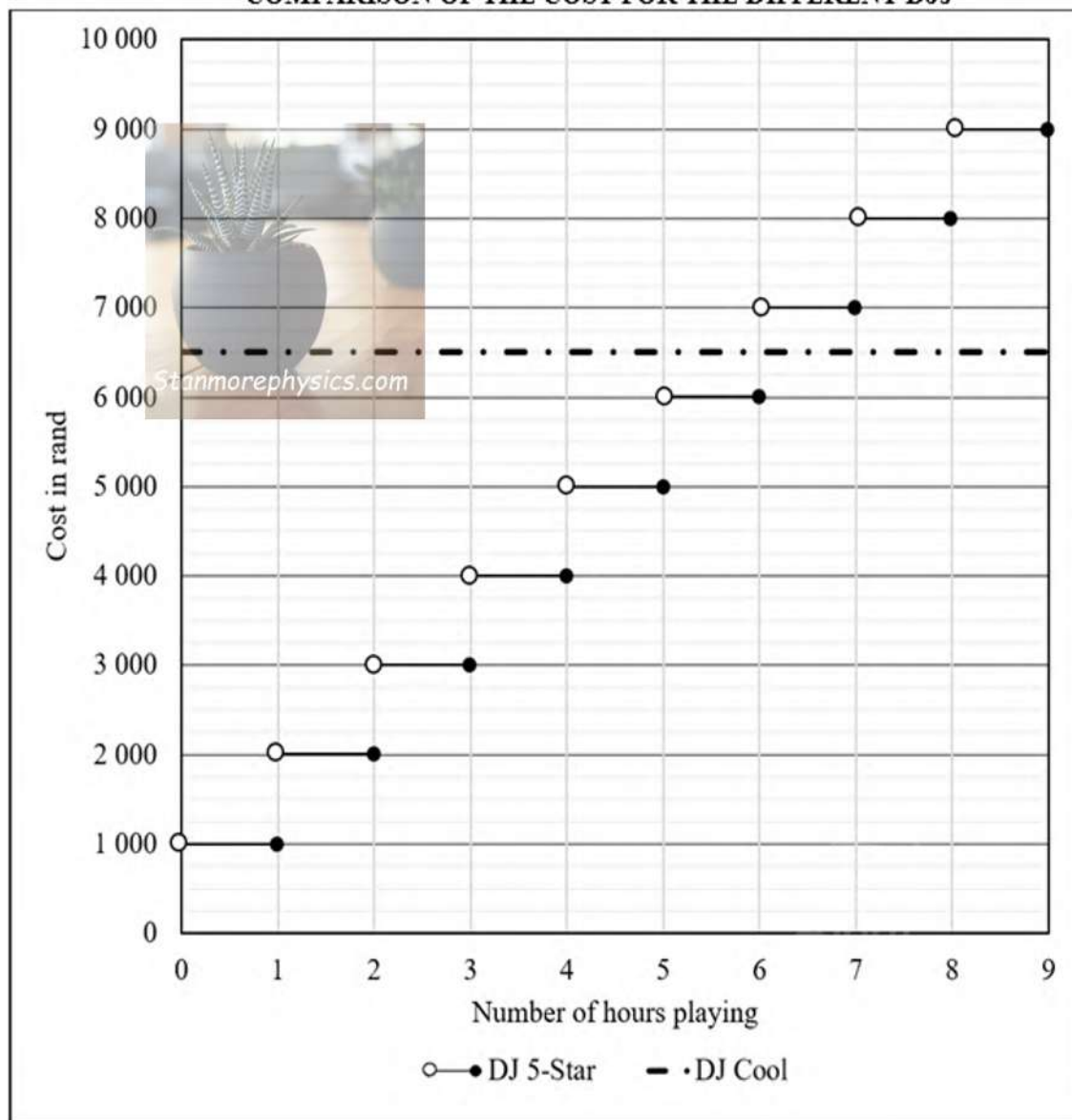
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4.1.2(b)

**TABLE 5: COST TO HIRE DJ RAIN PER HOUR**

Number of hours	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Cost (in R)	4 000	4 000	P	4 000	4 000	Q	6 500	7 750	R

**COMPARISON OF THE COST FOR THE DIFFERENT DJs**



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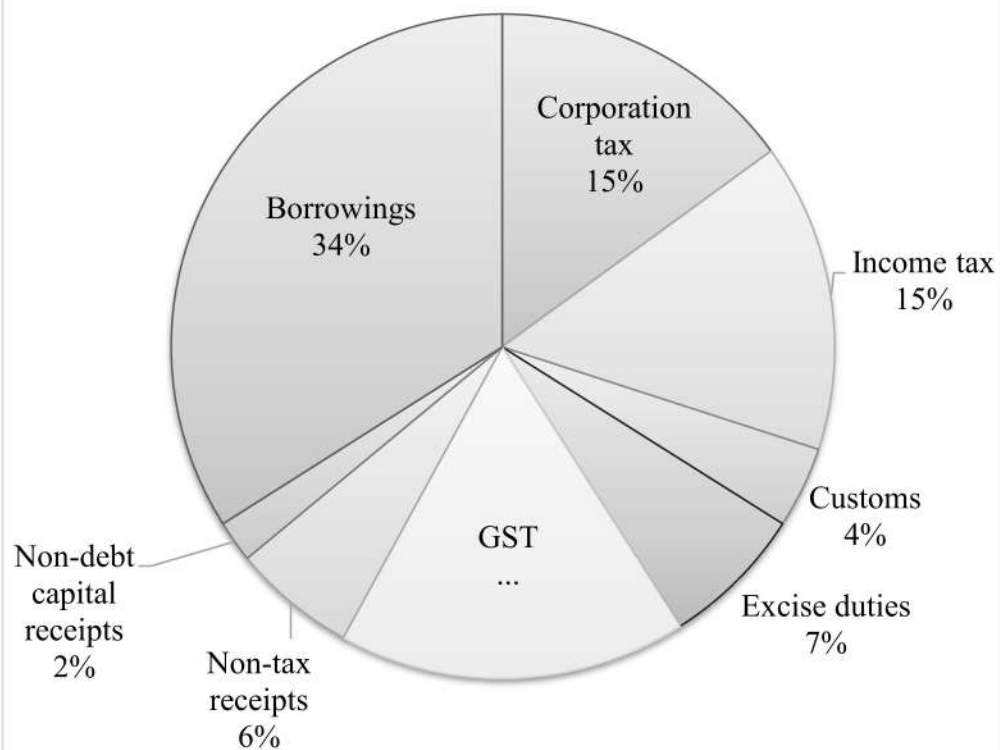
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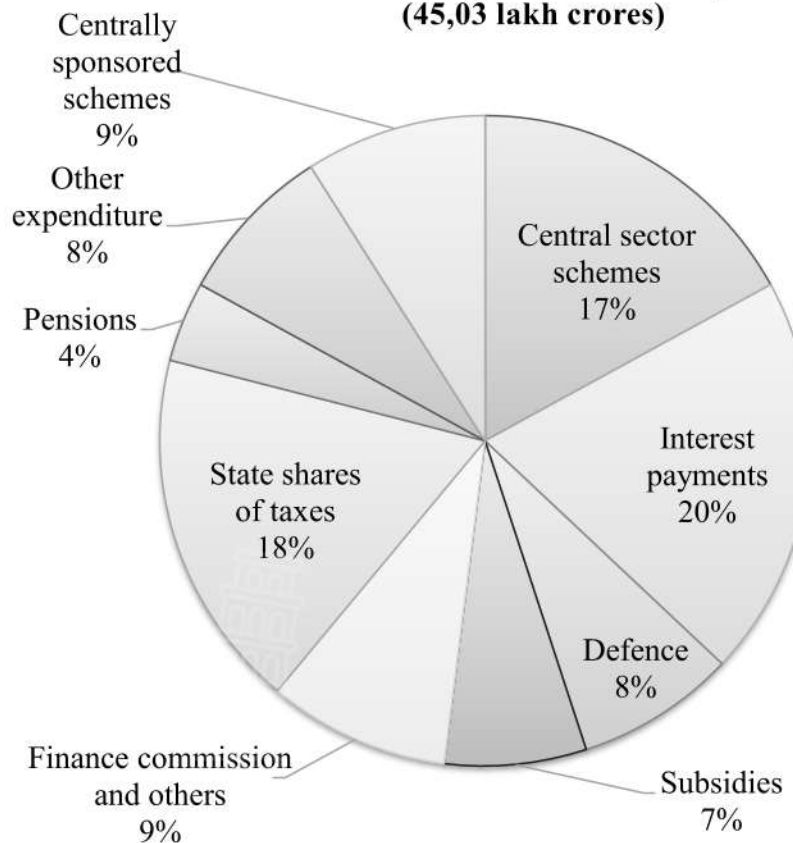
ANNEXURE C



**Indian Union Budget Income Sources in 2023-2024**  
(45,03 lakh crores)



**Indian Union Budget 2023-2024 Expenditure**  
(45,03 lakh crores)



[Adapted from <https://www.equentis.com>]



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5.1.3		(3)
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