Z-Score Practice Worksheet

1. A normal distribution of scores has a standard deviation of 10. Find the z-scores corresponding to each of the following values:

a) A score that is 20 points above the mean. z=2

- b) A score that is 10 points below the mean. z=-1
- c) A score that is 15 points above the mean z=1.5
- d) A score that is 30 points below the mean. z=-3
- 2. The Welcher Adult Intelligence Test Scale is composed of a number of subtests. On one subtest, the raw scores have a mean of 35 and a standard deviation of 6. Assuming these raw scores form a normal distribution:
 - a) What number represents the 65thpercentile (what number separates the lower 65% of the distribution)? 37.31
 - b)What number represents the 90 phercentile? 42.71
 - c) What is the probability of getting a raw score between 28 and 38? 57%
 - d) What is the probability of getting a raw score between 41 and 44? 9%
- 3. Scores on the SAT form a normal distribution with 10500and 10100.
 - a) What is the minimum score necessary to be in the top 15% of the SAT distribution? 604
 - b) Find the range of values that defines the middle 80% of the distribution of SAT scores (372 and 628). Find the z-scores -1.28, 1.28
- 4. For a normal distribution, find the z-score that separates the distribution as follows:
 - a) Separate the highest 30% from the rest of the distribution. .52
 - b) Separate the lowest 40% from the rest of the distribution. .25
 - c) Separate the highest 75% from the rest of the distribution. -.67

5. For the numbers below, find the area between the mean and the z-score: a) z = 1.17 .38

b) z = -1.37 .41

6. For the z-scores below, find the percentile rank (percent of individuals scoring below):

a) -0.47 31.9 Percentile b) 2.24 98.8 Percentile

- 7. For the numbers below, find the percent of cases falling above the z-score:
 a) 0.24 41%
 b) -2.07 98%
- 8. A patient recently diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease takes a cognitive abilities test and scores a 45. The mean on this test is 52 and the standard deviation is 5. What is the patient's percentile rank? 8.1%
- 9. A fifth grader takes a standardized achievement test (mean = 125, standard deviation = 15) and scores a 148. What is the child's percentile rank? 94%
- 10. Pat and Chris both took a spatial abilities test (mean = 80, std. dev. = 8). Pat scores a 76 and Chris scored a 94. What percent of individuals would score between Pat and Chris? 65%
- 11. A normal distribution of scores has a standard deviation of 10. Find the z-scores corresponding to each of the following values:
 - a) A score of 60, where the mean score of the sample data values is 40. Z=2
 - b) A score that is 30 points below the mean. z=-3
 - c) A score of 80, where the mean score of the sample data values is 30. Z=5

d) A score of 20, where the mean score of the sample data values is 50. Z=-3

- 12. IQ scores have a mean of 100 and a standard deviation of 16. Albert Einstein reportedly had an IQ of 160.
- a. What is the difference between Einsteins IQ and the mean? 60
- b. How many standard deviations is that? 3.75
- c. Convert Einstein's IQ score to a z score. (160 100)/16 = 3.75
- d. If we consider "usual IQ scores to be those that convert z scores between -2 and 2, is Einstein's IQ usual or unusual? Unusual
- 13. Women's heights have a mean of 63.6 in. and a standard deviation of 2.5 inches. Find the z score corresponding to a woman with a height of 70 inches and determine whether the height is unusual. Z = (70 - 63.6)/2.5 = 2.56

14. Three students take equivalent stress tests. Which is the highest relative score (meaning which has the largest z score value)? C has the highest z - score a. A score of 144 on a test with a mean of 128 and a standard deviation of 34..47

b. A score of 90 on a test with a mean of 86 and a standard deviation of 18. .22

c. A score of 18 on a test with a mean of 15 and a standard deviation of 5. .6