

**CHAPTER 2****ORGANIZING VISUALIZING AND DESCRIBING DATA**

1. (C) Winsorized mean.

**Explanation**

A winsorized mean is a technique for removing the distorting effects of outliers by replacing them with less extreme values. The arithmetic and geometric means are based on all observation and therefore include the impact of outliers.

(Study Session 1, Module 2.3, LOS 2.h)

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2. (C) positively skewed.

**Explanation**

The distance to the left from the mode to the beginning of the range is 8. The distance to the right from the mode to the end of the range is 15. Therefore, the distribution is skewed to the right, which means that it is positively skewed.

(Study Session 1, Module 2.5, LOS 2.I)

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3. (B) 141.7.

**Explanation**

The formula for determining quantiles is:  $L_y = (n + 1)(y) / (100)$ . Here, we are looking for the seventh decile (70% of the observations lie below) and the formula is:  $(21)(70) / (100) = 14.7$ . The seventh decile falls between 141.0 and 142.0 the fourteenth and fifteenth numbers from the left. Since L is not a whole number, we interpolate as:  $141.0 + (0.70)(142.0 - 141.0) = 141.7$ .

(Study Session 1, Module 2.4, LOS 2.i)

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4. (A) 7.7%

**Explanation**

Geometric mean =  $[(1.10)(1.14)(1.12)(1.10)(0.90)(1.12)]^{1/6} - 1 = 0.0766$ , or 7.66%

**For Further Reference:**

(Study Session 1, Module 2.3, LOS 2.g)

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5. (C) 23.3%

**Explanation**

Total number of frequencies =  $5 + 7 + 9 + 6 + 3 = 30$ .

The relative frequency of the 0% -10% interval is its frequency (7) as a proportion of the total frequency:  $7 / 30 = 23.3\%$ .

(Study Session 1, Module 2.1, LOS 2.c)

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6. (A) Height of the corresponding bar.

**Explanation**

In a histogram, intervals are placed on horizontal axis, and frequencies are placed on the vertical axis. The frequency of the particular interval is given by value on the vertical axis, or the height of the corresponding bar.

(Study session 1, Module 2.2, LOS 2.e)

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7. (A) 20%

**Explanation**

Coefficient of variation,  $CV = \text{standard deviation} / \text{mean}$ . The standard deviation is the square root of the variance, or  $4^{1/2} = 2$ . So,  $CV = 2 / 10 = 20\%$

(Study Session 1, Module 2.4, LOS 2.j)

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8. (A) time series data.

**Explanation**

Time series data are taken at equally spaced intervals, such as monthly, quarterly, or annual. Cross sectional data are taken at a single point in time. An example of cross – sectional data is dividend yields on 500 stocks as of the end of a year.

(Study session 1, Module 2.1, LOS 2.a)

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9. (A) 3.87%

**Explanation**

Year	Return	Deviations below 4%	Squared deviation
1	2.00%	-2.00%	0.0004
2	9.00%		
3	8.00%		
4	-5.00%	-9.00%	0.0081
5	6.00%		
6	8.00%		
7	9.00%		
8	-3.00%	-7.00%	0.0049
9	10.00%		
10	3.00%	-1.00%	0.0001
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0135</b>

$$\text{Target semi deviation} = \sqrt{\frac{0.0135}{10-1}} = 0.0387 = 3.87\%$$

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10. (C) The relative frequency of the interval -2.0% to 0.0% equals the relative frequency of the interval 2.0% to 4.0%.

**Explanation**

When completed, the frequency distribution table should look as follows:

Frequency Distribution of Monthly Small Cap Stock Returns		
Interval	Absolute Frequency	Relative Frequency
-4.0% to -2.0%	1	11.1%
-2.0% to 0.0%	1	11.1%
0.0% to 2.0%	5	55.6%
2.0% to 4.0%	2	22.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

The relative frequency of the interval -2.0% to 0.0% does not equal the relative frequency of the interval 2.0% to 4.0%.

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11. (C) joint frequencies.

**Explanation**

The values shown in the table are joint frequencies. For example, 20 is the joint frequency of large-cap stocks and value stocks. Marginal frequencies and relative frequencies can be calculated from this table. For example, the marginal frequency of growth stocks is  $25 + 50 = 75$ , and the relative frequency of value stocks among small-cap stocks is  $5 / (5 + 25) = 16.7\%$

(Study Session 1, Module 2.1, LOS 2.d)

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12. (B) The geometric mean may be used to estimate the average return over a one-period time horizon because it is the average of the average of one-period returns.

**Explanation**

The arithmetic mean may be used to estimate the average return over a one-period time horizon because it is the average of one-period returns. Both remaining statements are true.

(Study Session 1, Module 2.3, LOS 2.g)

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13. (A) 20%; 3%

**Explanation**

$$(14 + 20 + 24 + 22) / 4 = 20 \text{ (mean)}$$

Take the absolute value of the differences and divide by n:

$$\text{MAD} = [ |14-20| + |20-20| + |24-20| + |22-20| ] / 4 = 3\%$$

(Study Session 1, Module 2.4, LOS 2.j)

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14. (C) Mean > median > mode.

**Explanation**

For the positively skewed distribution, the mode is less than median, which is less than the mean.

(Study Session 1, Module 2.5, LOS 2.l)

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15. (C) 9.1 %

**Explanation**

Standard deviation =  $\left[ \sum_i (x_i - \bar{X})^2 / (n-1) \right]^{1/2} = (744.10 / 9)^{1/2} = 9.1\%$

(Study Session 1, Module 2.4, LOS 2.j)

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16. (C) height of the corresponding bar.

**Explanation**

In a histogram, intervals are placed on the horizontal axis, and frequencies are placed on the vertical axis. The frequency of a particular interval is given by the value on the vertical axis, or the height of the corresponding bar.

(Study Session 1, Module 2.2, LOS 2.e)

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17. (C) Histogram.

**Explanation**

A histogram depicts the shape and range of a distribution of numerical data.

(Study Session 1, Module 2.2, LOS 2.e)

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18. (A) Word cloud.

**Explanation**

A word cloud is a visual way of representing unstructured textual data. Each word is displayed in a size proportional to its frequency in the text.

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19. (C) positive skewness has a long left tail.

**Explanation**

A distribution with positive skewness has long right tails.

(Study Session 1, Module 2.5, LOS 2.m)

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20. (C) **nominal data.**

**Explanation**

Nominal data are categorical data that cannot be ordered in a logical manner. An example would be industry classifications by GICS. The dividend yield of the S&P 500 is an example of numerical data as represents measured or counted quantities. It is also an example continuous data as the dividend yield can take on any numerical value within a range of specified values.

(Study Session 1, Module 2.1, LOS 2.a)

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21. (C) **The relative frequency of the second interval is less than 15%**

**Explanation**

The relative interval frequency is (interval frequency) / (total number) = 28.7%.  
The number of observation is 5 + 10 + 15 + 5 = 35

(Study Session 1, Module 2.1, LOS 2.c)

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22. (B) **2.75%; 3.00%**

**Explanation**

Geometric Mean:  $(1.15 \times 1.02 \times 1.05 \times 0.93 \times 1.0)^{1/5} - 1 = 1.1454^{1/5} - 1 = 2.75\%$

Arithmetic Mean:  $(15\% + 2\% + 5\% - 7\% + 0\%) / 5 = 3.00\%$

(Study Session 1, Module 2.3, LOS 2.g)

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23. (B) **organize data into overlapping groups.**

**Explanation**

Data in a frequency distribution must belong to only one group or interval. Intervals are mutually exclusive and non-overlapping.

(Study session 1, Module 2.1, LOS 2.c)

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24. (C) **A histogram connects points with a straight line.**

**Explanation**

In constructing a frequency polygon, the midpoint of each interval is plotted on the horizontal axis and the frequency of each interval is plotted on the vertical axis. Points are then connected with straight lines. A histogram is a bar chart of data that has been grouped into a frequency distribution – because it is a bar chart, there are no individual points to connect.

(Study Session 1, Module 2.2, LOS 2.e)

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25. (C) **paired observation of two variables.**

**Explanation**

Scatter plots display paired observation of two variables. They do not require the two variables to have a dependent relationship, but they can be a tool for analyzing whether one of the variables is dependent on the other.

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26. (A) **cross-sectional data.**

**Explanation**

Cross-sectional data are a sample of observations taken at a single point in time-series is a sample of observation taken at specific and equally spaced points in time. Panel data consist of a cross-section of time series data.

(Study session 1, Module 2.1, LOS 2.a)

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27. (B) **-0.5%**

**Explanation**

$$G = [(1.10)(0.85)(1.00)(1.05)^{0.25} - 1$$

$$G = (0.98175)^{0.25} - 1 = 0.9954 - 1 = -0.00459 = -0.5\%$$

**Note:** Taking a number to the 0.25 power is the same as taking the fourth root of the number.

**For Further Reference:**

(Study Session 1, Module 2.3, LOS 2.g)

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28. (A) **17.0%**

**Explanation**

With 9 observations, the location of the 70<sup>th</sup> percentile is  $(9 + 1) (70 / 100) = 7$ . The seventh observation in ascending order is 17.0%

(Study Session 1, Module 2.4, LOS 2.i)

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29. (A) 4.49%

**Explanation**

The geometric return is calculated as follows:

$$[(1 + 0.20) \times (1 + 0.15) \times (1 + 0.0)(1 - 0.05)(1.0.05)^{1/5} - 1,$$

$$\text{Or } [1.20 \times 1.15 \times 1.0 \times 0.95 \times 0.95]^{0.2} - 1 = 0.449, \text{ or } 4.49\%$$

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30. (C) 5.6%

**Explanation**

The mean absolute deviation is found by taking the mean of the absolute values of deviations from the mean.

$$(|15 - 3| + |2 - 3| + |5 - 3| + |-7 - 3| + |0 - 3|) / 5 = 5.60\%$$

(Study Session 1, Module 2.4, Los 2.)

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31. (B) have a mean that is less than its median.

**Explanation**

With the low outlier included, the distribution will be negatively skewed. For a negatively skewed distribution, the mean is less than the median, which is less than the mode.

(Study Session 1, Module 2.5, Los 2.)

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32. (A) The harmonic Mean.

**Explanation**

$$\text{Harmonic mean} = \frac{4}{\frac{1}{1.04} + \frac{1}{1.03} + \frac{1}{1.02} + \frac{1}{1.30}} - 1 = 0.0864 = 8.64\%$$

$$\text{Geometric mean} = [(1.04) (1.03) (1.02) (1.30)]^{1/4} - 1 = 0.0917 = 9.17\%$$

$$\text{Arithmetic mean} = \frac{4\% + 3\% + 2\% + 30\%}{4} = 9.75\%$$

(Study Session 1, Module 2.3, LOS 2.h)

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33. (A) It has a lower percentage of small deviations from the mean than a normal distribution.

**Explanation**

A distribution with positive excess kurtosis has a higher percentage of small deviations from the mean than normal. So it is more “peaked” than a normal distribution. A distribution with positive skew has a mean > mode.

(Study Session 1, Module 2.5, LOS 2.m)

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34. (B) mean only

**Explanation**

Mean is affected because it is the sum of all values / number of observations. Median is not affected as it is the midpoint between the top half of values and the bottom half of values.

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35. (B) 65% of all the observations are below that observation.

**Explanation**

If the observation falls at the sixty-fifth percentile, 65% of all the observations fall below that observation.

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36. (A) 7.0%

**Explanation**

$$(0.333)(0.06) + (0.333)(0.10) + 0.333(0.05) = 0.07$$

(Study Session 1, Module 2.3, LOS 2.g)

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37. (B) panel data.

**Explanation**

Panel data are a combination of time series and cross-sectional data. Dividend yields for several stocks are cross-sectional data, and data for each stock over the last five years are time series.

(Study Session 1, Module 2.1, LOS 2.a)

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**38. (B) correlations among multiple variables.**

**Explanation**

A scatter plot matrix is a set of scatter plots that is useful for visualizing correlation among multiple pairs of variables.

(Study Session 1, Module 2.2, LOS 2.e)

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**39. (C) 20.4%**

**Explanation**

$62 + 40 = 102$ ,  $102 / 500 = 0.204$  or 20.4%

(Study Session 1, Module 2.1, LOS 2.c)

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**40. (B) leptokurtic.**

**Explanation**

A distribution that is more peaked than normal is leptokurtic. A leptokurtic distribution has fatter tails compared to a normal distribution. This means there is a greater chance of observing extreme outcomes. Market returns are leptokurtic.

A distribution that is flatter than a normal distribution is termed platykurtic.

(Study Session 1, Module 2.5, LOS 2.m)

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**41. (C) a combination of time series and cross-sectional data.**

**Explanation**

Panel data combine time series and cross-sectional data into a single display, typically a table. For example, annual rates of return for the last 10 year (time series) can be shown for selected companies' common stocks (cross-section).

(Study Session 1, Module 2.1, LOS 2.a)

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**42. (A) a one-dimensional array.**

**Explanation**

A one-dimensional array is used when tabulating a single variable.

(Study Session 1, Module 2.1, LOS 2.b)

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43. (A) No.

**Explanation**

Standard III(D) Performance Presentation does not prohibit showing past performance of fund managed at a previous firm as part of a performance track record if accompanied by appropriate disclosures. In this instance, Arc clearly detailed that the performance occurred while Martin was the manager of Alpha Emerging Markets Fund. A minimum 5-year performance history is a requirement for GIPS compliance, but use of GIPS is not required by Standard III(D).

**For Further Reference:**

(Study Session 1, Module 2.3, LOS 2.g)

CFA® Program Curriculum, Volume 6, page 285

CFA® Program Curriculum, Volume 6, Page 285

CFA® Program Curriculum, Volume 6, Page 305, 310, and 312

**Related Material**

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44. (C) scatter plot.

**Explanation**

A scatter plot is useful for visualizing the relationship between two variables. An advantages of scatter plots is that they can reveal non linear relationship that measures of linear relationship such as correlation might not show.

(Study Session 1, Module 2.2, LOS 2.e)

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45. (C) A leptokurtic distribution has fatter tails than a normal distribution.

**Explanation**

A leptokurtic distribution is more peaked than normal and has fatter tails. However, the excess kurtosis is greater than zero.

(Study Session 1, Module 2.5, LOS 2.m)

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46. (C) banking sector companies over the last three years.

**Explanation**

“Banking sector companies” and “the last three years” represent two dimensions. One company’s earnings per share over the last five years is a time series, and earnings per share for 100 companies in the most recent period are a cross section, either of which require only a one-dimensional array.

(Study Session 1, Module 2.1, LOS 2.b)

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47. (A) **The median is equal to the mode.**

**Explanation**

The median is the mid-point or central number of returns arranged from highest to lowest or lowest to highest. In this case: 7, 8, 9, 12, 12, 13, 14. The median return is 12%. The mode is the return that occurs most frequently. In this case, 12% is also the mode. The mean is  $75 / 7 = 10.71 = 10.71\%$ .

(Study Session 1, Module 2.3, LOS 2.g)

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48. (C) **700**

**Explanation**

$700 - 800$ , lower boundary = 700

(Study Session 1, Module 2.1, LOS 2.c)

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49. (A) **0.78.**

**Explanation**

The coefficient of variation expresses how much dispersion exists relative to the mean of a distribution. It is a measure of risk per unit of mean return.

$CV = s / \text{mean} = 3.56 / 4.56 = 0.781$ , or 78%.

(study Session 1, Module 2.4, LOS 2.j)

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50. (A) **0.167.**

**Explanation**

The coefficient of variation is the standard deviation divided by the mean:

$5 / 30 = 0.167$ .

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51. (A) **90%**

**Explanation**

Total number of observations = 30.

Cumulative relative frequency =  $(5 + 7 + 9 + 6) / 30 = 90\%$

(Study Session 1, Module 2.1, LOS 2.c)

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52. (C) 50.

**Explanation**

For 50 companies, the model incorrectly predicted that they would not default on their loan payments (i.e., predicted “no” and actual default “yes”). The total number of companies predicted not to default is 80, and for 30 companies the model correctly predicted that they would not default (i.e., predicted “no” and actual default “no”).

(Study Session 1, Module 2.1 LOS 2.d)

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53. (A) three dimensions.

**Explanation**

A bubble line chart is a version of a line chart where data point are replaced with varying sized bubbles to represent a third dimension of the data (i.e., one not represented by either the vertical or horizontal axis).

(Study Session 1, Module 2.2, LOS 2.e)

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54. (B) 8.0.

**Explanation**

The sample variance is found by taking the sum of all squared deviations from the mean and dividing by  $(n - 1)$ .

$$[(15 - 3)^2 + (2 - 3)^2 + (5 - 3)^2 + (-7 - 3)^2 + (0 - 3)^2] / (5 - 1) = 64.5$$

The sample standard deviation is found by taking the square root of the sample variance.

$$\sqrt{64.5} = 8.03$$

(Study Session 1, Module 2.4, LOS 2.j)

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55. (A) mean > median > mode.

**Explanation**

When a distribution is positively skewed the right side tail is longer than normal due to outliers. The mean will exceed the median, and the median will generally exceed the mode because large outliers falling to the far right side of the distribution can dramatically influence the mean.

(Study Session 1, Module 2.5, LOS 2.l)

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56. (A) 15.8%

**Explanation**

Here we need to multiply the return by the proportion that each stock represents in the portfolio then sum.

Stock	Return	Invested	Proportion of Portfolio	Return x Proportion
P	20%	\$7,000	7/127/12	20% x 7/12
Q	10%	\$5,000	5/125/12	10% x 5/12
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$12,000</b>		<b>15.83%</b>

(Study Session 1, Module 2.3, LOS 2.g)

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57. (A) Mode, median, mean.

**Explanation**

In a positively skewed distribution, the mode is less than the median, which is less than the mean.

(Study Session 1, Module 2.5, LOS 2.l)

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58. (A) 0.5% to 5.2%

**Explanation**

The interquartile range is from the first quartile (25th percentile) to the third quartile (75th percentile) and it represented as the box in a box-and-whisker plot. The horizontal line within the box represents the median (50th percentile).

(Study Session 1, Module 2.4, LOS 2.i)

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59. (B) 11.00; 10.97.

**Explanation**

Arithmetic Mean:  $12 + 14 + 9 + 13 + 7 = 55$ ;  $55 / 5 = 11$

Geometric Mean:  $[(1.12 \times 1.14 \times 1.09 \times 1.13 \times 1.07)^{1/5}] - 1 = 10.97\%$

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60. (A) replaces outliers with less extreme returns.

**Explanation**

The winsorized mean is a technique for dealing with outliers. For example, a 90% winsorized mean replaces the lowest 5% of values with the fifth percentile, and replaces the highest 5% of values with the 95% percentile. The arithmetic mean weights all observations equally. The geometric mean captures the compounded growth rate of the fund.

(Study Session 1, Module 2.3, LOS 2.g)

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61. (B) 12.

**Explanation**

Calculate the mean:

$$\frac{25 + 15 + 35 + 45 + 55}{5} = 35$$

To get the mean absolute deviation, sum the deviations around the mean (ignoring the sign), and divide by the number of observations:

$$\frac{10 + 20 + 0 + 10 + 20}{5} = 12$$

(Study Session 1, Module 2.4, LOS 2.j)

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62. (C) 8.75%; 8.34%

**Explanation**

$$(14 + 6 + (-5) + 20) / 4 = 8.75.$$

$$((1.14 \times 1.06 \times 0.95 \times 1.20)^{0.25} - 1 = 8.34\%.$$

(Study Session 1, Module 2.3, LOS 2.g)

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63. (B) 21.0(%<sup>2</sup>).

**Explanation**

$$[(4 - 5)^2 + (10 - 5)^2 + (1 - 5)^2] / (3 - 1) = 21 (\%^2)$$

(Study Session 1, Module 2.4, LOS2.j)

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64. (B) Median.

**Explanation**

Median = middle of distribution = 8 (middle number);

Mode =  $(3 + 3 + 5 + 8 + 9 + 13 + 17) / 7 = 8.28$

Mode = Most frequent observation = 3.

(Study Session 1, Module 2.3, LOS 2.g)

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65. (A) 18.05%.

**Explanation**

Find the weighted mean of the returns.

$(0.10 \times 0.02) + (0.30 \times 0.095) + (0.60 \times 0.25) = 18.05\%$

Assets	Weight	Return	Weight x Return
Cash	10%	2%	10% x 2% = 0.2%
Bonds	30%	9.5%	30% x 9.5% = 2.85%
Stock	60%	25%	60% x 25% = 15%
Weighted Average Return Σ Weight x probability			18.05%

(Study Session 1, Module 2.3, LOS 2.g)

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66. (C) more peaked than a normal distribution.

**Explanation**

A distribution with positive excess kurtosis is more peaked and has fatter tails than a normal distribution.

(Study Session 1, Module 2.5, LOS 2.m)

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67. (C) 4.96% less than

**Explanation**

The geometric return is calculated as follows:

$[(1 + 0.25)(1 + 0.15)(1 + 0.12)(1 - 0.08)(1 - 0.14)]^{1/5} - 1,$

Or  $[1.25 \times 1.15 \times 1.12 \times 0.92 \times 0.86]^{0.2} - 1 = 0.4960$ , or **4.96%**

The geometric return will always be less than or equal to the arithmetic return. In this case the arithmetic return was 6%

(Study Session 1, Module 2.3, LOS 2.g)

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68. (A) **Mean, median, mode.**

**Explanation**

In a negatively skewed distribution, the mean is less than median, which is less than the mode.

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69. (C) **highest and lowest 2.5% of observation.**

**Explanation**

A 5% trimmed means discards the highest 2.5% and lowest 2.5% of observations and is the arithmetic average of the remaining 95% of observations.

(Study Session 1, Module 2.3, LOS 2.g)

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70. (B) **0.97%**

**Explanation**

The sample standard deviation equals the square root of the squares of the position returns less than mean return, divided by the number of observations is the sample minus one.

Position	Return (%)	(Return – Mean) <sup>2</sup>
A	1.3	0.60
B	1.4	0.46
C	2.2	0.02
D	3.4	1.76
Mean	8.3/4= 2.075	Sum = 2.83
Std. Dev. = $[2.83 / (4 - 1)]^{0.5} = 0.97$		

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71. (B) **a two-dimensional array.**

**Explanation**

The information is an example of panel data and requires a two-dimensional array because there are multiple countries and multiple years.

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72. (B) **the mode, but less than the mean.**

**Explanation**

For a positively skewed distribution, the mean is greater than the median, and the median is greater than the mode. Their order reverses for a negatively skewed distribution.

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73. (B) **Y.**

**Explanation**

The coefficient of variation,  $CV = \text{standard deviation} / \text{arithmetic mean}$ , is a common measure of relative dispersion (risk).  $CV_x = 0.7 / 0.9 = 0.78$ ;  $CV_Y = 4.7 / 1.2 = 3.92$ ; and  $CV_z = 5.2 / 1.5 = 3.47$ . Because a higher CV means higher relative risk, Security Y has the highest relative risk.

**For Further Reference:**

(Study Session 1, Module 2.4 LOS 2.j)

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74. (B) **19.24.**

**Explanation**

Calculation are as follows:

1. Sample mean =  $(125 + 175 + 150 + 155 + 135) / 5 = 148$
2. Sample variance =  $[(125 - 148)^2 + (175 - 148)^2 + (150 - 148)^2 + (155 - 148)^2 + (135 - 148)^2] / (5 - 1) = 1,480 / 4 = 370$
3. Sample Standard Deviation =  $370^{1/2} = 19.24\%$

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75. (A) **7.08%**

**Explanation**

Compound annual growth rate is the geometric mean.

$$(1.056 \times 1.2267 \times 0.9477)^{1/3} - 1 = 7.08\%$$

(Study Session 1, Module 2.3, LOS 2.g)

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76. (B) 3

**Explanation**

The intervals are  $30\% \leq x < 40\%$ ,  $40\% \leq x < 50\%$ ,  $50\% \leq x < 60\%$ ,  $60\% \leq x < 70\%$ ,  $70\% \leq x < 80\%$ , and  $80\% \leq x \leq 90\%$ . There are 3 scores in the range  $80\% \leq x \leq 90\%$ .

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77. (A) describes the degree to which a distribution is not symmetric about its mean.

**Explanation**

The degree to which a distribution is not symmetric about its mean is measured by skewness. Excess kurtosis which is measured relative to a normal distribution, indicates the peakedness of a distribution, and also reflects the probability of extreme outcomes.

(Study Session 1, Modules 2.5, LOS 2.m)

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78. (B) 1.80.

**Explanation**

The coefficient of variation is equal to the standard deviation of returns divided by the mean Return.

$$\text{Mean return} = (17.0\% + 12.2\% + 3.9\% - 8.4\%) / 4 = 6.175\%$$

Year	Return	$(R - 6.175\%)^2$
1	17.0%	117.18
2	12.2%	36.30
3	3.9%	5.18
4	-8.4%	212.43
		Sum = 371.09

$$\text{Sample standard deviation} = [371.09 / (4 - 1)]^{0.5} = 11.12\%$$

$$\text{Coefficient of variation} = 11.12\% / 6.175\% = 1.80$$

(Study Session 1, Module 2.4, LOS 2.j)

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79. (C) **Line chart.**

**Explanation**

A line chart is a graph used to visualize ordered observations such as data series over time. Two or more lines can appear on the same chart to show the relative changes in variables.

(Study Session 1, Module 2.2, LOS 2.e)

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80. (A) **The cumulative absolute frequency of the interval is 20.**

**Explanation**

The cumulative absolute frequency of the fourth interval is 80, which is the sum of the absolute frequencies from the first to the fourth intervals.

**For Further Reference:**

(Study Session, 1 Module 2.1, LOS 2.c)

CFA® Program Curriculum, Volume 1, page 75

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81. (B) **9.1%**

**Explanation**

$$(1.104 \times 1.081 \times 1.032 \times 1.15)^{0.25} - 1 = 9.1 \%$$

(Study Session 1, Module 2.3, LOS 2.g)

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82. (C) **a distribution of numerical data.**

**Explanation**

A frequency polygon depicts the shape and range of a distribution

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83. (A) **4.40.**

**Explanation**

The CV = the standard deviation of returns / mean return

$$= 8.8\% / 2.0\% = 4.4.$$

The CV is a measure of risk per unit of mean return. When ranking portfolios bases on the CV, a lower value is preferred to higher.

(Study Session 1, Module 2.4, LOS 2.j)

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84. (B) has positive excess kurtosis.

**Explanation**

A distribution that has a greater percentage of small deviations from the mean and a greater percentage of large deviations from the mean will be leptokurtic and will exhibit positive excess kurtosis. The distribution will be taller (more peaked) with fatter tails than a normal distribution.

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85. (B) 60%.

**Explanation**

The coefficient of variation expresses how much dispersion exists relative to the mean of a distribution and is found by  $CV = s / \text{mean}$ , or  $0.25 / 0.42 = 0.595$ , or 60%.

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86. (A) Daily closing prices for a stock over the past month.

**Explanation**

Daily closing prices for a stock are an example of structured data. Social media posts and the management discussion and analysis are examples of unstructured data, in that they consist largely of written text.

(Study Session 1, Module 2.1, LOS 2.a)

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87. (C) higher probability of extreme upside returns and higher chance of extreme downside returns.

**Explanation**

A leptokurtic distribution (a distribution with kurtosis measure greater than 3) is more peaked in the middle (data more clustered around the mean) and has fatter tails at the extremes (greater probability of outliers).

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88. (C) 13.1%; 13.7%

**Explanation**

The median is the midpoint of the data points. In this case there are 13 data points and the midpoint is the 7<sup>th</sup> term.

The Formula for determining quintiles is:  $L_y = (n+1)(y) / (100)$ . Here, we are looking for the third quintile (60% of the observations lie below) and the formula is:  $(14)(60) / (100) = 8.4$ . The third quintile falls between 13.6% and 13.9% the 8<sup>th</sup>

and 9<sup>th</sup> numbers from the left. Since L is not whole number, we interpolate as:  
 $0.136 + (0.40) (0.139 - 0.136) = 0.1372$ , or 13.7%.

(Study Session 1, Module 2.4, LOS 2.i)

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**89. (B) data into non overlapping intervals**

**Explanation**

A frequency distribution is a presentation of data grouped into non-overlapping intervals to aid the analysis of large data sets.

(Study Session 1, Modules 2.1, LOS 2.C)

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**90. (C) lower than the arithmetic mean.**

**Explanation**

A trimmed mean discards a percentage of the highest and lowest observations, while a winsorized mean replaces a percentage of the highest and lowest observation with less extreme values. In this case the arithmetic mean would be influenced by the two highly positive returns, while a trimmed or winsorized mean would adjust for them and would likely be lower than the arithmetic mean.

(Study Session 1, Module 2.3, LOS 2.g)

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**91. (C) 23%.**

**Explanation**

The third quartile is calculated as:  $L_7 = (7+1) (75/100) = 6$ . When we order the observation in ascending order: 7%, 10%, 12%, 15%, 20%, 23%, 27%, "23%" is the sixth observation from the left.

(Study Session 1, Module 2.4, LOS 2.i)

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**92. (B) ordinal data.**

**Explanation**

Ordinal data types are categorical (qualitative) data that can be ranked in logical order but cannot be subject to arithmetic operations. For example, a list of this week's 10 best-selling books does not convey by how the # 1 book outsold the #2 book.

Discrete data and continuous data are types of nominal or quantitative data. These are data types on which arithmetic operations can be performed. For example, data on cash or unit sales for this week's 10 best – selling books allow us to make statements such as “the #1 book outsold the #2 book by 10%.”

(Study Session 1, Module 2.1, LOS 2.a)

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93. (B) 10.50%

**Explanation**

Expected return is the weighted average of the individual expected values. The expected return is:  $[(5,000) \times (8,000) + (10,000) \times (12,000)] / 20,000 = 10.50\%$ .

(Study Session 1, Module 2.3, LOS 2.g)

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