

## **Description of conducting the First Assignment of the Competition**

### **1. When will the First Assignment of this year's Statistics Competition take place?**

The First Assignment of this year's Statistics Competition will be held on 22/12/2020, from 08:30 to 13:00.

### **2. How will the First Assignment of this year's Statistics Competition be conducted?**

The First Assignment of this year's Statistics Competition will not be held in an examination center like other years. The groups will do the assignment online in a computer lab or other suitable area of their school. If the school of a team is closed due to the coronavirus or the students are confined at home, then the team members will do the assignment online from home, using whatever means they want to communicate with each other. The answers on the platform will be registered only by the **coordinator**, who will be one of the members of the team.

### **3. One member of the team is confined at home while the other members of the team will be at school, what happens in such a case?**

All team members will be able to work together to answer the three Tests. Communication between members will be allowed by any means at their disposal (eg phone, email, viber, etc.).

### **4. How much time will the teams have for each Test of the First Assignment?**

Within the time frame from 08:30 to 13:00 the teams will be able to answer the Tests in any order they want without time limit. They will also have the opportunity to proceed to another Test, without finishing what they started and to return later to the previous Test to complete it or to change answers. What will be taken into account in the evaluation are the last answers to each question that were submitted and saved on the platform. Team members will be able to take a break whenever they deem it necessary.

### **5. Will the absence of the students who will take part in the Statistics Competition be justified from the lessons, either in school or through distance learning?**

The school of each group will ensure that on 22/12/2020 the students who will take part in the First Assignment will not be marked as absent from the lessons, either at school or through distance learning.

### **6. Can the tutor of the team assist the members of the team during the conduct of the First Assignment?**

The tutor plays an auxiliary role in preparing the team only. During the conduct of the First Assignment, the tutor or anyone else is not entitled to assist the team members.

## **7. Will there be surveillance during the First Assignment?**

There will be no surveillance.

## **8. How will the online conduct of the First Assignment be ensured?**

The schools will be responsible to provide their participating teams with the necessary place, equipment (computer) and internet access to conduct the First Assignment. In cases where the school is closed due to the coronavirus or the students are confined at home, the team members should ensure that they have a computer with internet access or another device with internet access.

## **9. Who decides who will be the coordinator of the team and what responsibilities will he have?**

The student of the team that will be appointed coordinator is decided by the team members and the tutor. The coordinator will undertake the execution of the First Assignment on the competition platform, first by entering the team passwords and then by entering and saving the answers.

## **10. How is the protection of students from transmission of the coronavirus ensured during the conduct of the First Assignment?**

In cases where the team will do the First Assignment in a computer lab or other suitable school place, only the team coordinator will have contact with the computer while the other members of the team will keep the distances specified by the protocols. The use of a mask by all team members and the laboratory manager will be mandatory. In other cases the team members are each in their own space.

## **11. Will all the members of a team have access to the First Assignment at the same time?**

The competition platform provides the possibility for simultaneous access from different devices. From each access point they will be able to see the Test questions concerning their team. However the entry and saving of answers should be done only from one point. Otherwise a problem may arise or unwanted answers may be saved. The team coordinator who enters the answers will be able to save the questions and answers in a pdf file and then print them or send the pdf file to other members of the group.

In addition, the creation of the pdf file can be done before the submission of any answer so that the coordinator can print it for the team members who will be in the same place or send it electronically to the team members who will participate from home.

## **12. Is the use of calculators allowed? If so, what type?**

The use of non-programmed calculators is allowed, provided that they have been granted the right to be used by the school administration.