

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 11/01/2022, from 09:00 to 13:30.

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

The team members will do the assignment online from home, using means of their own choice in order to communicate with each other (e.g. phone, email, Viber, Teams etc.). Access to the online platform of the competition and the entry of answers should be done **only by the coordinator**, who will be one of the members of the team and who must be appointed beforehand.

3. How much time will the teams have for each Test of the First Assignment?

Within the time frame 09:00 - 13:30 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 **latest answers** to each question that were submitted and **saved on the platform**. It is very important to always save the answers. Team members will be able to take a break whenever they deem it necessary.

4. 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 11/01/2022, the students who will take part in the First Assignment will not be marked as absent from the lessons of that day.

5. Can the tutor of the team assist the members of the team during the conduct of the First Assignment?

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

6. Will there be surveillance during the First Assignment?

There will be no surveillance.

7. How will the online conduct of the First Assignment be ensured?

The team members and especially the coordinator, should ensure that they have a computer with internet access or another device with internet access.

8. Who decides who will be the coordinator of the team and what responsibilities will the coordinator have?

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

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

This measure is implemented in order to protect students from potential transmission of the coronavirus.

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

The competition platform provides the technical capability for simultaneous access from different devices. From each access point they will be able to see the Test questions concerning their team. However, in such a case there is a serious possibility that the competition platform will not respond or will collapse. Also, in case of entering answers from a different access point, problems may arise or unwanted answers may be saved. **Therefore, for the safe conduct of the First Assignment, access to the competition platform, the selection of the Tests and the entering and saving of the answers should be done only from one point, by the coordinator.** The team coordinator will be able to save the questions and answers in a pdf file and then send the pdf file to the other members of the team.

In addition, the creation of the pdf file can also be done before the submission of any answer, so that the coordinator can send electronically all the questions of a Test to the team members who will participate from their home.

11. Is the use of calculators allowed? If so, what type?

The use of non-programmed calculators is allowed, provided that they have been approved for use by the school administration.