Sample Question 1: The following is the cumulative frequency distribution (of less than type) of 1000 persons each of age 20 years and above. Determine the mean age.

| Age below<br>(in years) | 30  | 40  | 50  | 60  | 70  | 80   |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Number of persons       | 100 | 220 | 350 | 750 | 950 | 1000 |

**Solution:** First, we make the frequency distribution of the given data and then proceed to calculate mean by computing class marks  $(x_i)$ ,  $u_i$ 's and  $f_iu_i$ 's as follows:

| Class | Frequency (f <sub>i</sub> ) | Class mark (x <sub>i</sub> ) | $u_i = \frac{x_i - 45}{10}$ | $f_i u_i$       |
|-------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| 20-30 | 100                         | 25                           | -2                          | -200            |
| 30-40 | 120                         | 35                           | -1                          | -120            |
| 40-50 | 130                         | 45                           | 0                           | 0               |
| 50-60 | 400                         | 55                           | 1                           | 400             |
| 60-70 | 200                         | 65                           | 2                           | 400             |
| 70-80 | 50                          | 75                           | 3                           | 150             |
|       | $f_i = 1000$                |                              |                             | $f_i u_i = 630$ |