

AMIETE – CS/IT (OLD SCHEME)

Code: AC14 / AT11

Subject: DATABASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 100

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NOTE: There are 9 Questions in all.

- Question 1 is compulsory and carries 20 marks. Answer to Q.1 must be written in the space provided for it in the answer book supplied and nowhere else.
- The answer sheet for the Q.1 will be collected by the invigilator after half an hour of the commencement of the examination.
- Out of the remaining EIGHT Questions answer any FIVE Questions. Each question carries 16 marks.
- Any required data not explicitly given, may be suitably assumed and stated.

Q.1 Choose the correct or the best alternative in the following: (2×10)

a. The database environment has all of the following components except:

- (A) Separate files (B) Users
(C) Query language (D) Data base

b. In order to create and maintain index files, a computer creates a ____ and a ____.

- (A) data file, key file (B) index file , key file
(C) data file, chain file . (D) data file, index file .

c. Another word for index of indexes is _____.

- (A) single level index (B) hashed file
(C) non-hashed file (D) multi-level index

d. The SQL statements that are not known before the program executes, are called

- (A) static SQL (B) embedded SQL
(C) dynamic SQL (D) cursor

e. _____ is a logical table that derives data from other tables.

- (A) database (B) view
(C) table (D) relation

f. The operation of eliminating columns in a table is called

- (A) select (B) intersect
(C) project (D) union.

g. When we preserve information after decomposition, we call it as _____.

- (A) lossy decomposition (B) preserved decomposition
(C) lossless decomposition (D) without loss decomposition

- h. A transaction processing system is also called
- (A) TP monitor (B) transaction monitor
(C) processing monitor (D) monitor
- i. Flat, Chained & Nested are the types of_____.
- (A) transaction models (B) system models
(C) database models (D) locks
- j. The first step in query processing is_____.
- (A) optimization (B) decomposition
(C) execution (D) choosing low level operations.

**Answer any FIVE Questions out of EIGHT Questions.
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- Q.2** a. What do you understand by DBA and how he plays an important role? (8)
- b. Design an E-R diagram for a Book store and customer relationship, where each shopping basket contains books of different authors and publishers. (8)

- Q.3.** a. How Relational Calculus is different from Relational Algebra? (8)
Consider the relations:

branch (branch_name, branch_city, assets)
customer (customer_name, customer_street, customer_city)
account (account_number, branch_name, balance)
loan (loan_number, branch_name, amount)
depositor (customer_name, account_number)
borrower (customer_name, loan_number)

Write the TRC and DRC query for the following query:

“Find the names of all customers having a loan, an account or both at the bank”

- b. What do you mean by complete Set of Relational Algebra Operations? Why is this set called complete? Show how intersection operator can be implemented using other operators. (8)
- Q.4** a. Consider the employee database , where the primary keys are underlined. (8)
employee (employee_name, street, city)
works (employee_name, company name, salary)
company (company_name, city)
manages (employee_name, manager name)
Give an expression in SQL for each of the following queries.

- (i) Find the names of all employees who work for First Bank Corporation.

- (ii) Find all employees in the database who live in the same cities as the companies for which they work.
 - (iii) Find all employees in the database who live in the same cities and on the same streets as do their managers.
 - (iv) Find all employees who earn more than the average salary of all employees of their company.
- b. Explain the SQL operators BETWEEN—AND, IN , LIKE and IS_NULL by taking suitable examples (8)
- Q.5** a. Explain what is meant by repetition of information and inability to represent information. Explain why each of these properties may indicate a bad relational database design. (8)
- b. Explain the following Hash functions with one example of each: (8)
- (i) Mid square method
 - (ii) Radix conversion
- Q.6** a. Explain 4NF with a suitable example. Explain why 4NF is more desirable than BCNF (8)
- b. Suppose a relation is stored in a B⁺-tree file organization. Suppose secondary indices stored record identifiers that are pointers to records on disk.
- (i) What would be the effect on the secondary indices if a page split happens in the file organization?
 - (ii) What would be the cost of updating all affected records in a secondary index?
 - (iii) How does using the search key of the file organization as a logical record identifier solve this problem?
 - (iv) What is the extra cost due to the use of such logical record identifiers? (8)
- Q.7** a. What are the General Transformation Rules for Relational operations? (8)
- b. What is query processing? Explain the sort merge strategies of query processing. (8)
- Q.8** a. Discuss the Timestamp-ordering protocol for concurrency control. How does strict Timestamp-ordering differs from basic Timestamp-ordering? (8)
- b. What is a certify lock? What are the advantages and disadvantages of using certify locks. (8)
- Q.9** Explain the following: (4×4=16)
- (i) Data types in SQL
 - (ii) Disadvantages of Relational Approach
 - (iii) Extension and Intension
 - (iv) ACID properties of transaction