

# END TERM EXAMINATION

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**Subject: Data Base Management System**

**Time: 3 Hours**

**Maximum Marks: 60**

**Note: Attempt five questions. Select one question from each unit including Q.1 which is compulsory.**

- Q1 Answer the following questions briefly:- (2x10=20)
- (a) Why are tuples in a relation not ordered?
  - (b) Why is it important to maintain data independence in a database?
  - (c) Assume that a relation instance has a degree of 7 and a cardinality of 15. How many attributes does this relation have and how many different rows are currently present in the relation?
  - (d) Write the SQL code to display the resorts that are both golf and beach destinations or the INTERSECTION of the two tables.
  - (e) Show that every two-attribute relation is in BCNF. That is, if  $r(X, Y)$  then  $(X, Y)$  is in BCNF.
  - (f) What are some reasons that the advancement of the internet and distributed databases presented new problems for database security?
  - (g) List the steps necessary in the design of the database.
  - (h) What is a query language called relationally complete?
  - (i) What is the two phase locking protocol?
  - (j) How many different join orders are there for a query that joins 10 relations?

### UNIT-I

- Q2 (a) Define foreign key. What is this concept used for? How does it play a role in the join operation? Describe the role of DBA in the management of a database. (5)
- (b) Describe the three levels of database system architecture? Why do we need mapping between different levels? (5)
- Q3 (a) What is a data model? Give different categories of data models with their advantages and disadvantages over one another. Explain E-R model in detail. (5)
- (b) Identify two entities that might be important for a theater. List at least three attributes for each entity. Then show what the entities and attributes would look like in an E-R diagram. (5)

### UNIT-II

- Q4 (a) List the operations of relational algebra. Explain in detail function of each with suitable examples. (5)  
(b) Explain the role of SQL. What are the various components of SQL? Explain in detail. (5)
- Q5 (a) What are the properties of a table? Also, explain how relationship is established between two tables in Oracle RDBMS with the help of a suitable example? (5)  
(b) Discuss the reason for converting SQL queries into relational algebra queries before optimization is done. (5)

### UNIT-III

- Q6 (a) How does tuple relational calculus differ from domain relation calculus? (5)  
(b) What is meant by a safe expression in relational calculus? (5)
- Q7 Explain the concept of normalisation. Why do we need normalization? Define 1NF, 2NF, 3NF, 4NF and BCNF with the help of suitable examples. (10)

### UNIT-IV

- Q8 (a) What is a deadlock? What are the advantages and disadvantages of using a deadlock? (5)  
(b) What additional functions does a DDBMS have over a centralized DBMS? (5)
- Q9 Write short notes on the following: (5+5)  
(a) Concurrency Control Techniques (b) Recovery Techniques

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