Excel Part 1 | Assignment

Question 1: What is the difference between 'Paste' and 'Paste Special' in Excel? Briefly explain with examples.

Answer:

Difference Between “Paste” and “Paste Special” in Excel

1. Paste

- **Paste** is the regular command used to insert everything you copied.
- It pastes **all content**, including:
    - Values
    - Formulas
    - Formatting
    - Borders
    - Comments

Example:

If you copy a cell **A1** containing the formula `=B1+C1` and formatting (bold text), and paste it into **A2**:

- Excel will paste:
    - The **formula** (adjusted to new location)
    - The **value**
    - The **bold formatting**
    - Any borders or colors

2. Paste Special

- **Paste Special** allows you to paste *specific parts* of the copied data.
- You can choose to paste only:
    - Values
    - Formulas
    - Formats
    - Comments
    - Column width
    - Transpose (convert rows to columns)

Example:

If you copy cell **A1** (`=B1+C1`, bold):

- **Paste Special → Values:**
  Only the **result** of the formula (e.g., `25`) will be pasted, without formulas or formatting.
- **Paste Special → Formats:**
  Only the **bold formatting** will be pasted, not the formula or value.
- **Paste Special → Transpose:**
  Converts rows to columns or vice versa.

Question 2: Describe the functions and usefulness of 'Freeze Panes' and 'Split Panes' in Excel.

Answer:

Freeze Panes vs Split Panes in Excel

1. Freeze Panes

Function:
Freeze Panes allows you to keep specific rows or columns visible while scrolling through the worksheet.

Usefulness:

- Helps when working with large datasets.
- Keeps important headers or labels visible all the time.
- Makes data comparison easier.

Examples:

- **Freeze Top Row:** The first row (usually headings) stays visible while scrolling down.
- **Freeze First Column:** The first column stays visible while scrolling right.
- **Freeze Panes (custom):**
  If you select cell **B2** and choose Freeze Panes:
    - Row 1 will stay frozen (above B2)
    - Column A will stay frozen (left of B2)

This keeps both the top row and the left column fixed.

2. Split Panes

Function:
Split Panes divides the Excel window into two or four separate scrollable sections.

Usefulness:

- Allows you to view different parts of the same worksheet at once.
- Each pane can be scrolled independently.
- Good for comparing data from distant rows/columns at the same time.

Example:

- If you split the worksheet horizontally, you get two panels:
    - You can keep row 1–20 visible in the top pane
    - And scroll row 200–300 in the bottom pane.
- If you split vertically and horizontally, you can get **four panes**, each scrollable separately.

Question 3: Explain the difference between inserting a new row and inserting a new column in Excel. Can you insert multiple rows or columns at once?

Answer:

Here is a clear and simple explanation:

Difference Between Inserting a New Row and Inserting a New Column in Excel

1. Inserting a New Row

- A **new row** is added **horizontally**.
- The new row appears **above** the selected row.
- Existing rows **shift downward**.

Example:
If you select row **5** and insert a new row, the new row becomes **row 5**, and the old row 5 becomes row 6.

2. Inserting a New Column

- A **new column** is added **vertically**.

- The new column appears **to the left** of the selected column.
- Existing columns **shift to the right**.

Example:
If you select column **C** and insert a new column, the new column becomes **column C**, and the old column C becomes column D.

Can You Insert Multiple Rows or Columns at Once?

Yes, Excel allows inserting multiple rows or columns at the same time.

How to Insert Multiple Rows:

1. Select the number of rows you want to insert.
   Example: To insert **3 rows**, select **3 existing rows** (e.g., rows 5, 6, 7).
2. Right-click → **Insert**.
3. Excel will add **3 new rows above** the first selected row.

How to Insert Multiple Columns:

1. Select multiple columns equal to the number you want to add.
   Example: To insert **2 columns**, select **2 existing columns** (e.g., columns C and D).
2. Right-click → **Insert**.
3. Excel will add **2 new columns to the left** of the first selected column.

Question 4: What are logical functions in Excel? Provide examples of at least two logical functions and their applications.

Answer:

What Are Logical Functions in Excel?

Logical functions in Excel are functions that test a condition and return a result based on whether the condition is **TRUE** or **FALSE**.
They help in decision-making, comparing values, and performing conditional calculations.

Examples of Logical Functions

1. IF Function

Purpose:
Checks whether a condition is true or false and returns different values for each result.

Syntax:
```
=IF(condition, value_if_true, value_if_false)
```

Example:
```
=IF(A1 >= 40, "Pass", "Fail")
```

Application:
Useful for grading, categorizing data, or creating conditional outputs.

2. AND Function

Purpose:
Checks **multiple conditions** at the same time and returns **TRUE** only if *all* conditions are true.

Syntax:
```
=AND(condition1, condition2, ...)
```

Example:
```
=AND(A1 > 50, B1 = "Yes")
```

Application:
Used when you want to ensure that several criteria are met (e.g., both attendance and marks must be sufficient).

3. OR Function (optional extra)

Purpose:
Returns **TRUE** if *any one* of the conditions is true.

Example:
```
=OR(A1="Red", A1="Blue")
```

Question 5: Discuss the purpose of 'XLOOKUP' and how it differs from the traditional 'VLOOKUP' function.

Answer:

Purpose of XLOOKUP

XLOOKUP is a powerful Excel function used to search for a value in a range or table and return a corresponding value from another range.
It is the modern replacement for **VLOOKUP** and **HLOOKUP**, offering more flexibility and fewer limitations.

Why XLOOKUP is Useful:

- It can look **both vertically and horizontally**.
- It can look up values **to the left or right** (unlike VLOOKUP).
- It does **exact match by default**, which is safer.
- It allows **searching from top-to-bottom or bottom-to-top**.
- It can return **multiple columns at once**.
- It reduces errors and is easier to write.

Difference Between XLOOKUP and VLOOKUP

Feature	VLOOKUP	XLOOKUP
Search direction	Only vertical	Vertical **and** horizontal
Lookup direction	Only **right**	Left or right (no restriction)
Match type	Exact match needs special input	Exact match is **default**
Column reference	Requires column number	Uses direct range (no number needed)
If not found	Returns error	Can return custom message (e.g., “Not Found”)
Return multiple columns	No	Yes
Speed & flexibility	Limited	Highly flexible and modern

Examples

1. VLOOKUP Example

=VLOOKUP(A2, B2:D10, 2, FALSE)

Problems:

- Can only look to the **right** of column A.
- Must specify a **column number**.
- Needs FALSE for exact match.

2. XLOOKUP Example

=XLOOKUP(A2, B2:B10, C2:C10, "Not Found")

Advantages:

- No need for a column index.
- Can return “Not Found” instead of an error.
- More readable and flexible.

In Short:

VLOOKUP → Old, limited, only searches right.
XLOOKUP → New, powerful, flexible, and replaces VLOOKUP and HLOOKUP completely.

Question 6: Create a worksheet titled 'Employee Data' with columns: Name, Age, Department. Add 5 rows of data. Format as follows: ● Bold and center-align the header row ● Apply a fill color ● Auto-fit column width.

Answer:

Worksheet: “Employee Data”

Below is an example of the worksheet with the required columns and 5 rows of data:

Employee Data

Name	Age	Department
Rahul Sharma	28	HR
Sneha Patil	32	Finance
Amit Desai	26	IT
Priya Joshi	30	Marketing
Rohan Kale	35	Sales

Formatting Steps

1. Bold and Center-Align the Header Row

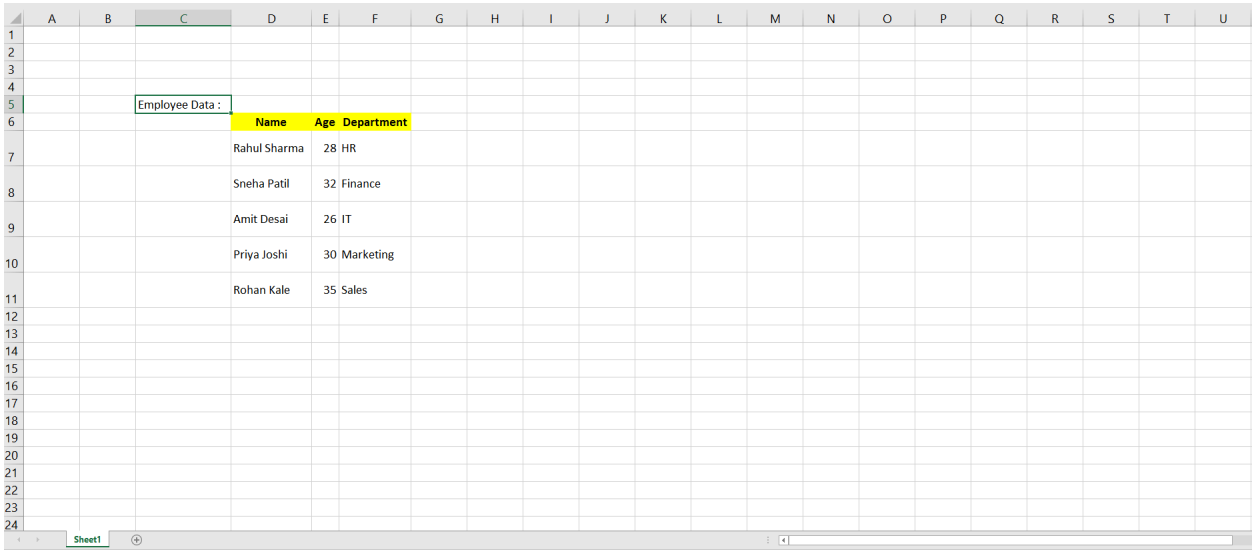
- Select the header row (Row 1).
- Click **Bold (B)** on the Home tab.
- Click **Center Align** to center the text.

2. Apply a Fill Color

- With the header row still selected, click the **Fill Color** button.
- Choose any light color (e.g., Light Blue or Light Yellow).

3. Auto-Fit Column Width

- Select all columns (A, B, C).
- Double-click the **right border** of any selected column header.
  (Or use: Home → Format → AutoFit Column Width)



Question 7: Demonstrate how to insert and delete multiple rows and columns in Excel.

Answer:

Inserting and Deleting Multiple Rows and Columns in Excel

1. Inserting Multiple Rows

Steps to Insert Multiple Rows:

1. Select the number of rows you want to insert.
    - Example: To insert **3 new rows**, select **3 existing rows** (e.g., rows 5, 6, 7).
2. Right-click on the selected row numbers.
3. Click **Insert**.

➡ Excel will insert **3 new rows above** the first selected row.

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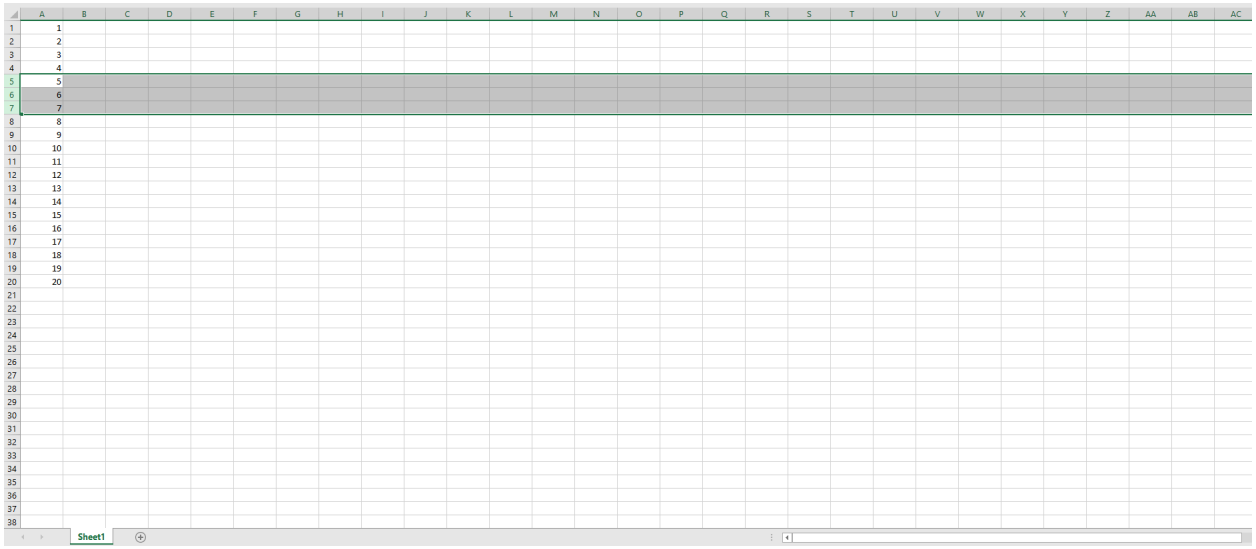

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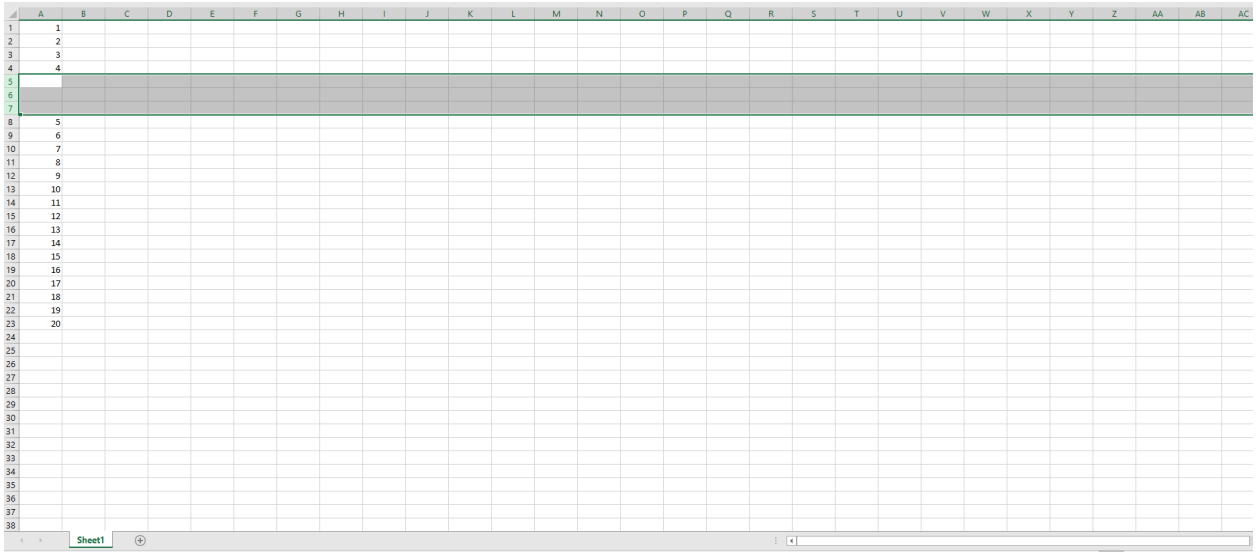


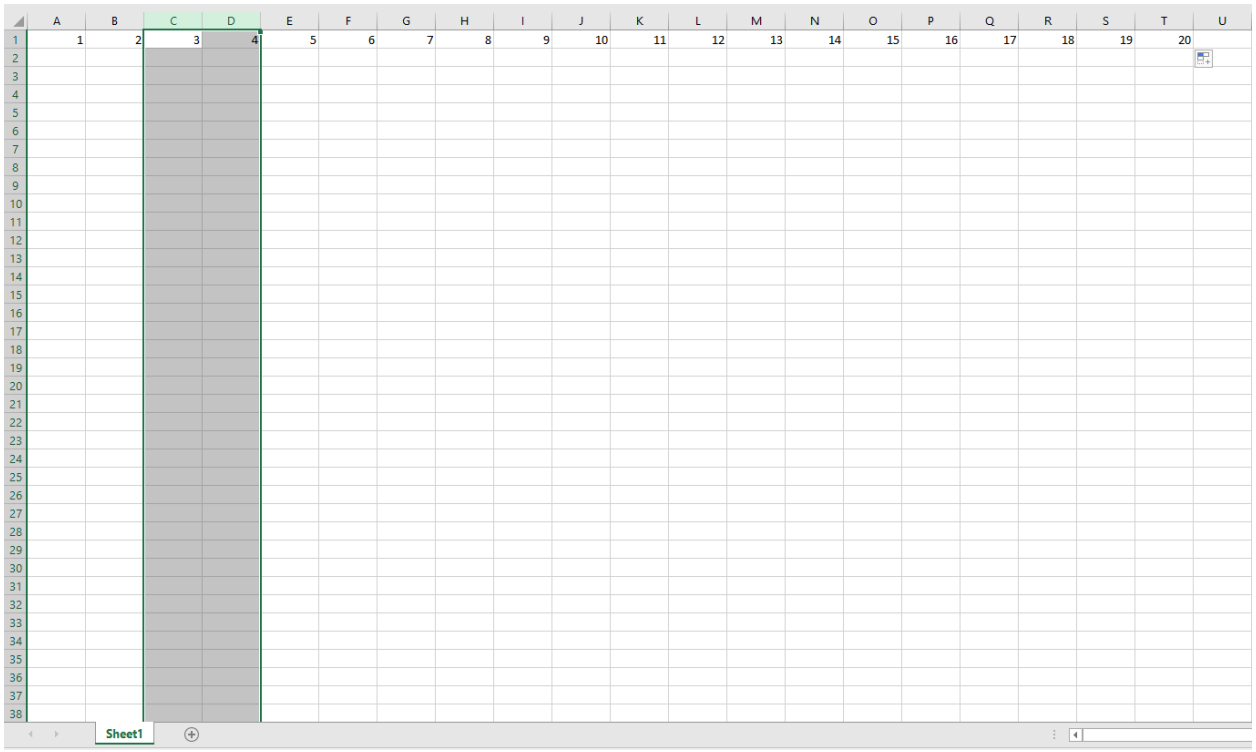
2. Inserting Multiple Columns

Steps to Insert Multiple Columns:

1. Select the number of columns you want to add.
    - Example: To insert **2 columns**, select columns **C and D**.
2. Right-click on the selected columns.
3. Click **Insert**.

➡ Excel will insert **2 new columns to the left** of column C.

BEFORE: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Sheet1

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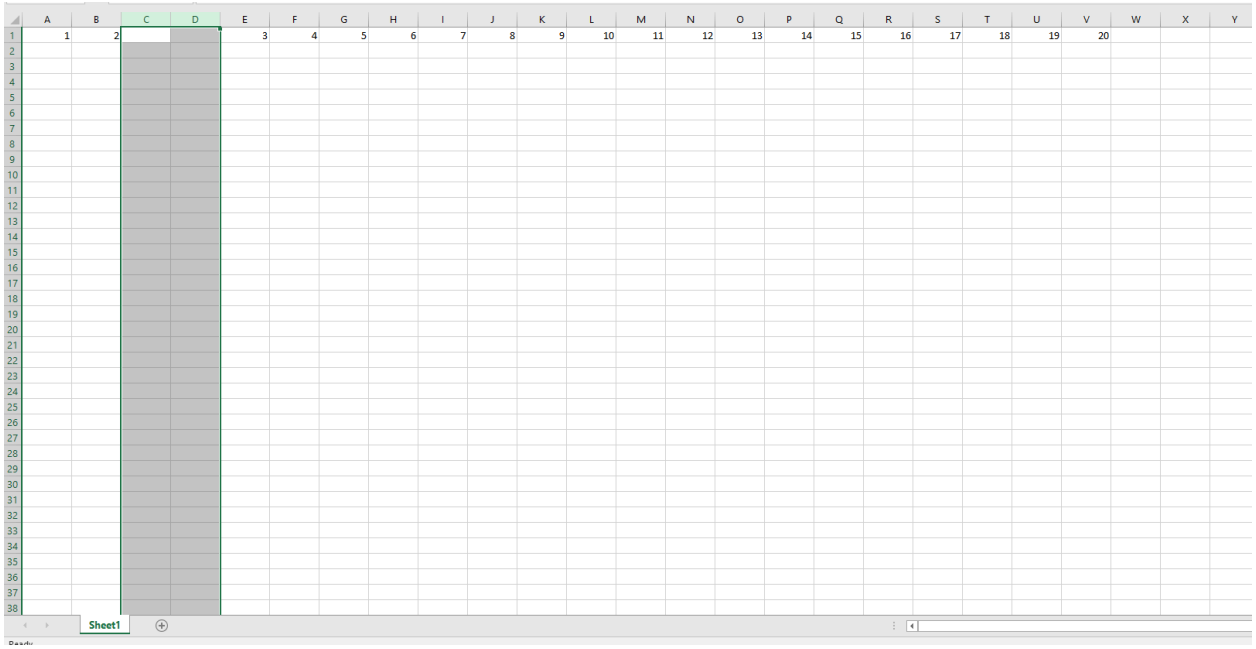
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Sheet1

3. Deleting Multiple Rows

Steps:

1. Select the rows you want to delete (e.g., rows 4 to 6).
2. Right-click on the selected row numbers.
3. Click **Delete**.

➡ All selected rows are removed, and rows below shift upward.

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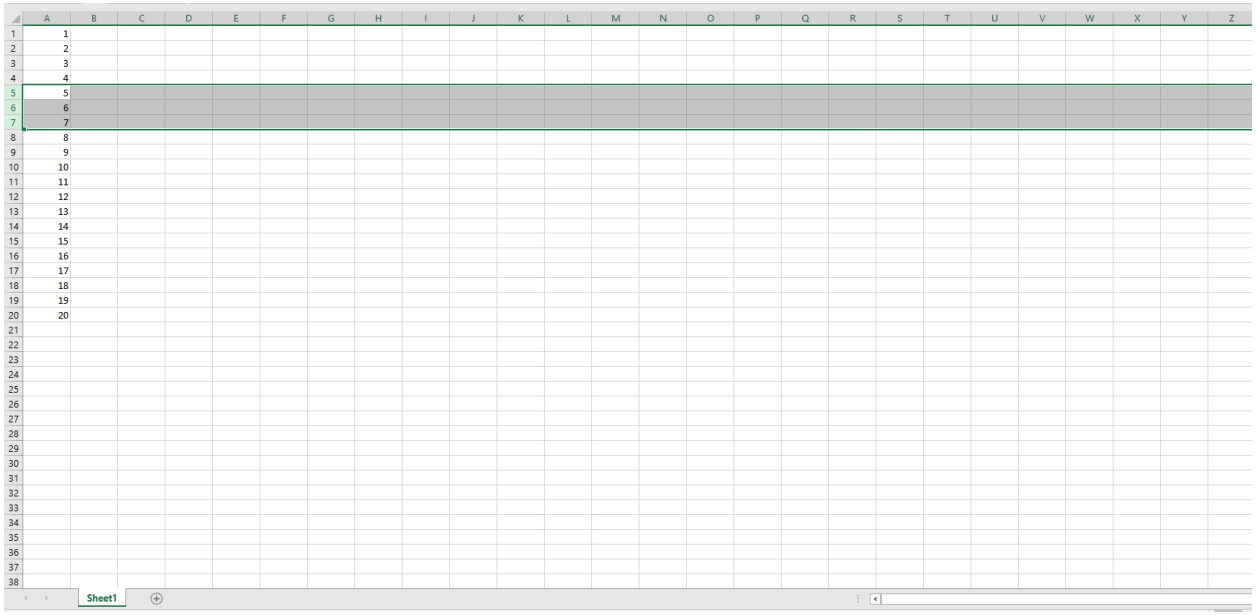

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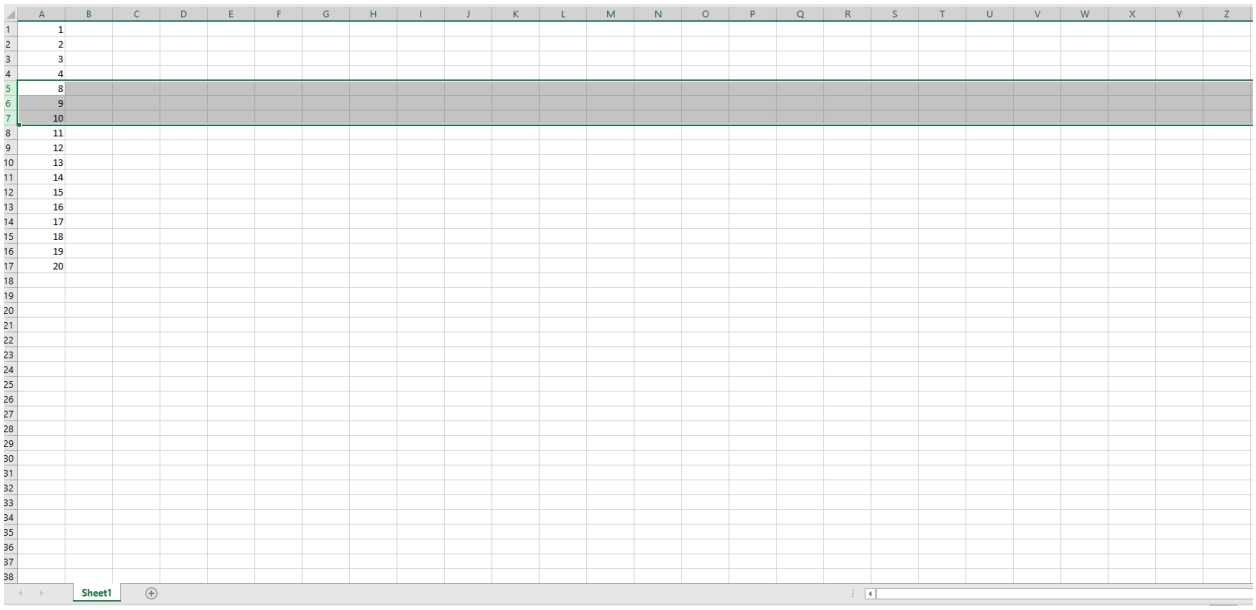

4. Deleting Multiple Columns

Steps:

1. Select the columns you want to delete (e.g., columns B to D).
2. Right-click on the column letters.
3. Click **Delete**.

➡ All selected columns are removed, and columns to the right shift left.

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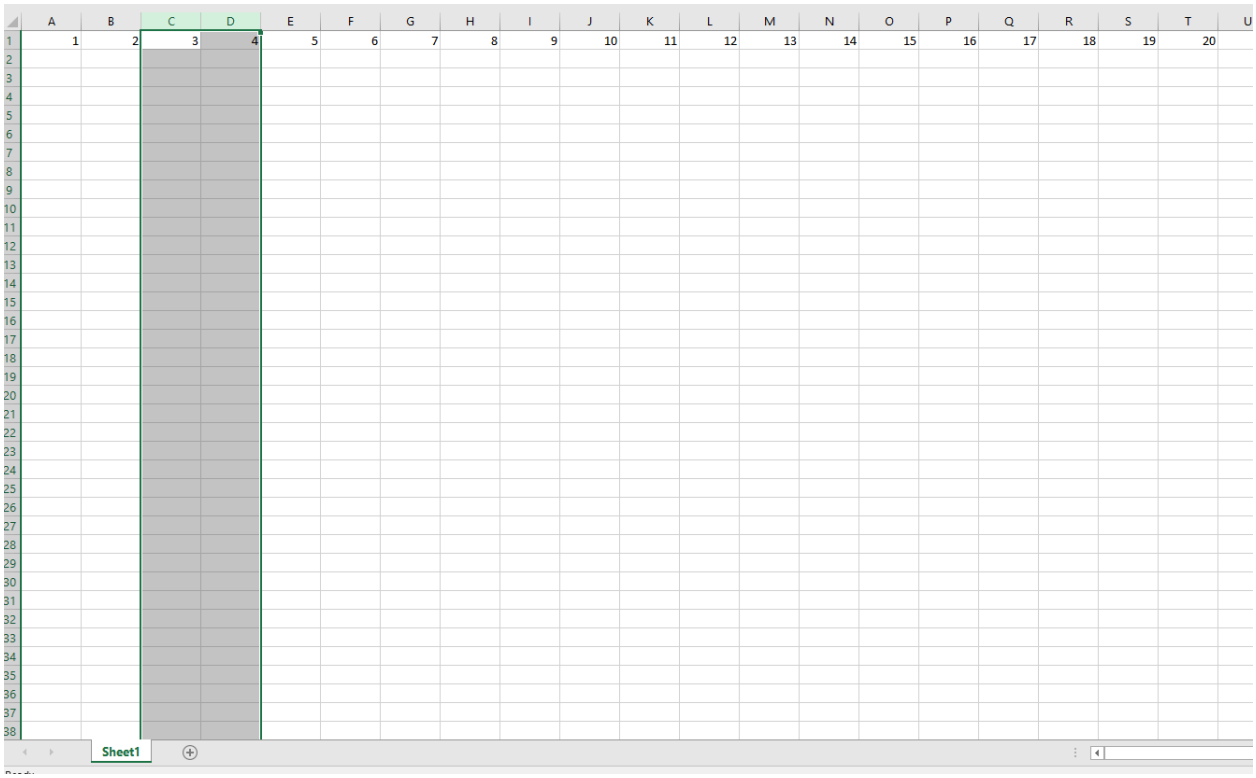
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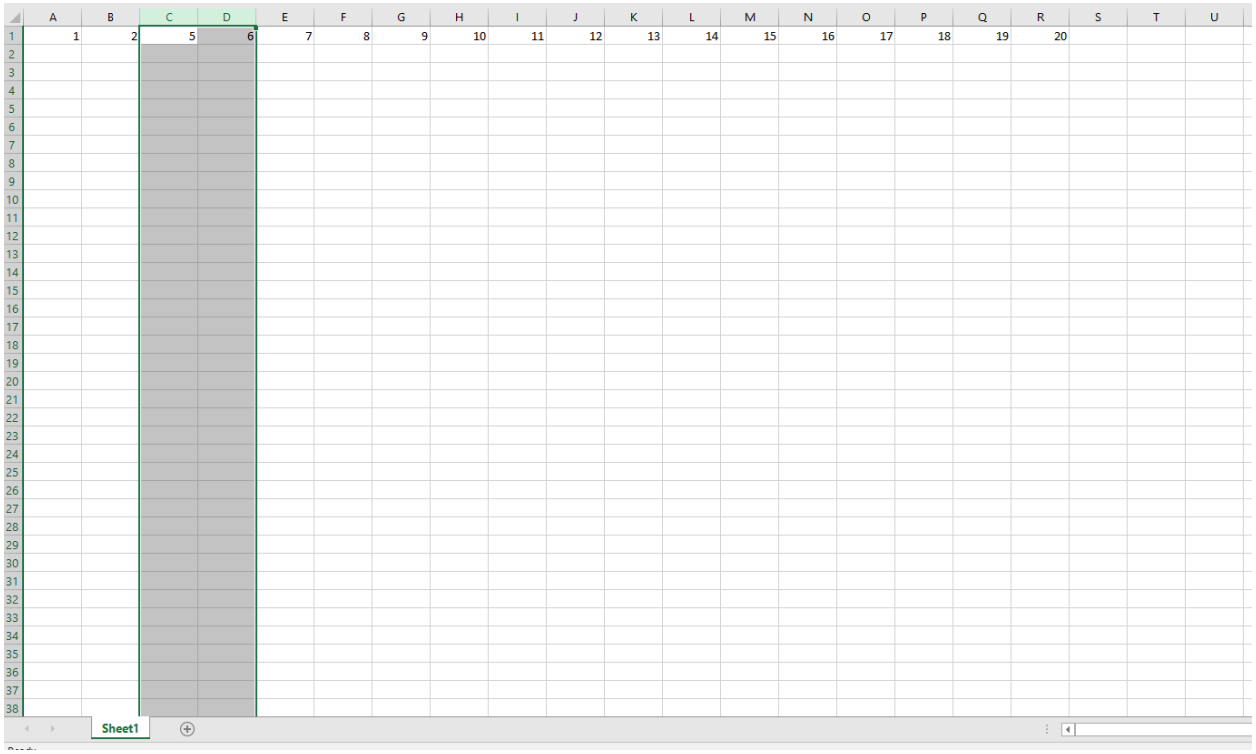
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Question 8: Use Excel's 'Find and Replace' feature to update department names in a sample table.

Answer:

Using Excel’s ‘Find and Replace’ to Update Department Names

Excel’s **Find and Replace** feature allows you to quickly update repeated text values in a table—such as changing department names.

Example: Sample Table

Name	Age	Department
Rahul	28	HR
Sneha	32	Finance
Amit	26	HR
Priya	30	Marketing
Rohan	35	HR

Task:

Change department name **“HR”** to **“Human Resources”**.

Steps to Use Find and Replace

1. Open Find and Replace

Press **Ctrl + H**
(or go to *Home → Find & Select → Replace*)

2. Enter Search and Replace Text

- In **Find what:** type **HR**
- In **Replace with:** type **Human Resources**

3. Replace the Values

You can choose either:

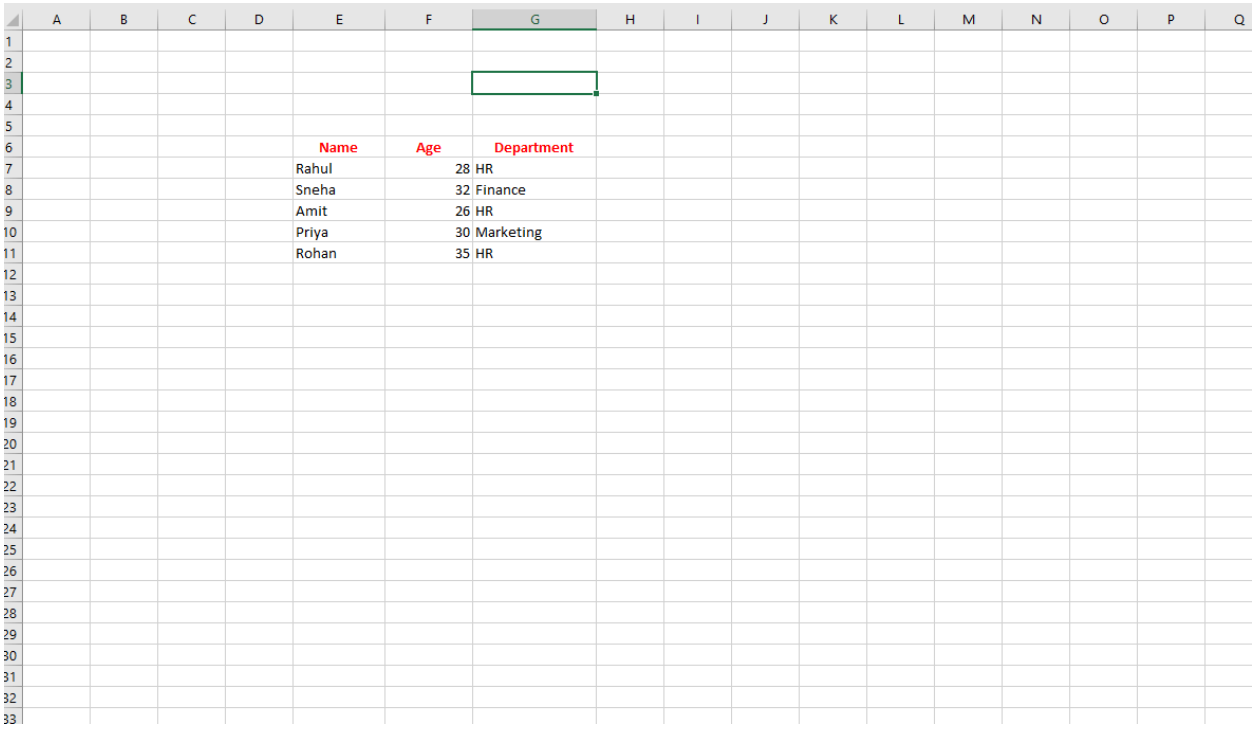
- **Replace All** → Changes all “HR” entries at once
- **Replace** → Changes one entry at a time

Resulting Updated Table

Name	Age	Department
Rahul	28	Human Resources
Sneha	32	Finance

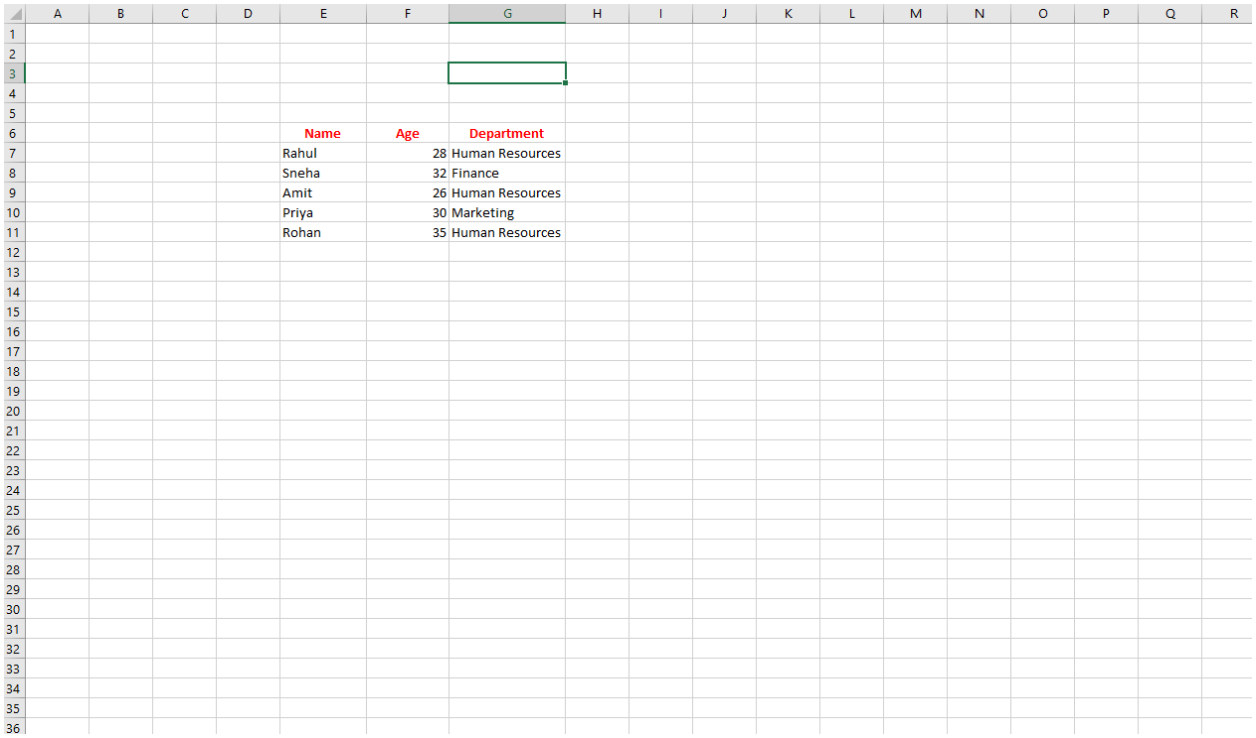
Amit	26	Human Resources
Priya	30	Marketing
Rohan	35	Human Resources

BEFORE:



Name	Age	Department
Rahul	28	HR
Sneha	32	Finance
Amit	26	HR
Priya	30	Marketing
Rohan	35	HR

AFTER:



Name	Age	Department
Rahul	28	Human Resources
Sneha	32	Finance
Amit	26	Human Resources
Priya	30	Marketing
Rohan	35	Human Resources

Question 9: Create a small numerical dataset and apply the following functions: ● AVERAGE ● MAX ● MIN

Answer:

Numerical Dataset

Item	Value
A	12
B	18

C	25
D	10
E	30

Assume the values are in cells **B2:B6**.

1. AVERAGE Function

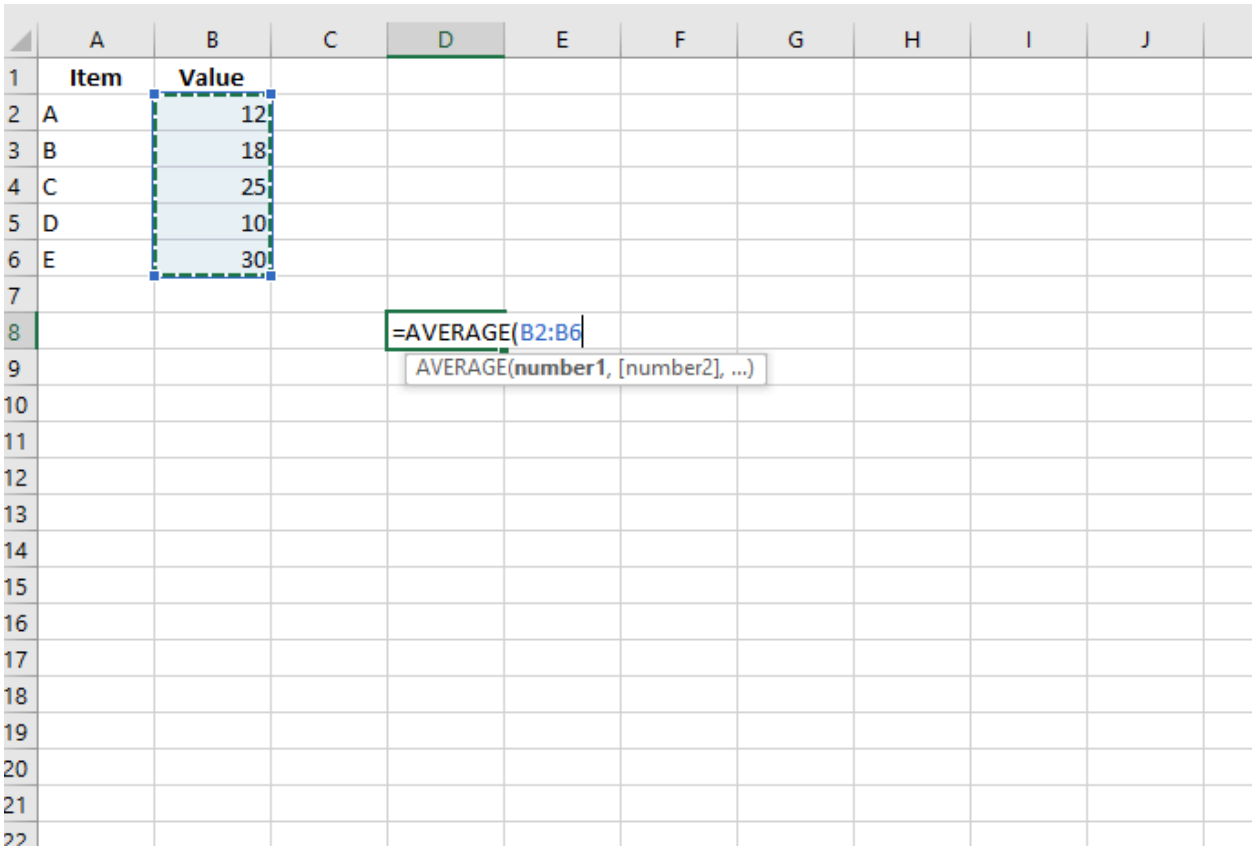
Purpose: Finds the average (mean) of the numbers.

Formula:

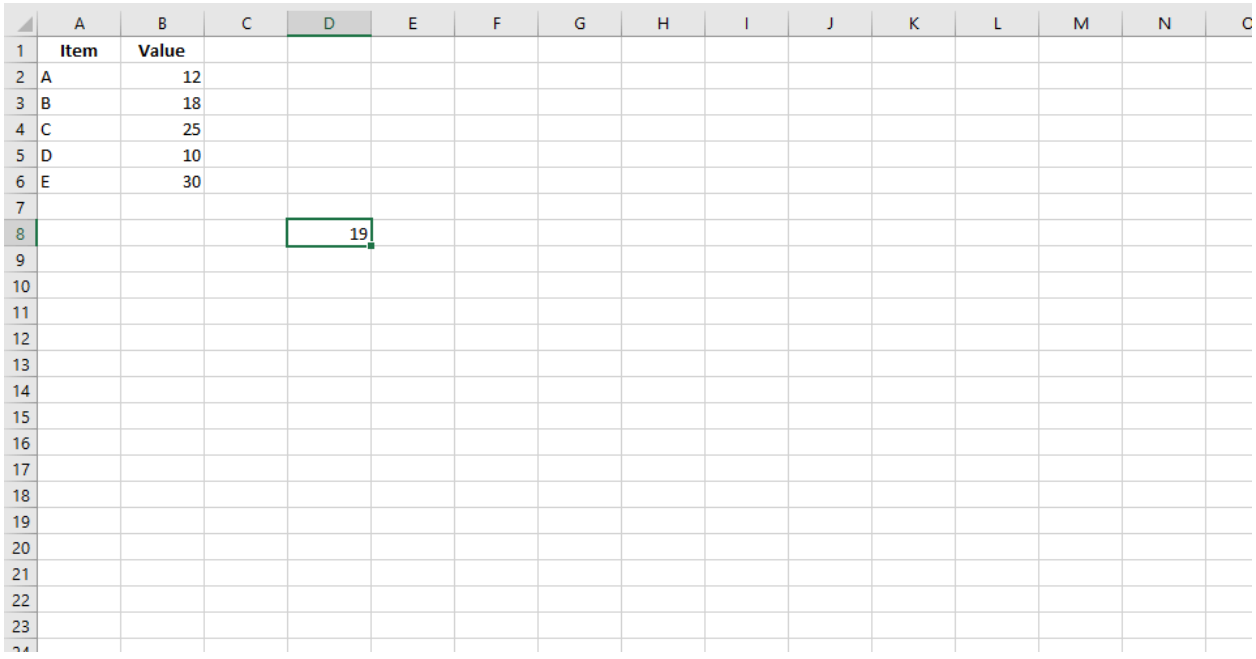
```
=AVERAGE(B2:B6)
```

Calculation:
(12 + 18 + 25 + 10 + 30) / 5 = **19**

BEFORE:


Item
Value
A 12
B 18
C 25
D 10
E 30
=AVERAGE(B2:B6
AVERAGE(number1, [number2], ...)

AFTER:


Item
Value
A 12
B 18
C 25
D 10
E 30
19

2. MAX Function

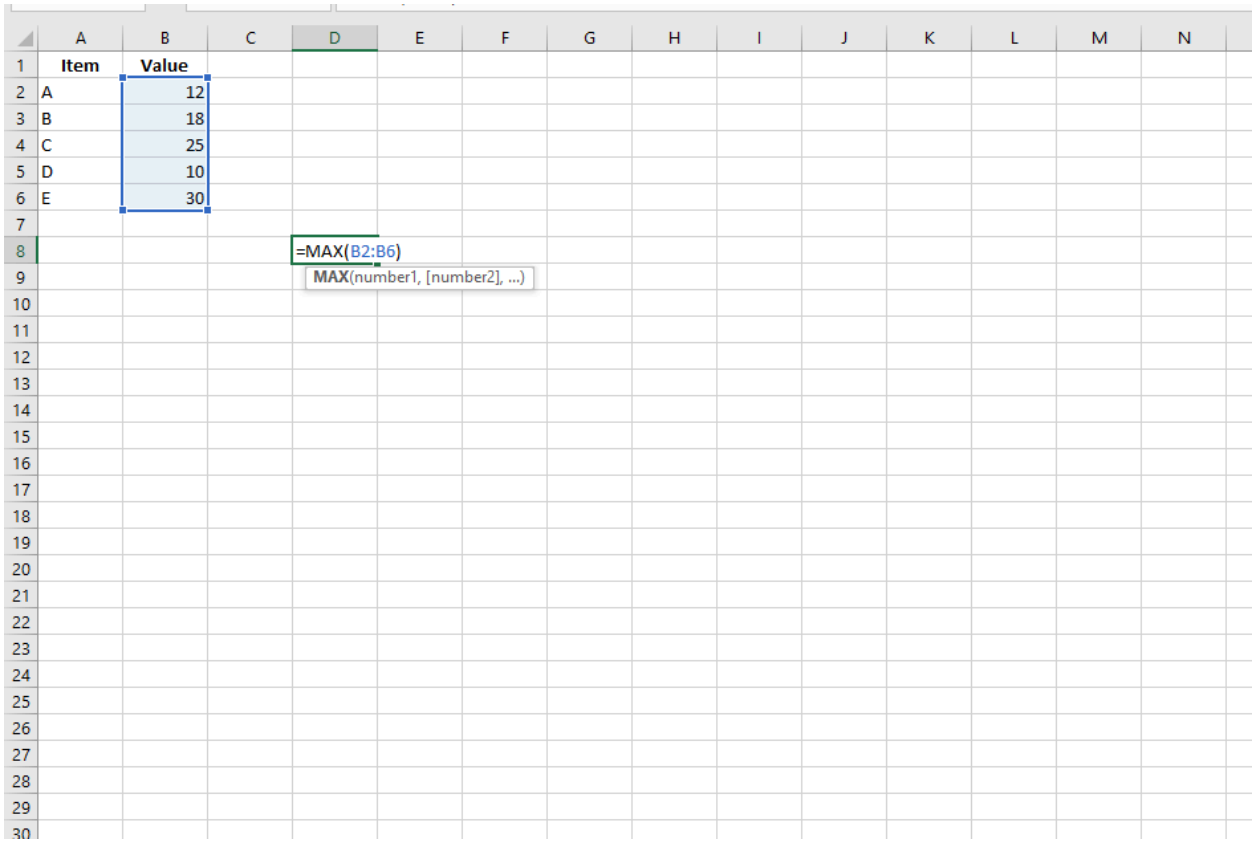
Purpose: Returns the largest value in the range.

Formula:

```
=MAX(B2:B6)
```

Result:
30

BEFORE:



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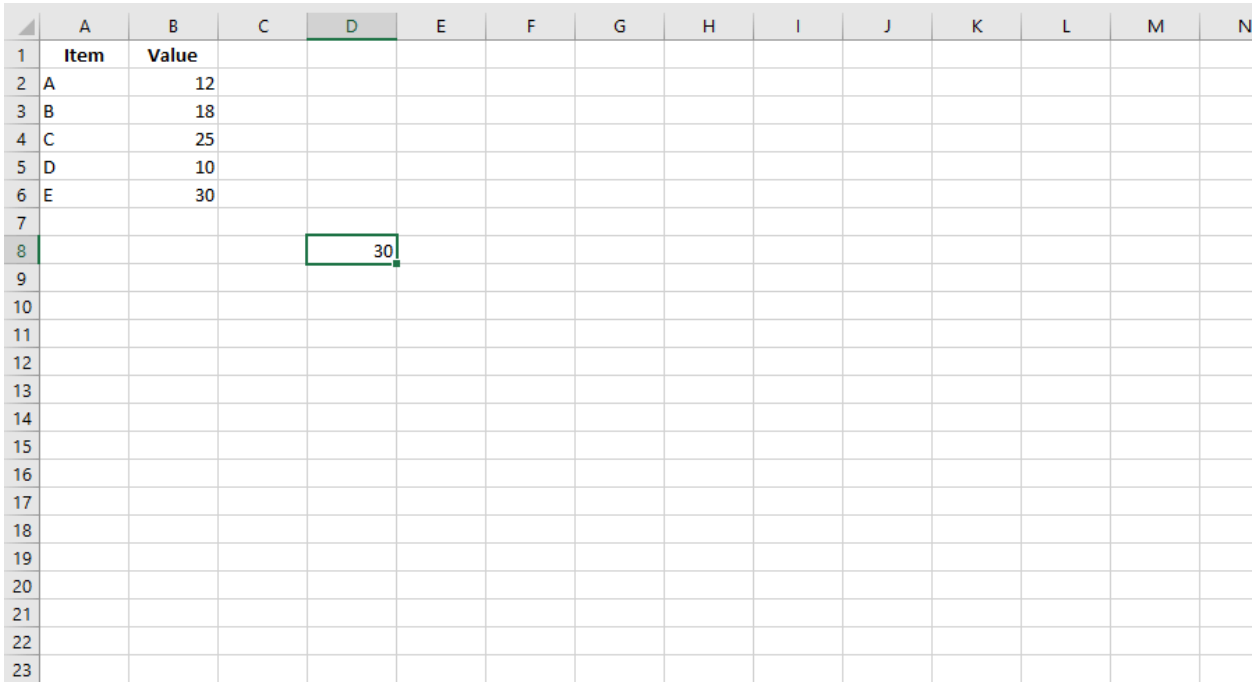

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
1	**Item**	**Value**												
2	A	12												
3	B	18												
4	C	25												
5	D	10												
6	E	30												
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3. MIN Function

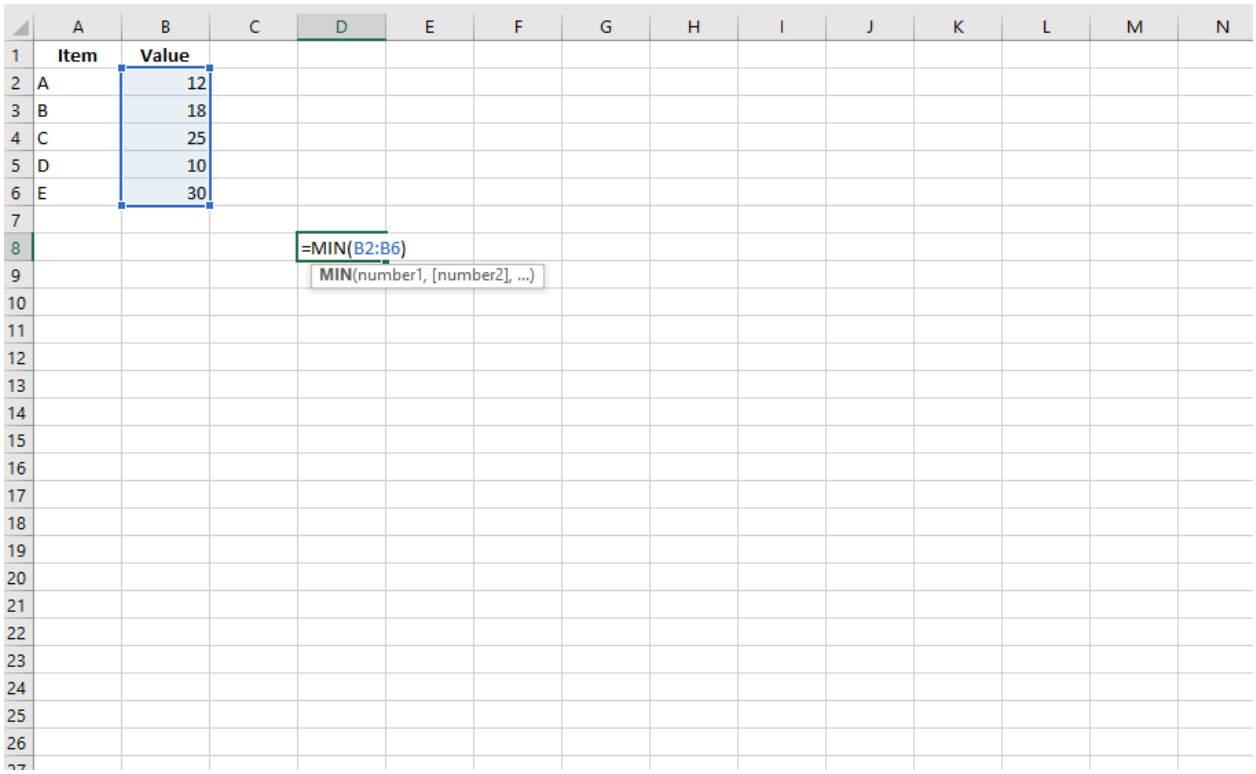
Purpose: Returns the smallest value in the range.

Formula:

```
=MIN(B2:B6)
```

Result:
10

BEFORE:


Item
Value
A
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C
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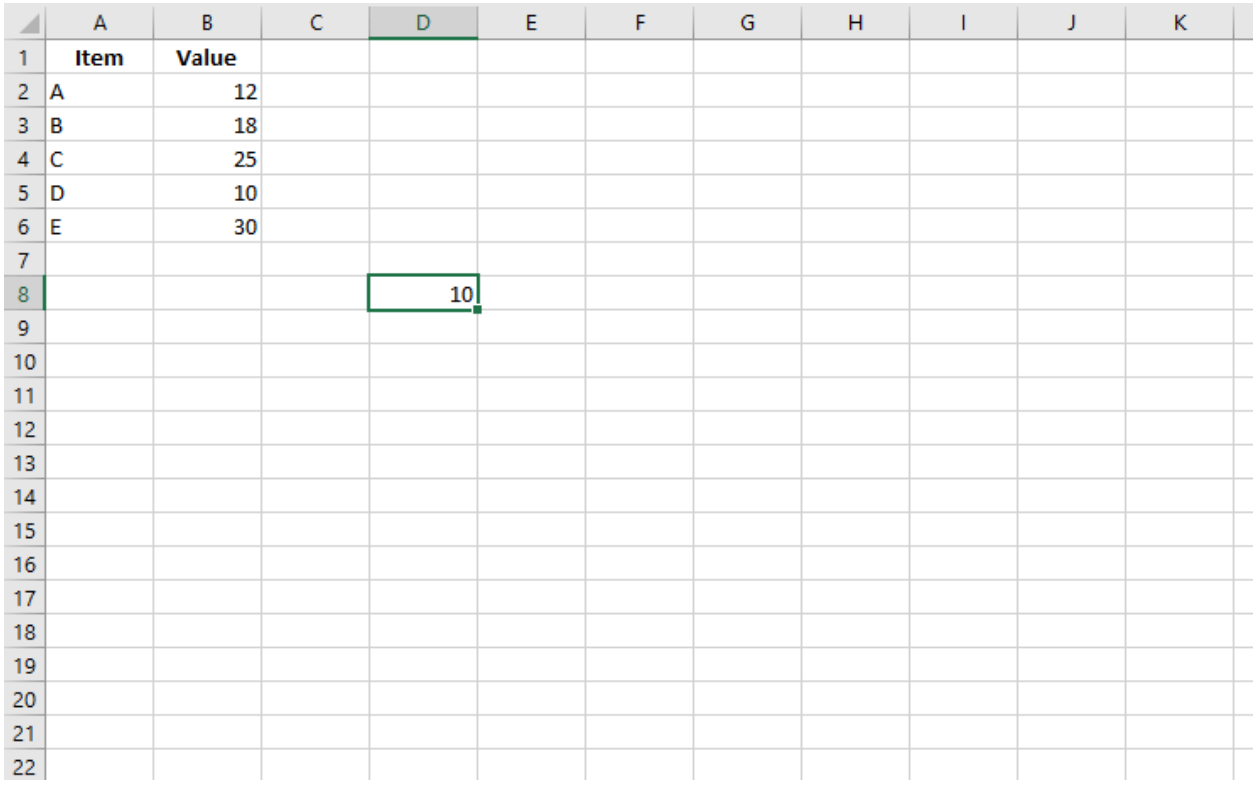
D
10
E
30
=MIN(B2:B6)
MIN(number1, [number2], ...)

AFTER: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Question 10: You're working with a dataset that contains missing values. As a Data Scientist, explain how you'd detect and handle missing data using Excel. Mention tools like: ● Go To Special ● ISBLANK ● COUNTBLANK

Answer:

Detecting and Handling Missing Data in Excel

Missing values can cause incorrect analysis, so a Data Scientist must detect and fix them properly. Excel provides several tools to identify and manage missing data.

1. Detecting Missing Data

A. Using "Go To Special"

This tool helps you quickly locate blank cells.

Steps:

1. Select your data range.
2. Press **F5** or **Ctrl + G**.
3. Click **Go To Special**.
4. Select **Blanks** → OK.

➡ Excel will highlight all empty cells.

Usefulness:
You can easily fill blanks, delete rows, or apply formatting to missing values

BEFORE:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
1	ID	NAME	AGE	COURES								
2	1	ASHISH	21	C								
3	2	MANISHA	20	C++								
4	3	SHARAVNI		PYTHON								
5	4	GAYATRI	19	C								
6	5	KULDIP										
7	6	KALPESH	19	C++								
8	7	SAGAR		HTML								
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3	2	MANISHA	20	C++							
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B. Using the ISBLANK Function

The **ISBLANK** function checks whether a cell is empty.

Formula Example:

```
=ISBLANK(A2)
```

- Returns **TRUE** if the cell is blank
- Returns **FALSE** if it contains data

Usefulness:

- Helps flag missing values in large datasets
- Useful for conditional formatting or filtering

BEFORE:

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1	ID	NAME	AGE	COURES									
2	1	ASHISH	21	C									
3	2	MANISHA	20	C++									
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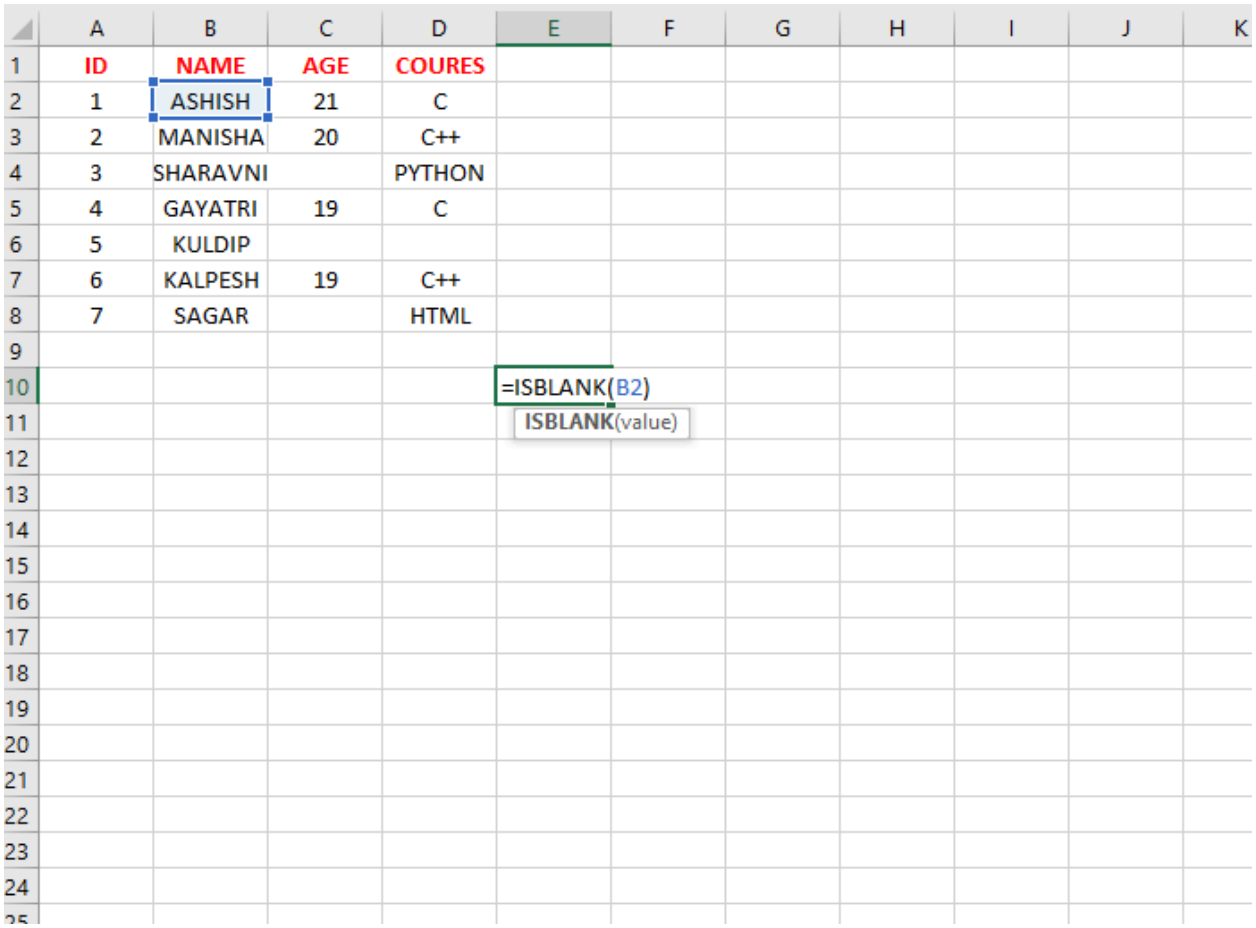

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2	1	ASHISH	21	C							
3	2	MANISHA	20	C++							
4	3	SHARAVNI		PYTHON							
5	4	GAYATRI	19	C							
6	5	KULDIP									
7	6	KALPESH	19	C++							
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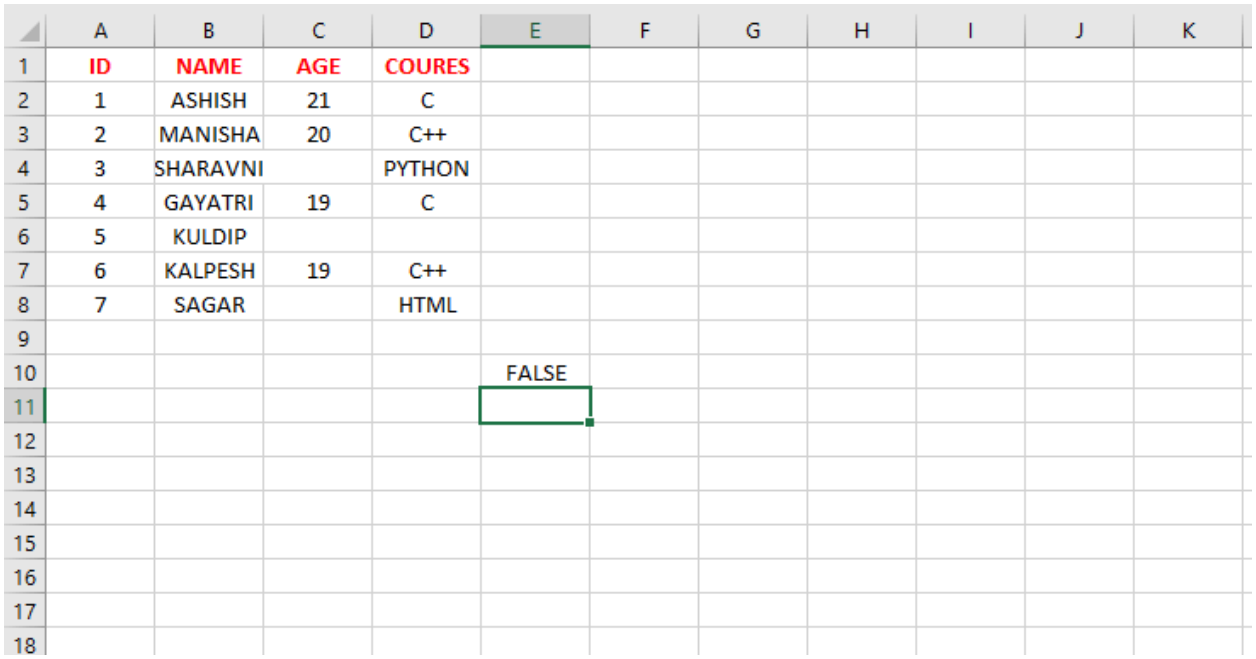

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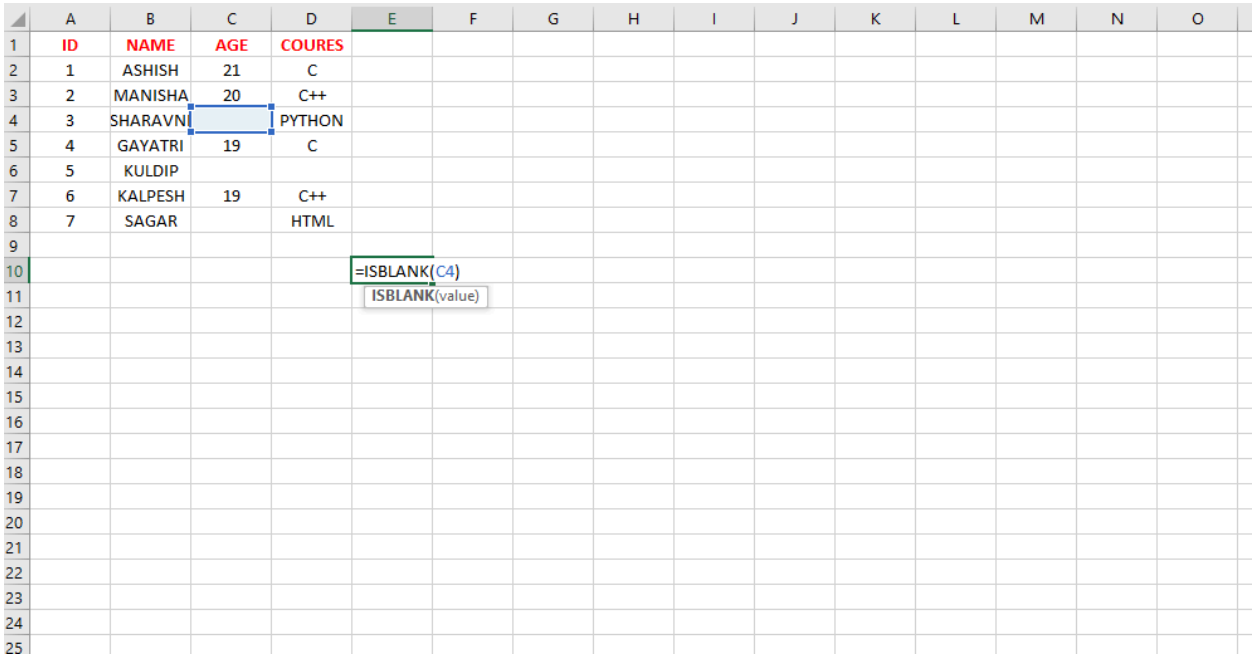

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C. Using the COUNTBLANK Function

COUNTBLANK counts how many empty cells are in a selected range.

Example:

```
=COUNTBLANK(A2:A20)
```

Usefulness:

- Quickly shows how many values are missing
- Helps decide whether missing data is significant

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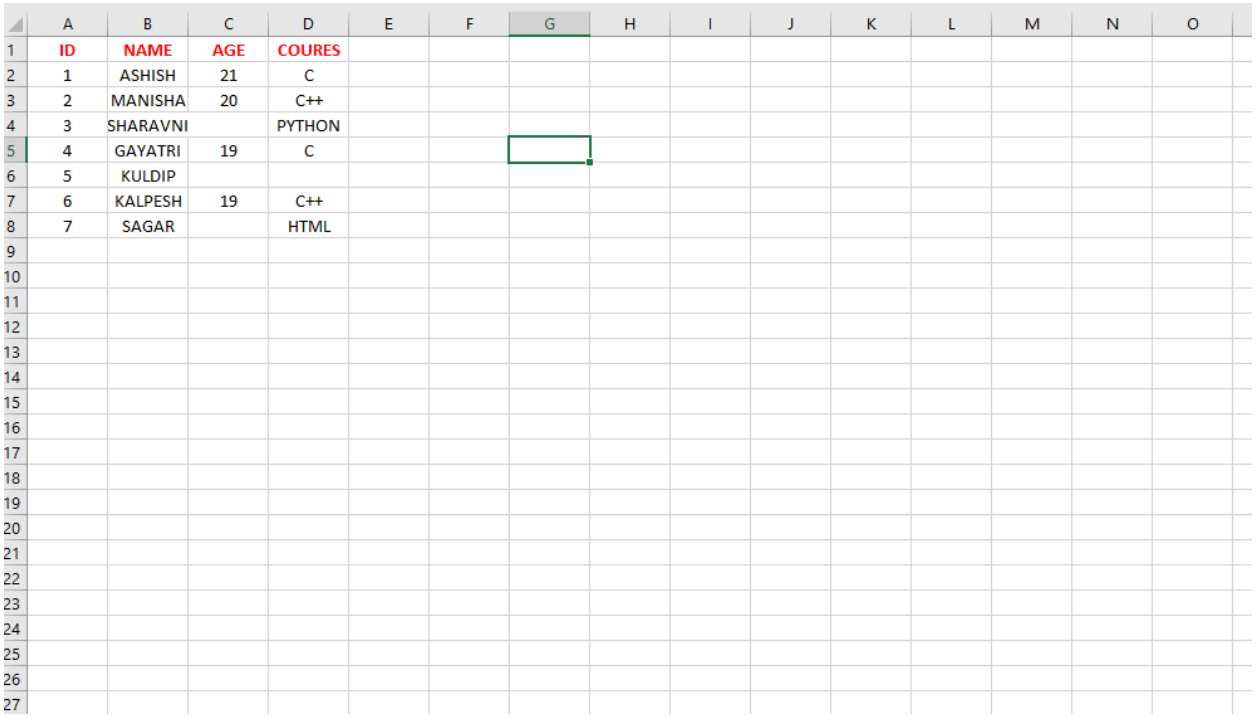

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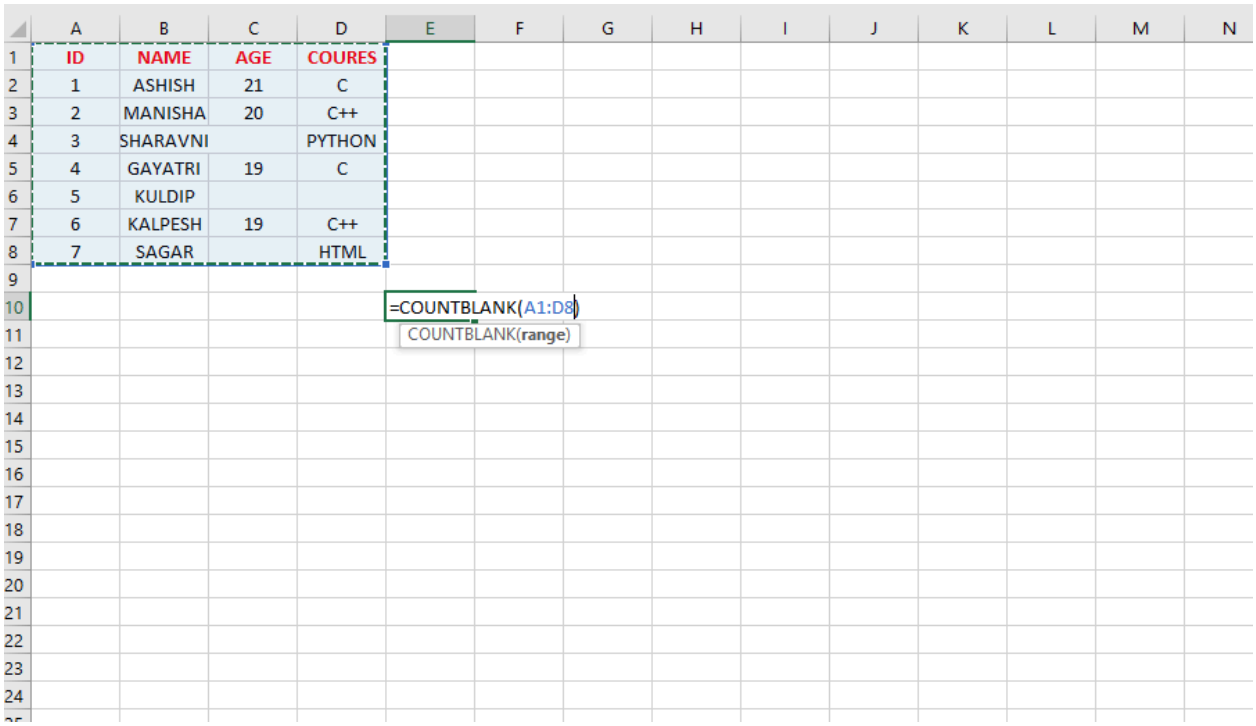

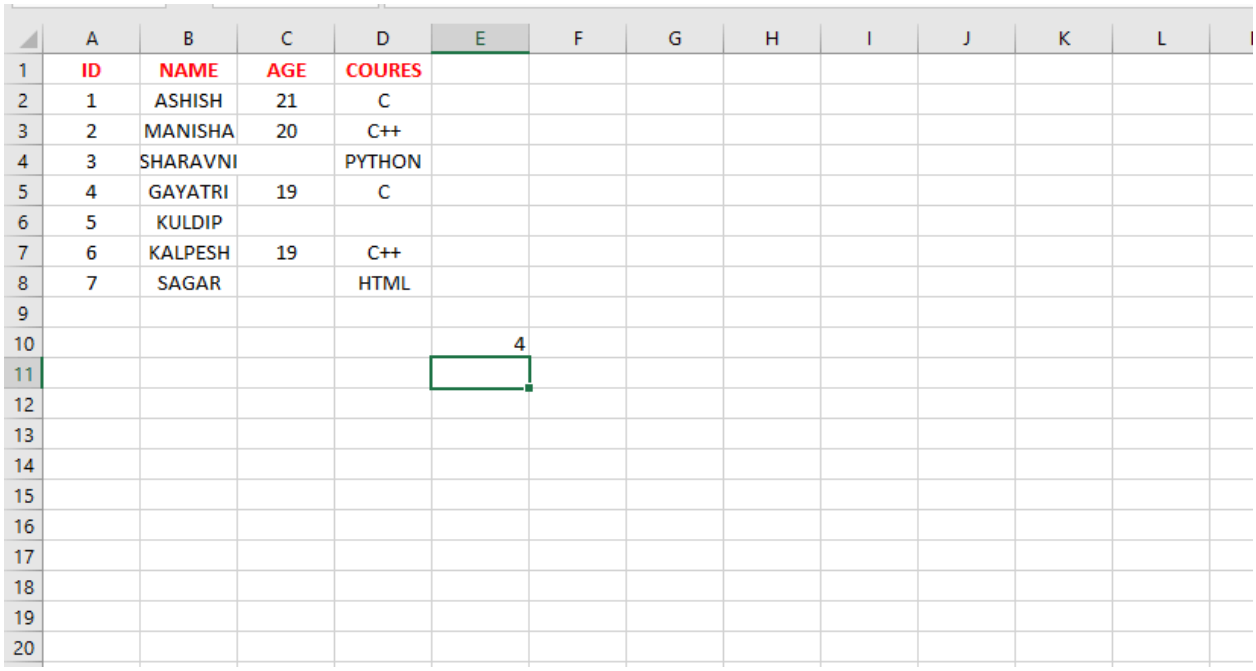

2. Handling Missing Data

After detecting missing values, you can fix them using different strategies:

A. Fill missing values manually

Useful for small datasets (e.g., typing "0" or "Not Available").

B. Use Excel formulas to fill gaps

Fill with averages:

```
=AVERAGE(A1:D8)
```

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- **Fill with previous/next value:**
  Use **Fill Down** or **Fill Series**.

C. Remove rows with missing data

1. Highlight blanks using **Go To Special** → **Blanks**
2. Right-click → **Delete** → **Entire Row**

Useful when missing data is very large or unusable.

D. Use conditional formatting

Highlight blanks to check patterns visually:

- Home → Conditional Formatting → New Rule

Use formula:

```
=ISBLANK(A2)
```