

# **Key points needed to be included for the Solution of the Assignment.**

## **1. What is a database? Explain the advantages of DBMS compared to traditional file-based systems.**

- **Database:** Organized collection of data for efficient storage, retrieval, and management.
- **Advantages of DBMS:**
  - Data centralization
  - Minimized redundancy
  - Enhanced data security
  - Easier data sharing and integration
  - Support for complex queries and relationships

## **2. What is the importance of a database in today's technology-driven world?**

- Enables efficient data management for decision-making.
- Backbone of applications in banking, healthcare, e-commerce, etc.
- Facilitates big data analysis, cloud computing, and AI systems.

## **3. Define DBMS. Explain its objectives and functions.**

- **DBMS:** Software for managing databases (e.g., MySQL, Oracle).
- **Objectives:** Data integrity, security, reduction of redundancy, and efficient retrieval.
- **Functions:** Data storage, query processing, transaction management, backup, and recovery.

## **4. Differentiate between centralized and distributed database systems.**

- **Centralized:** Data stored in a single location.
  - Pros: Easier management, better security.
  - Cons: Bottleneck risk, single point of failure.
- **Distributed:** Data spread across multiple locations.
  - Pros: Scalability, faster access.
  - Cons: Complex synchronization and management.

## **5. Differentiate between database and database management system.**

- **Database:** Collection of data.
- **DBMS:** Software that manages databases, providing tools for access, security, and queries.

## **6. Differentiate between DBMS and database application software.**

- **DBMS:** Backend system managing the data (e.g., MySQL, PostgreSQL).
- **Application Software:** Frontend interface that interacts with DBMS (e.g., CRM systems).

## **7. What is a database model? Explain the relational model.**

- **Database model:** Framework for data organization.
- **Relational model:** Data represented in tables (relations) with rows (tuples) and columns (attributes).
  - Example: Student table with attributes like name, roll\_no, class.

## 8. What are the characteristics of a good data model?

- Simplicity and clarity
- Flexibility for future needs
- High integrity and reduced redundancy
- Easy to query and understand

## 9. What is data modeling? Explain the different techniques of data modeling.

- **Data Modeling:** Process of designing a database structure.
- **Techniques:**
  - **Conceptual:** High-level overview (ER diagram).
  - **Logical:** Mapping entities to tables, attributes to columns.
  - **Physical:** Actual database implementation.

## 10. What is a hierarchical database model? List its advantages and disadvantages.

- **Hierarchical Model:** Data organized in tree-like structure (parent-child).
  - **Advantages:** Simplicity, quick access.
  - **Disadvantages:** Inflexibility, difficulty handling complex relationships.

## 11. Explain the different types of database models with examples.

- **Types:** Hierarchical, Network, Relational, Object-Oriented.
- Include diagrams showing relationships (e.g., parent-child for hierarchical).

## 12. What are the benefits of centralized and decentralized database models?

- **Centralized:** Better control, improved security, easier backup.
- **Decentralized:** Faster local access, fault tolerance.

## 13. What is the relational data model? Explain with examples. List its advantages and disadvantages.

- **Relational Model:** Represents data in tables.
- **Advantages:** Simplicity, flexibility.
- **Disadvantages:** Performance issues with large datasets.

## 14. What is RDBMS? List the functions of RDBMS.

- **RDBMS:** Relational Database Management System.
- **Functions:** Data storage, querying, relationships between tables, and enforcing constraints.

## 15. Explain the benefits of RDBMS.

- Simplified data management
- Data consistency and integrity
- Scalability and security

## 16. What are domains and tuples?

- **Domain:** Range of valid values for an attribute.
- **Tuple:** A single row of data in a table.

**17. Define DML and DDL with three examples each.**

- **DML (Data Manipulation Language):** SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE.
- **DDL (Data Definition Language):** CREATE, ALTER, DROP.

**18. Write SQL DDL commands for a schema: student\_info(reg\_no, name, class, gender, address).**

```
CREATE TABLE student_info (  
    reg_no INT PRIMARY KEY,  
    name VARCHAR(50),  
    class INT,  
    gender CHAR(1),  
    address VARCHAR(100)  
);
```

**19. What is data integrity? State and describe the different types of data integrity.**

- **Data Integrity:** Ensuring data accuracy and consistency.
- **Types:**
  - Entity Integrity (unique identifiers)
  - Referential Integrity (foreign key relationships)
  - Domain Integrity (valid values)

**20. Why is data integrity important when designing a database? Explain.**

- Prevents data corruption.
- Ensures accurate relationships.
- Maintains consistency.

**21. What is data security? How can it be implemented?**

- **Data Security:** Protecting data from unauthorized access.
- **Methods:** Authentication, encryption, access control, regular audits.

**22. What is Normalization? Write its advantages and explain its importance.**

- **Normalization:** Organizing data to minimize redundancy.
- **Advantages:** Improved integrity, better performance, and easier maintenance.

**23. Explain the purpose of Normalization.**

- Reduce redundancy.
- Ensure data integrity.
- Simplify relationships.

**24. Why is normalization needed? Explain the normalization process with examples.**

- **Need:** Avoid duplication and anomalies.
- **Process:** Progress through forms (1NF, 2NF, etc.) with examples.

**25. What are 1NF, 2NF, and 3NF? Explain each with examples.**

- **1NF:** Atomic values.
- **2NF:** Eliminate partial dependencies.
- **3NF:** Eliminate transitive dependencies.

**26. What is an ER diagram? List its advantages in system design.**

- **ER Diagram:** Graphical representation of entities and their relationships.
- **Advantages:** Clear visualization, simplifies database design.

**27. What is the purpose of an ER diagram? Describe the symbols used with examples.**

- **Purpose:** Conceptualize database structure.
- **Symbols:** Rectangle (entity), Oval (attribute), Diamond (relationship).

**28. Explain the entity, attribute, and relationship in the ER diagram.**

- **Entity:** Object or thing (e.g., Student).
- **Attribute:** Property (e.g., Name, ID).
- **Relationship:** Association between entities (e.g., Student-Enrolls-Course).

**29. Who is a database administrator (DBA)? List their roles, functions, and responsibilities.**

- **DBA:** Individual managing database systems.
- **Roles:** Security, backup, performance tuning, user access management.