

## Question 2:

Create Required tables and insert data to perform the below operations.

Department table:

```
1 CREATE TABLE Departments (  
2     DepartmentID INT PRIMARY KEY,  
3     DepartmentName VARCHAR(255)  
4 );
```

Results Explain Describe Saved SQL History

Table created.

0.01 seconds

Insert data:

```
1 SELECT * FROM Departments;
```

Results Explain Describe Saved SQL History

DEPARTMENTID	DEPARTMENTNAME
1	HR
3	Engineering
4	Marketing
2	Finance

4 rows returned in 0.01 seconds [Download](#)

### Employees Table:

```
1 CREATE TABLE Employees (  
2     EmployeeID INT PRIMARY KEY,  
3     EmployeeName VARCHAR(255),  
4     DepartmentID INT,  
5     Salary DECIMAL(10, 2),  
6     FOREIGN KEY (DepartmentID) REFERENCES Departments(DepartmentID)  
7 );
```

Results

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History

Table created.

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### Insert data:

```
1 SELECT * FROM Employees;
```

Results

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EMPLOYEEID	EMPLOYEENAME	DEPARTMENTID	SALARY
3	Charlie	2	55000
4	David	3	70000
1	Alice	1	50000
2	Bob	2	60000
5	Eve	3	65000

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### Categories Table:

```

1 CREATE TABLE Categories ([
2     CategoryID INT PRIMARY KEY,
3     CategoryName VARCHAR(255),
4     ParentCategoryID INT,
5     FOREIGN KEY (ParentCategoryID) REFERENCES Categories(CategoryID)
6 ]);

```

Results Explain Describe Saved SQL History

Table created.

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Insert data:

```

1 SELECT * FROM Categories;

```

Results Explain Describe Saved SQL History

CATEGORYID	CATEGORYNAME	PARENTCATEGORYID
1	Electronics	-
2	Computers	1
5	Smartphones	1
3	Laptops	2
4	Desktops	2

5 rows returned in 0.00 seconds [Download](#)

And also create location customers and order tables.

## Question 1: Top 3 Departments with Highest Average Salary

### Task:

1. Write a SQL query to find the top 3 departments with the highest average salary of employees. Ensure departments with no employees show an average salary of NULL.

### Deliverables:

1. SQL query that retrieves DepartmentID, DepartmentName, and AvgSalary for the top 3 departments.
2. Explanation of how the query handles departments with no employees and calculates average salary.

```
1 SELECT
2     d.DepartmentID,
3     d.DepartmentName,
4     AVG(e.Salary) AS AvgSalary
5 FROM
6     Departments d
7 LEFT JOIN
8     Employees e ON d.DepartmentID = e.DepartmentID
9 GROUP BY
10    d.DepartmentID, d.DepartmentName
11 ORDER BY
12     AvgSalary DESC
13 FETCH FIRST 3 ROWS ONLY;
```

DEPARTMENTID	DEPARTMENTNAME	AVGSALARY
4	Marketing	-
3	Engineering	67500
2	Finance	57500

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## Question 2: Retrieving Hierarchical Category Paths

### Task:

1. Write a SQL query using recursive Common Table Expressions (CTE) to retrieve all categories along with their full hierarchical path (e.g., Category > Subcategory > Sub-subcategory).

### Deliverables:

1. SQL query that uses recursive CTE to fetch CategoryID, CategoryName, and hierarchical path.
2. Explanation of how the recursive CTE works to traverse the hierarchical data.

```
1 SELECT
2     CategoryID,
3     CategoryName,
4     SYS_CONNECT_BY_PATH(CategoryName, ' > ') AS Path
5 FROM
6     Categories
7 START WITH
8     ParentCategoryID IS NULL
9 CONNECT BY
10    PRIOR CategoryID = ParentCategoryID;
```

Results

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CATEGORYID	CATEGORYNAME	PATH
1	Electronics	> Electronics
2	Computers	> Electronics > Computers
3	Laptops	> Electronics > Computers > Laptops
4	Desktops	> Electronics > Computers > Desktops
5	Smartphones	> Electronics > Smartphones

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### Question 3: Total Distinct Customers by Month

#### Task:

1. Design a SQL query to find the total number of distinct customers who made a purchase in each month of the current year. Ensure months with no customer activity show a count of 0.

#### Deliverables:

1. SQL query that retrieves MonthName and CustomerCount for each month.
2. Explanation of how the query ensures all months are included and handles zero customer counts.

```
1 WITH Months AS (
2     SELECT ADD_MONTHS(TRUNC(SYSDATE, 'YEAR'), LEVEL - 1) AS MonthStart
3 FROM DUAL
4     CONNECT BY LEVEL <= 12
5 )
6 SELECT
7     TO_CHAR(MonthStart, 'Month') AS MonthName,
8     COALESCE(
9         (SELECT COUNT(DISTINCT CustomerID)
10          FROM Orders
11          WHERE OrderDate >= MonthStart
12             AND OrderDate < ADD_MONTHS(MonthStart, 1)),
13         0
14     ) AS CustomerCount
15 FROM
16     Months
17 ORDER BY
18     MonthStart;
```

Results

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MONTHNAME	CUSTOMERCOUNT
January	1
February	2
March	2
April	0

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### Question 4: Finding Closest Locations

#### Task:

1. Write a SQL query to find the closest 5 locations to a given point specified by latitude and longitude. Use spatial functions or advanced mathematical calculations for proximity.

**Deliverables:**

1. SQL query that calculates the distance and retrieves LocationID, LocationName, Latitude, and Longitude for the closest 5 locations.
2. Explanation of the spatial or mathematical approach used to determine proximity.

```
1  SELECT
2      LocationID,
3      LocationName,
4      Latitude,
5      Longitude,
6      (6371 * acos(cos(radians(:latitude)) * cos(radians(Latitude)) * cos(radians(Longitude) - radians(:longitude)) + sin(radians(:latitude)) * sin(radians(Latitude)))) AS Distance
7  FROM
8      Locations
9  ORDER BY
10     Distance
11  FETCH FIRST 5 ROWS ONLY;
```

**Question 5: Optimizing Query for Orders Table**

**Task:**

1. Write a SQL query to retrieve orders placed in the last 7 days from a large Orders table, sorted by order date in descending order.

**Deliverables:**

1. SQL query optimized for performance, considering indexing, query rewriting, or other techniques.
2. Discussion of strategies used to optimize the query and improve performance

```
1  SELECT
2      OrderID,
3      CustomerID,
4      OrderDate,
5      TotalAmount
6  FROM
7      Orders
8  WHERE
9      OrderDate >= CURRENT_DATE - INTERVAL '7 days'
10 ORDER BY
11     OrderDate DESC;
```

### Question 3:

#### PL/SQL Questions

##### **Question 1: Handling Division Operation**

###### **Task:**

1. Write a PL/SQL block to perform a division operation where the divisor is obtained from user input. Handle the ZERO\_DIVIDE exception gracefully with an appropriate error message.

###### **Deliverables:**

1. PL/SQL block that performs the division operation and handles exceptions.
2. Explanation of error handling strategies implemented.

```
1  DECLARE
2      dividend NUMBER := 100;
3      divisor  NUMBER;
4      result   NUMBER;
5  BEGIN
6      divisor := &divisor;
7      result := dividend / divisor;
8      DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('Result: ' || result);
9  EXCEPTION
10     WHEN ZERO_DIVIDE THEN
11         DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('Error: Division by zero is not allowed.');
```

##### **Question 2: Updating Rows with FORALL**

###### **Task:**

1. Use the FORALL statement to update multiple rows in the Employees table based on arrays of employee IDs and salary increments.

###### **Deliverables:**

1. PL/SQL block that uses FORALL to update salaries efficiently.
2. Description of how FORALL improves performance for bulk updates.

```

1  DECLARE
2      TYPE emp_id_array IS TABLE OF employees.employee_id%TYPE;
3      TYPE salary_inc_array IS TABLE OF NUMBER;
4      emp_ids emp_id_array := emp_id_array(101, 102, 103);
5      salary_incs salary_inc_array := salary_inc_array(500, 1000, 1500);
6  BEGIN
7      FORALL i IN 1..emp_ids.COUNT
8          UPDATE employees
9              SET salary = salary + salary_incs(i)
10             WHERE employee_id = emp_ids(i);
11         DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('Salaries updated successfully.');
```

### Question 3: Implementing Nested Table Procedure

#### Task:

1. Implement a PL/SQL procedure that accepts a department ID as input, retrieves employees belonging to the department, stores them in a nested table type, and returns this collection as an output parameter.

#### Deliverables:

1. PL/SQL procedure with nested table implementation.
2. Explanation of how nested tables are utilized and returned as output.

```

1  CREATE OR REPLACE TYPE emp_table AS TABLE OF employees%ROWTYPE;
2
3  CREATE OR REPLACE PROCEDURE get_employees_by_dept (
4      p_dept_id IN employees.department_id%TYPE,
5      p_emp_list OUT emp_table
6  ) IS
7  BEGIN
8      SELECT * BULK COLLECT INTO p_emp_list
9      FROM employees
10     WHERE department_id = p_dept_id;
11  END;
```



## Question 4: Using Cursor Variables and Dynamic SQL

### Task:

1. Write a PL/SQL block demonstrating the use of cursor variables (REF CURSOR) and dynamic SQL. Declare a cursor variable for querying EmployeeID, FirstName, and LastName based on a specified salary threshold.

### Deliverables:

1. PL/SQL block that declares and uses cursor variables with dynamic SQL.
2. Explanation of how dynamic SQL is constructed and executed.

```
1 DECLARE
2     TYPE ref_cursor IS REF CURSOR;
3     c_ref_cursor ref_cursor;
4     v_employee_id employees.employee_id%TYPE;
5     v_first_name employees.first_name%TYPE;
6     v_last_name employees.last_name%TYPE;
7     v_salary_threshold NUMBER := &salary_threshold;
8 BEGIN
9     OPEN c_ref_cursor FOR
10        'SELECT employee_id, first_name, last_name FROM employees WHERE salary > ' || v_salary_threshold;
11 LOOP
12     FETCH c_ref_cursor INTO v_employee_id, v_first_name, v_last_name;
13     EXIT WHEN c_ref_cursor%NOTFOUND;
14     DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('Employee ID: ' || v_employee_id || ', Name: ' || v_first_name || ' ' || v_last_name);
15 END LOOP;
16 CLOSE c_ref_cursor;
17 END;
```

## Question 5: Designing Pipelined Function for Sales Data

### Task:

1. Design a pipelined PL/SQL function get\_sales\_data that retrieves sales data for a given month and year. The function should return a table of records containing OrderID, CustomerID, and OrderAmount for orders placed in the specified month and year.

### Deliverables:

1. PL/SQL code for the pipelined function get\_sales\_data.
2. Explanation of how pipelined table functions improve data retrieval efficiency.

```

1  CREATE OR REPLACE TYPE sales_record AS OBJECT (
2      order_id NUMBER,
3      customer_id NUMBER,
4      order_amount NUMBER
5  );
6
7      CREATE OR REPLACE TYPE sales_table AS TABLE OF sales_record;
8
9      CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION get_sales_data (
10         p_month IN NUMBER,
11         p_year IN NUMBER
12     ) RETURN sales_table PIPELINED IS
13         v_sales_rec sales_record;
14         BEGIN
15             FOR rec IN (SELECT order_id, customer_id, order_amount
16                         FROM sales
17                         WHERE EXTRACT(MONTH FROM order_date) = p_month
18                             AND EXTRACT(YEAR FROM order_date) = p_year)
19                 LOOP
20                     v_sales_rec := sales_record(rec.order_id, rec.customer_id, rec.order_amount);
21                     PIPE ROW (v_sales_rec);
22                 END LOOP;
23             RETURN;
24         END;
25     )
26
27 )

```

```

1  DECLARE
2      TYPE ref_cursor IS REF CURSOR;
3      c_ref_cursor ref_cursor;
4      v_employee_id employees.employee_id%TYPE;
5      v_first_name employees.first_name%TYPE;
6      v_last_name employees.last_name%TYPE;
7      v_salary_threshold NUMBER := &salary_threshold;
8  BEGIN
9      OPEN c_ref_cursor FOR
10         'SELECT employee_id, first_name, last_name FROM employees WHERE salary > ' || v_salary_threshold;
11  LOOP
12      FETCH c_ref_cursor INTO v_employee_id, v_first_name, v_last_name;
13      EXIT WHEN c_ref_cursor%NOTFOUND;
14      DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('Employee ID: ' || v_employee_id || ', Name: ' || v_first_name || ' ' || v_last_name);
15  END LOOP;
16  CLOSE c_ref_cursor;
17  END;

```

## Rubrics

Criteria	Description	Percentage
<b>Conceptual Understanding</b>	Demonstrates clear understanding of the problem domain (e.g., traffic flow management for ER Diagram, data retrieval and manipulation for SQL/PLSQL).	25%
<b>Technical Accuracy</b>	Accuracy in designing the ER Diagram or writing SQL/PLSQL queries, ensuring they meet requirements and handle edge cases effectively.	30%
<b>Documentation and Clarity</b>	Quality of documentation, including clarity of explanations, use of appropriate terminology, and organization of diagrams or code.	25%
<b>Design and Solution Justification</b>	Justification of design choices (e.g., normalization in ER Diagram, query optimization in SQL/PLSQL) with clear reasoning and considerations for scalability or efficiency.	20%

