

CS150A Quiz10

Distributed Data

1) Instead of having just one copy of our ACID database on one machine, we replicate it across five machines. What happens to our performance, in general?

Check all that apply.

☒ Reads are faster

☐ Reads are slower

☐ Writes are faster

☒ Writes are slower

read: fastest

write: to all (slowest)

2) Suppose that you are a Coordinator node, and you're participating in a transaction with 4 Participants. How many YES votes do you need to COMMIT?

Mark only one oval.

☐ 0

☐ 1

☒ 4

☐ 6

☐ 7

☐ 14

3) You wake up. You have no memory of what happened. You're a Participant node, and you realize that you've just crashed. You look at your logs and see that there is no log record on transaction T1. What do you do?

Mark only one oval.

☐ Commit the transaction

☒ Abort the transaction

☐ Ask the Coordinator for its status; wait

(presumed abort)

4) Suppose we have a Coordinator and 4 Participants. When **could the Coordinator ABORT a transaction?**

In other words, which of the following can possibly happen before a transaction ABORT?
Check all that apply.

- ☒ A. The Coordinator has written ABORT in its logs
- ☒ B. The Coordinator sent PREPARE to all Participants and received 4 YES votes
- ☐ C. The Coordinator sent COMMIT to all Participants and received 2 ACK but hasn't yet heard from the other nodes *must*
- ☒ D. A Participant has written ABORT in its log
- ☐ E. A Participant has written COMMIT in its log
- ☒ F. A Participant has voted YES

5) Suppose we have a Coordinator and 4 Participants. When **could the Coordinator COMMIT a transaction?**

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- ☐ A. The Coordinator has written ABORT in its logs
 - ☒ B. The Coordinator sent PREPARE to all Participants and received 4 YES votes
 - ☒ C. The Coordinator sent COMMIT to all Participants and received 2 ACKs but hasn't yet heard from the other nodes
 - ☐ D. A Participant has written ABORT in its log
 - ☒ E. A Participant has written COMMIT in its log
 - ☒ F. A Participant has voted YES
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