Assignment Restful API & Flask

1. What is a RESTful API?

Ans: Interface for client-server communication.

Uses HTTP methods like GET, POST, PUT, DELETE.
Follows REST principles for stateless service

2. Explain the concept of API specification.

Ans: Defines endpoints and methods.

Specifies request and response formats.

Ensures consistent API behavior.

3. What is Flask, and why is it popular for building APIs?

Ans : Lightweight python framework.

Used for web apps and APIs.

Simple, flexible, and easy to extend.

4. What is routing in Flask?

Ans : Maps URLs to python functions Determines which function runs Handles request for specific URLs.

5. How do you create a simple Flask application?

Ans: Import flask and create app instance.

Define routes using @app.route().

Run the app with app.run()

6. What are HTTP methods used in RESTful APIs?

Ans : GET retrieves data.

POST sends data

PUT/PATCH update , DELETE removes

7. What is the purpose of the @app.route() decorator in Flask?

Ans: Links URL to function

Executes function when URL is visited

Defines route behavior.

8. What is the difference between GET and POST HTTP methods?

Ans: GET retrieves data in URL.

POST sends data securely in body.

POST used for creating/updating resources.

9. How do you handle errors in Flask APIs?

Ans : Use @app.errorhandler()
Return custom message

Use proper HTTP status codes.

10. How do you connect Flask to a SQL database?

Ans: Use SQLAIchemy or connector Initialize in Flask app.

11. What is the role of Flask-SQLAlchemy?

Ans : Simplifies database operation Uses ORM for python classes Avoid raw SQL queries

12. What are Flask blueprints, and how are they useful?

Ans : organize app into modules
Separate routes, templates, static files

13. What is the purpose of Flask's request object?

Ans : Access form data
Access JSON and query parameters
Handle client data in routes

14. How do you create a RESTful API endpoint using Flask?

Ans : define route with @app.route()
Return data in JSON formate
Use jsonify() for response

15. What is the purpose of Flask's jsonify() function?

Ans : Convert python data to JSON Suitable for API responses

16. Explain Flask's url_for() function.

Ans : Generates dynamic URLs
Avoid hardcoding
Useful in templates and redirects

17. How does Flask handle static files (CSS, JavaScript, etc.)?

Ans : Place files in static folder
Access via/static/filename
Flask serves them automatically.

18. What is an API specification, and how does it help in building a Flask API?

Ans : Defines endpoint and formats
Ensures consistent behaviors
Helps developers integrate easily

19. What are HTTP status codes, and why are they important in a Flask API?

Ans : Indicate success, error, or failure Inform client about request result Standardize API responses

20. How do you handle POST requests in Flask?

Ans : use request.form for data
Use request.json for JSON payloads
Validate and process the data

21. How would you secure a Flask API?

Ans : Use authentication and authorization Enable HTTPS Validate input to prevent attacks

22. What is the significance of the Flask-RESTful extension?

Ans : Simplifies building REST APLs
Provides classes and resources
Organizes endpoint efficiently

23. What is the role of Flask's session object?

Ans : Stores user-specific data

Maintain state across requests

Useful for loging information