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**CSCI235  
Database Systems****Final Examination Paper  
Session 2 2021**

Exam duration	3 hours and 40 minutes
Weighting	40% of the subject assessment
Marks available	40 marks
Items permitted by examiner	Text-book, Lecture slides, and Tutorial notes
Directions to students	4 questions to be answered. Marks for each question are shown beside the question. All answers must be written in the answer booklet provided.

**This examination is a take-it-home examination to be done on-line on the date of examination.**

**Version 2.0**

## Question 2 - (Total 8 marks)

### Indexing

**Time allocated: 40 minutes**

**Start time: 10:55 am SGT**

**End time: 11:35 am SGT**

**Submission time start: 11:30 am SGT**

**Submission time end: 11:45 am SGT**

Consider a relational database that consists of the relational tables created by the following CREATE TABLE statements:

```
CREATE TABLE PART(  
  P_PARTKEY      NUMBER(12) NOT NULL,  
  P_NAME         VARCHAR(55) NOT NULL,  
  P_RETAILPRICE  NUMBER(12,2) NOT NULL,  
  CONSTRAINT PART_PKEY PRIMARY KEY (P_PARTKEY) );
```

```
CREATE TABLE SUPPLIER(  
  S_SUPPKEY      NUMBER(12) NOT NULL,  
  S_NAME         CHAR(25) NOT NULL,  
  S_NATIONKEY    NUMBER(12) NOT NULL,  
  S_PHONE        CHAR(15) NOT NULL,  
  CONSTRAINT SUPPLIER_PKEY PRIMARY KEY (S_SUPPKEY) );
```

```
CREATE TABLE PARTSUPP(  
  PS_PARTKEY     NUMBER(12) NOT NULL,  
  PS_SUPPKEY     NUMBER(12) NOT NULL,  
  PS_SUPPLYCOST  NUMBER(12,2) NOT NULL,  
  CONSTRAINT PARTSUPP_PKEY PRIMARY KEY (PS_PARTKEY, PS_SUPPKEY),  
  CONSTRAINT PARTSUPP_FKEY1 FOREIGN KEY (PS_PARTKEY)  
    REFERENCES PART(P_PARTKEY),  
  CONSTRAINT PARTSUPP_FKEY2 FOREIGN KEY (PS_SUPPKEY)  
    REFERENCES SUPPLIER(S_SUPPKEY) );
```

Determine what index should be created to improve the performance of the queries listed below in the best possible way. **Consider each one of the queries as an individual case.** If you decide that an index should be created, then **list** the names of attributes that form an index key and **write** the 'create index' statement to create the index. Remember that the order of attributes in an index key is important. **Explain** why a new index is needed **or** is not needed to improve the performance of the queries. That is, if a new index is created, explain why the index improves the performance of the query, and if no new index is created, explain why the performance of the query is not suffered (degraded). Assume that all relational tables are large enough to make full tables scan more time consuming than accessing the tables through an index.

- i.     SELECT DISTINCT P\_NAME, P\_RETAILPRICE  
       FROM PART  
       ORDER BY P\_RETAILPRICE; **(1.0 mark)**
- ii.    SELECT PS\_SUPPKEY, COUNT(\*)  
       FROM PARTSUPP  
       GROUP BY PS\_SUPPKEY  
       HAVING COUNT(PS\_SUPPLYCOST) > 3; **(1.0 mark)**
- iii.   SELECT \*  
       FROM SUPPLIER  
       WHERE S\_NATIONKEY = 1  
       OR S\_PHONE = '26-118-226-8835'; **(1.0 mark)**
- iv.    SELECT COUNT(\*)  
       FROM PART  
       WHERE P\_NAME = 'COOLING-FAN'; **(1.0 mark)**
- v.     SELECT PS\_PARTKEY, COUNT(\*)  
       FROM PARTSUPP  
       GROUP BY PS\_PARTKEY  
       HAVING COUNT(\*) > 3; **(1.0 mark)**
- vi.    SELECT PS\_SUPPKEY  
       FROM PARTSUPP  
       WHERE PS\_SUPPKEY = '1759'; **(1.0 mark)**
- vii.   SELECT S\_NAME  
       FROM SUPPLIER; **(1.0 mark)**
- viii.  SELECT \*  
       FROM SUPPLIER  
       WHERE S\_NAME = 'Best Supplier'  
       AND S\_NATIONKEY = '22'; **(1.0 mark)**

## END OF QUESTION 2