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Question 1

Incorrect

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Which of the following is **wrong** about inverted files?

Select one:

- ☐ a. The index file has space requirement of $O(n^\beta)$, where β is about $\frac{1}{2}$ correct
- ☒ b. Storing differences among word addresses reduces the size of the postings file
✗ correct
- ☐ c. Variable length compression is used to reduce the size of the index file
- ☐ d. The space requirement for the postings file is $O(n)$ correct

The correct answer is: Variable length compression is used to reduce the size of the index file

Question 2

Correct

Mark 1.00 out of 1.00

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The SMART algorithm for query relevance feedback modifies...

Select one:

- ☐ a. The result document weight vectors
- ☒ b. The original query weight vectors ✓
- ☐ c. The keywords of the original user query
- ☐ d. The original document weight vectors

The correct answer is: The original query weight vectors

Question 3

Correct

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How does LSI querying work?

Select one:

- ☒ a. The query vector is treated as an additional document; then cosine similarity is computed ✓
- ☐ b. The query vector is multiplied with an orthonormal matrix; then cosine similarity is computed
- ☐ c. The query vector is treated as an additional term; then cosine similarity is computed
- ☐ d. The query vector is transformed by Matrix S; then cosine similarity is computed

The correct answer is: The query vector is treated as an additional document; then cosine similarity is computed

Question 4

Correct

Mark 1.00 out of 1.00

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In general, what is **true** regarding Fagin's algorithm?

Select one:

- ☐ a. Posting files need to be indexed by the TF-IDF weights
- ☒ b. It provably returns the k documents with the largest aggregate scores ✓
- ☐ c. It performs a complete scan over the posting files
- ☐ d. It never reads more than $(kn)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ entries from a posting list

The correct answer is: It provably returns the k documents with the largest aggregate scores

Question 5

Correct

Mark 1.00 out of 1.00

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Which of the following is **true** when comparing Vector Space Model (VSM) and Probabilistic Language Model (PLM)?

Select one:

- ☐ a. Both VSM and PLM are based on a generative language model
- ☐ b. Both VSM and PLM require parameter tuning
- ☒ c. Both VSM and PLM take into account multiple term occurrences ✓
- ☐ d. Both VSM and PLM use collection frequency in the model

The correct answer is: Both VSM and PLM take into account multiple term occurrences

Question 6

Correct

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What is the benefit of LDA over LSI?

Select one:

- ☐ a. LSI is based on a model of how documents are generated, whereas LDA is not
- ☐ b. LSI is sensitive to the ordering of the words in a document, whereas LDA is not
- ☐ c. LDA represents semantic dimensions (topics, concepts) as weighted combinations of terms, whereas LSI does not
- ☒ d. LDA has better theoretical explanation, and its empirical results are in general better than LSI's ✓

The correct answer is: LDA has better theoretical explanation, and its empirical results are in general better than LSI's

Question 7

Correct

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Tugrulcan wanted to plan his next summer vacation so he wrote “best beaches” to his favourite search engine. Little did he know, his favourite search engine was using pseudo-relevance feedback and the top-k documents that are considered relevant were about the beaches only in Turkey. What is this phenomenon called?

Select one:

- ☐ a. Query Malfunction
- ☐ b. Query Bias
- ☒ c. Query Drift ✓
- ☐ d. Query Confounding

The correct answer is: Query Drift

Question 8

Correct

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Which of the following statements about index merging (when constructing inverted files) is **correct**?

Select one:

- ☐ a. While merging two partial indices on disk, the vocabularies are concatenated without sorting
- ☒ b. While merging two partial indices on disk, the inverted lists of a term are concatenated without sorting ✓

- ☐ c. Index merging is used when the vocabulary does no longer fit into the main memory
- ☐ d. The size of the final merged index file is $O(n \log_2(n) * M)$, where M is the size of the available memory

The correct answer is: While merging two partial indices on disk, the inverted lists of a term are concatenated without sorting

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