Второй вопрос:

DELETE a.\* FROM cities a,

(SELECT

b.city\_name, MIN(b.city\_id) mid

FROM cities b

GROUP BY b.city\_name

) c

WHERE

a.city\_name = c.city\_name

AND a.city\_id > c.mid

Третий вопрос:

SELECT s1.employee\_id, s1.department\_id, s1.salary

FROM staff s1

WHERE s1.employee\_id in

(SELECT TOP 3 s2.employee\_id

FROM staff s2

WHERE s2.department\_id = s1.department\_id

ORDER BY s2.salary DESC)