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Hand Notes

Unit – 1 **Topic: View and ViewGroup Objects**

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2 Marks Questions

Q1: What are View and ViewGroup objects in Android?

Answer:

- **View:** A View is the basic UI element in Android, such as a Button, TextView, or ImageView. It is responsible for drawing and handling user interactions.

- **ViewGroup:** A ViewGroup is a container that holds multiple View objects (or nested ViewGroups). Examples include LinearLayout, RelativeLayout, and ConstraintLayout.

  Example:

  ```
  <!-- View Example -->
  <Button
     android:id="@+id/btnSubmit"
     android:text="Submit" />


  <!-- ViewGroup Example -->
  <LinearLayout>
     <TextView android:text="Hello" />
     <Button android:text="Click" />
  </LinearLayout>
  ```

4 Marks Questions

Q2: Explain the hierarchy of View and ViewGroup with a diagram.

Answer:
The Android UI follows a **tree-like hierarchy**, where:

- The root is typically a ViewGroup (e.g., ConstraintLayout).
- It contains child View elements (e.g., Button, TextView) or nested ViewGroups.

Hierarchy Example:

```
ConstraintLayout (ViewGroup)
 ├── LinearLayout (ViewGroup)
|    ├── TextView (View)
|   └── EditText (View)
└── Button (View)
```

Significance:

- Helps in organizing UI components efficiently.
- Enables nested layouts for complex designs.

6 Marks Questions

Q3: Describe the difference between View and ViewGroup with examples.

Answer:

Feature	**View**	**ViewGroup**
Purpose	Represents a single UI element (e.g., Button, TextView).	Acts as a container for multiple View or ViewGroup objects (e.g., LinearLayout, RelativeLayout).
Usage	Displays content or handles user input.	Manages the arrangement of child views.
Example	A "Login" button.	A LinearLayout containing a TextView and EditText.

XML Example:

```
        <!-- View Example -->
<Button
   android:text="Login"
   android:layout_width="wrap_content"
   android:layout_height="wrap_content" />


<!-- ViewGroup Example -->
<LinearLayout
   android:orientation="vertical">
```

```
    <TextView android:text="Username" />
    <EditText android:hint="Enter username" />
</LinearLayout>
```

8 Marks Questions

Q4: Explain the importance of View and ViewGroup in UI design with code examples.

Answer:
1. Role of Views:

- Provide interactive elements (Button, CheckBox).
- Display data (TextView, ImageView).

2. Role of ViewGroups:

- Define layouts (LinearLayout, ConstraintLayout).
- Control positioning and sizing of child views.

Example (Login Screen):

```
        <ConstraintLayout>
    <EditText
      android:id="@+id/etUsername"
      android:hint="Username" />
    <EditText
      android:id="@+id/etPassword"
      android:hint="Password" />
    <Button
      android:id="@+id/btnLogin"
      android:text="Login" />
</ConstraintLayout>
```

Why Important?

- **Ensures responsive and scalable UI.**
- **Simplifies UI management via hierarchical structure.**

10 Marks Questions

Q5: Discuss the common methods of View and ViewGroup classes with practical usage.

Answer:

View Class Methods:

1. setVisibility(int visibility)

   - Controls visibility (`VISIBLE`, `INVISIBLE`, `GONE`).
     button.setVisibility(View.GONE); // Hides the button

2. setOnClickListener(View.OnClickListener)

   - Handles click events.

     button.setOnClickListener(v -> Toast.makeText(this, "Clicked!", Toast.LENGTH_SHORT).show());

3.setBackgroundColor(int color)

   - Changes background color.

     textView.setBackgroundColor(Color.RED);

ViewGroup Class Methods:

1.addView(View child)

   - Dynamically adds a view.
     LinearLayout layout = findViewById(R.id.layout);
     Button btn = new Button(this);
     layout.addView(btn);

2.removeView(View child

   - Removes a child view.

```
layout.removeView(btn);
```

3.getChildCount()

- Returns the number of child views.
  ```
  int count = layout.getChildCount();
  ```

Significance:

- Enables **dynamic UI updates**.
- Facilitates **user interaction handling**.