Front End Development

WD-HTML

Theory Assignment =

+ HTML Basics +

• Question 1: Define HTML. What is the purpose of HTML in web development?

ANSWER =

Definition of HTML:
HTML stands for HyperText Markup Language. It is the standard markup language used to create and structure content on web pages.

HTML uses tags (such as <html>, <head>, <body>, <h1>, <p>, etc.) to define elements on a webpage like headings, paragraphs, images, links, tables, and forms.

Purpose of HTML in Web Development:

1. Structure the Web Page
   HTML provides the basic structure of a website. It organizes content into headings, paragraphs, lists, tables, and sections.
2. Display Content in Browsers
   Web browsers read HTML files and display the content visually to users.

3. Create Links Between Pages
   Using hyperlinks (<a> tag), HTML connects different web pages together.
4. Embed Media
   HTML allows adding images, videos, audio, and other multimedia content to a webpage.
5. Foundation for CSS and JavaScript
   - HTML = Structure
   - CSS = Styling
   - JavaScript = Functionality

• Question 2: Explain the basic structure of an HTML document. Identify the mandatory tagsand their purposes

ANSWER =

basic Structure of an HTML Document

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
  <title>Page Title</title>
</head>
<body>
  <h1>Hello World</h1>
  <p>This is a paragraph.</p>
</body>
</html>
```

Mandatory Tags and Their Purposes

1. <!DOCTYPE html>

- Declares the document type.
- Tells the browser that the document is written in HTML5.
- It must be the first line of an HTML document.

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2. <html> Tag

- The root element of an HTML page.
- All other elements are written inside this tag.

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3. <head> Tag

- Contains meta-information about the webpage.
- Does not display content directly on the page.
- Includes:
    - <title> (page title shown on browser tab)
    - <meta> (character set, description, etc.)
    - <link> (CSS files)
    - <script> (JavaScript files)

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4. <title> Tag

- Written inside the <head> tag.
- Displays the title of the webpage in the browser tab.

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5. <body> Tag

- Contains the visible content of the webpage.
- Includes headings, paragraphs, images, links, forms, tables, etc.

Summary of Mandatory Tags

Tag	Purpose
<!DOCTYPE html>	Declares HTML5 document type
<html>	Root element of the webpage
<head>	Contains metadata and page settings
<title>	Sets the page title
<body>	Contains visible content

In Simple Words:

The HTML structure is like a skeleton of a webpage.

- <html> = Full document
- <head> = Page information
- <body> = Page content

• Question 3: What is the difference between block-level elements and inline elements in HTML? Provide examples of each.

ANSWER = In HTML, elements are mainly divided into block-level elements and inline elements based on how they appear on a webpage.

Block-Level Elements

Definition:

Block-level elements:

- Start on a new line
- Take up the full width available
- Can contain inline and other block elements

Features:

- Always begin on a new line
- Create large content sections
- Used for structure/layout

Examples:

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- <h1> to <h6>
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- <section>
- <article>

Example Code:

<h1>This is a Heading</h1>

This is a paragraph.

This is a division.

Each element appears on a new line.

Inline Elements

Definition:

Inline elements:

- Do not start on a new line
- Take up only as much width as necessary
- Usually used inside block elements

Features:

- Appear within text
- Do not break the flow of content
- Used for styling small parts of text

Examples:

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- <a>
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- <img>
- <label>

Example Code:

This is important text.

The tag stays in the same line.

Key Differences

Block-Level Elements	Inline Elements
Start on a new line	Do not start on a new line
Take full width	Take only required width
Used for layout/structure	Used for styling small content

Block-Level Elements	Inline Elements
Example:	Example:

In Simple Words:

- Block elements = Big boxes (new line, full width)
- Inline elements = Small pieces inside text

• Question 4: Discuss the role of semantic HTML. Why is it important for accessibility andSEO? Provide examples of semantic elements.

ANSWER = What is Semantic HTML?

Semantic HTML uses HTML elements that clearly describe the meaning of the content inside them.

Instead of using generic tags like and , semantic elements explain the purpose of the content.

Example:

```
<header>
  <h1>My Website</h1>
</header>

<article>
  <h2>Blog Title</h2>
  <p>This is a blog post.</p>
</article>
```

Here, <header> and <article> describe the content meaning.

Role of Semantic HTML

Semantic HTML helps:

- Structure content clearly
- Improve website readability
- Help search engines understand content
- Improve accessibility for users with disabilities

Why Semantic HTML is Important for Accessibility

1. Screen Readers
    - Screen readers use semantic tags to understand page structure.
    - Visually impaired users can navigate easily.
2. Better Navigation
    - Tags like <nav>, <main>, <section> help assistive technologies identify page areas.
3. Clear Content Hierarchy
    - Proper headings (<h1> to <h6>) help users understand content order.

Why Semantic HTML is Important for SEO

SEO (Search Engine Optimization) improves website ranking on search engines like Google.

Semantic HTML helps SEO because:

1. Search Engines Understand Content
    - Tags like <article>, <header>, <footer> explain content type.

2. Improves Search Ranking
    - Well-structured pages are ranked better.
3. Better Indexing
    - Search engines can easily scan and categorize content.

Examples of Semantic Elements

Semantic Tag	Purpose
<header>	Top section of a page
<nav>	Navigation links
<main>	Main content of the page
<section>	Section of content
<article>	Independent content (blog, news)
<aside>	Sidebar content
<footer>	Bottom section of a page
<figure>	Images with caption
<mark>	Highlighted text
<time>	Date and time

Non-Semantic Elements (for comparison)

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These do not describe the content meaning.

In Simple Words:

- Semantic HTML = Meaningful HTML
- Improves accessibility (helps disabled users)
- Improves SEO (helps search engines rank your site)
- Makes code clean and professional

+ HTML Forms +

• Question 1: What are HTML forms used for? Describe the purpose of the input, textarea, select, and button elements.

ANSWER = HTML forms are used to collect user data and send it to a server for processing.

Forms are commonly used for:

- Login and registration
- Contact forms
- Feedback forms
- Online orders
- Surveys

The <form> tag is used to create a form.

Example:

<form>

```
  <!-- form elements go here -->
</form>
```

Main Form Elements and Their Purpose

1. <input> Element

- Used to collect small pieces of user data.
- It is the most commonly used form element.
- Has different types like:
    - text
    - password
    - email
    - number
    - radio
    - checkbox
    - file

Example:

```
<input type="text" placeholder="Enter your name">
```

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2. <textarea> Element

- Used to collect large amounts of text.
- Mostly used for messages, comments, or feedback.

Example:

```
<textarea rows="4" cols="30">
Enter your message
</textarea>
```

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3. <select> Element

- Used to create a dropdown list.
- Contains <option> elements.

Example:

```
<select>
  <option>India</option>
  <option>USA</option>
  <option>UK</option>
</select>
```

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4. <button> Element

- Used to create a clickable button.
- Can submit a form or perform actions.

Types:

- submit – Sends form data
- reset – Clears form data
- button – Custom action (usually with JavaScript)

Example:

```
<button type="submit">Submit</button>
```

Summary Table

Element	Purpose
<input>	Collect small user data

Element	Purpose
<textarea>	Collect large text input
<select>	Create dropdown list
<button>	Submit or perform actions

In Simple Words:

HTML forms are used to take information from users.

- <input> = small input
- <textarea> = big message
- <select> = dropdown
- <button> = submit or click action

• Question 2: Explain the difference between the GET and POST methods in form submission. When should each be used?

ANSWER =

When submitting an HTML form, data is sent to the server using methods defined in the <form> tag:

<form method="GET">

<form method="POST">

The two most common methods are GET and POST.

GET Method

- Definition:
  - Sends form data as part of the URL.

- Data is visible in the browser’s address bar.

🔹 Example:

https://example.com/search?name=Meet&city=Rajkot

🔹 Features:

- Data is visible
- Limited data length
- Can be bookmarked
- Faster than POST
- Less secure

🔹 When to Use GET:

- Search forms
- Filters
- Non-sensitive data
- When you want users to bookmark/share the URL

POST Method

🔹 Definition:

- Sends form data in the HTTP request body.
- Data is not visible in the URL.

🔹 Features:

- Data is hidden from URL
- No size limit (practically larger than GET)
- More secure than GET
- Cannot be bookmarked
- Used for sensitive data

🔹 When to Use POST:

- Login forms
- Registration forms
- Payment forms
- Uploading files
- Sending confidential information (passwords, personal data)

Key Differences

Feature	GET	POST
Data Location	URL	Request body
Visibility	Visible	Not visible
Security	Less secure	More secure
Data Limit	Limited	Large amount
Bookmarking	Yes	No
Used For	Searching	Submitting sensitive data

In Simple Words:

- GET = Request data (like searching on websites such as Google)
- POST = Send data securely (like login or payment forms)

Conclusion:

- Use GET for retrieving data.
- Use POST for sending sensitive or important data.

• Question 3: What is the purpose of the label element in a form, and how does it improve accessibility?

ANSWER =

Purpose of the <label> Element

The <label> element is used to define a label (description) for an input field in a form.

It tells users what information they need to enter in a particular input box.

Example:

<label for="username">Username:</label>

<input type="text" id="username" name="username">

Here:

- <label> describes the input field.
- The for attribute connects the label to the input using the input's id.

Why the <label> Element is Important

Improves User Understanding

- Clearly explains what the input field is for.
- Makes forms easier to understand.

Improves Accessibility (Very Important)

Accessibility means making websites usable for everyone, including people with disabilities.

The <label> element improves accessibility because:

- Screen readers can read the label aloud when the user selects the input field.
- Helps visually impaired users understand what to enter.

- When users click on the label text, the related input field automatically becomes active (very helpful for radio buttons and checkboxes).

Example with Checkbox:

<label for="agree">I agree to the terms</label>

<input type="checkbox" id="agree">

Clicking on “I agree to the terms” will check the box.

To Ways to Use <label>

Method 1: Using for Attribute

<label for="email">Email:</label>

<input type="email" id="email">

Method 2: Wrapping the Input Inside Label

<label>

Email:

<input type="email">

</label>

Both methods correctly connect the label with the input.

Summary

Feature	Benefit
Describes input field	Improves clarity
Connects with input	Better form usability
Works with screen readers	Improves accessibility
Clickable label	Better user experience

In Simple Words:

The <label> tag:

- Tells users what to enter
- Makes forms easy to use
- Helps disabled users
- Makes websites more professional

+ HTML Tables +

• Question 1: Explain the structure of an HTML table and the purpose of each of the following

elements: <table>,<tr>,<th>,<td>,and<thead>

ANSWER =

Structure of an HTML Table

An HTML table is used to display data in rows and columns.

Basic Table Structure Example:

```
<table border="1">
  <thead>
    <tr>
      <th>Name</th>
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      <th>Age</th>
      <th>City</th>
    </tr>
  </thead>
  <tr>
    <td>Meet</td>
    <td>20</td>
    <td>Rajkot</td>
  </tr>
</table>
```

Purpose of Each Element

<table>

- The main container for the table.
- All table elements must be placed inside it.
- Defines the start and end of a table.

<tr> (Table Row)

- Represents a row in the table.
- Each row contains table headings (<th>) or table data (<td>).

<th> (Table Header)

- Defines a header cell.
- Usually appears bold and centered by default.
- Used for column titles.

- Improves accessibility and structure.

Example:

<th>Name</th>

<td> (Table Data)

- Defines a normal data cell.
- Contains actual information in the table.

Example:

<td>Meet</td>

<thead> (Table Head Section)

- Groups the header content of the table.
- Contains one or more <tr> rows with <th> elements.
- Helps browsers and screen readers understand table structure.
- Useful for styling and large tables.

Visual Understanding

Tag	Purpose
<table>	Creates the table
<tr>	Creates a row
<th>	Creates header cell
<td>	Creates data cell
<thead>	Groups header section

In Simple Words:

- <table> = Full table
- <tr> = Row
- <th> = Column heading
- <td> = Data cell
- <thead> = Top header section

• Question 2: What is the difference between colspan and rowspan in tables? Provide examples

ANSWER =

Definition:

rowspan is an attribute used in <td> or <th> elements to merge two or more rows into a single cell.

- It works vertically (top to bottom).
- It increases the height of a cell.
- The value of rowspan shows how many rows the cell will cover.

Example:

```
<table border="1">
 <tr>
  <th rowspan="2">Name</th>
  <td>Meet</td>
 </tr>
 <tr>
```

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  <td>Rahul</td>
 </tr>
</table>
```

Explanation:

- rowspan="2" makes the "Name" header span across two rows.
- Instead of writing the "Name" cell again in the second row, it is merged vertically.

When to Use Rowspan?

- When one piece of data belongs to multiple rows.
- When designing structured tables like schedules, marksheets, or reports.

In Simple Words:

Rowspan = Join rows (up to down).
It combines multiple rows into one cell vertically.

• Question 3: Why should tables be used sparingly for layout purposes? What is a better alternative?

ANSWER =

Why Tables Should Be Used Sparingly for Layout

In the early days of web development, developers used HTML tables to design page layouts. However, this practice is not recommended today.

Tables Are Meant for Data, Not Layout

- Tables are designed to display tabular data (like marksheets, reports, schedules).
- Using them for layout mixes structure with presentation.

Poor Accessibility

- Screen readers expect tables to contain data.
- If tables are used for layout, it can confuse visually impaired users. Difficult to Maintain
- Table-based layouts require complex nested tables.
- Harder to edit and update compared to modern methods. Slower Rendering
- Browsers must load the entire table before displaying content.
- This can slow down page display.

Bad for SEO

- Search engines may misinterpret layout tables as data tables.
- This affects content understanding and ranking.

Better Alternative: CSS for Layout

The best alternative is using CSS (Cascading Style Sheets) for layout design.

Modern CSS Layout Methods:

1. Flexbox
    - Used for one-dimensional layouts (row or column).
    - Easy alignment and spacing.
2. CSS Grid
    - Used for two-dimensional layouts (rows and columns).
    - Very powerful and flexible.

Example Using CSS Instead of Tables:

```
<div class="container">
  <div>Left</div>
  <div>Right</div>
</div>
.container {
  display: flex;
}
```

This creates a layout without using tables.

Summary

Tables for Layout	CSS for Layout
Not recommended	Recommended
Poor accessibility	Better accessibility
Hard to manage	Easy to maintain
Old method	Modern method

In Simple Words:

- Tables should be used only for data, not for designing web pages.
- Use CSS (Flexbox or Grid) for creating layouts.
- This makes websites modern, clean, and accessible.