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**Instructions:**

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| <b>1. Attempt all questions in section A</b>   | <b>(55 Marks)</b> |
| <b>2. Attempt three questions in section B</b> | <b>(30 Marks)</b> |
| <b>3. Attempt one question in section C</b>    | <b>(15 Marks)</b> |

## **SECTION A: Mandatory**

### **MUTIPLE CHOICE /20MARKS**

1. What does PHP stand for? **/1Marks**

- a) Personal Home Page
- b) Preprocessed Hypertext
- c) Hypertext Preprocessor
- d) Programmed HTML

**Answer: c) Hypertext Preprocessor**

2. Which of the following accurately describes the role of an interpreter? **/1Marks**

- a) Compiles code into machine language before execution
- b) Translates code line by line and executes it directly
- c) Converts code into bytecode for execution
- d) Optimizes code for faster execution

**Answer: b) Translates code line by line and executes it directly**

3. What does "open source" mean in the context of software development? **/1Marks**

- a) Software that is free to download
- b) Software that can only be viewed but not modified
- c) Software that is released with a license allowing viewing, modification, and distribution of its source code
- d) Software that is developed by a single company

**Answer: c) Software that is released with a license allowing viewing, modification, and distribution of its source code**

4. Which of the following is a fundamental component of a web server? **/1Marks**

- a) Database
- b) Interpreter
- c) Apache
- d) Browser

**Answer: c) Apache**

5. MySQL is an example of which type of database management system? **/1Marks**

- a) Relational DBMS
- b) NoSQL DBMS
- c) NewSQL DBMS
- d) Hierarchical DBMS

**Answer: a) Relational DBMS**

6. Which characteristic of PHP allows it to generate dynamic web pages? /1Marks
- a) Cross-Platform Compatibility
  - b) Server-Side Scripting
  - c) Simple and Easy to Learn
  - d) Strong Community

**Answer: b) Server-Side Scripting**

7. Which of the following is NOT a popular IDE or text editor for programming? /1Marks
- a) Visual Studio Code
  - b) Eclipse
  - c) Apache
  - d) Sublime Text

**Answer: c) Apache**

8. What is the purpose of XAMPP in web development? /1Marks
- a) Managing databases
  - b) Testing websites locally
  - c) Creating dynamic web pages
  - d) Writing server-side scripts

**Answer: b) Testing websites locally**

9. Which stack is specifically designed for macOS users in web development? /1Marks
- a) WAMP
  - b) LAMP
  - c) XAMPP
  - d) MAMP

**Answer: d) MAMP**

10. What is the primary function of a web browser? /1Marks
- a) Process server-side scripts
  - b) Compile HTML files
  - c) Interact with information on the World Wide Web
  - d) Manage databases

**Answer: c) Interact with information on the World Wide Web**

11. Which PHP file extension indicates that the file contains PHP code? /1Marks

- a) A) .html
- b) B) .js
- c) C) .css
- d) D) .php

**Answer: D) .php**

12. What is the purpose of the "date" function in PHP? /1Marks

- a) A) To format and display dates and times
- b) B) To create new date objects
- c) C) To retrieve the current timestamp
- d) D) To calculate time differences

**Answer: A) To format and display dates and times**

13. How can you concatenate strings in PHP using the dot operator? /1Marks

- a) A) By using the + operator
- b) B) By using the & operator
- c) C) By using the . operator
- d) D) By using the ~ operator

**Answer: C) By using the . operator**

14. Which operator in PHP is used as an alternative method of implementing if-else or nested if-else statements? /1Marks

- a) Greater than operator (>)
- b) Less than operator (<)
- c) Ternary operator (? :)
- d) Equal to operator (==)

**Correct Answer: c) Ternary operator (? :)**

15. What type of array in PHP uses named keys (strings) instead of numeric indices to access elements? /1Marks

- a) Indexed array
- b) Multidimensional array
- c) Associative array
- d) Double array

**Correct Answer: c) Associative array**

16. Which loop in PHP guarantees that the code block is executed at least once, as the condition is checked after the code is executed? /1Marks

- a) for loop

- b) while loop
- c) do-while loop
- d) foreach loop

**Correct Answer:** c) do-while loop

17. Which keyword is used to exit the switch block when a matching case is found in PHP? **/1Marks**

- a) return
- b) break
- c) continue
- d) exit

**Correct Answer:** b) break

18. What does the \$\_FILES variable contain in PHP? **/1Marks**

- a) Uploaded files using HTTP POST method
- b) Server information
- c) Form data submitted using method="post"
- d) Global variables

**Correct Answer:** a) Uploaded files using HTTP POST method

19. What PHP function is used to delete a file? **/1Marks**

- a) file\_remove()
- b) file\_delete()
- c) file\_unlink()
- d) unlink()

**Correct Answer:** d) unlink()

20. Which PHP function is used to read the entire contents of a file into a string? **/1Marks**

- a) fread()
- b) fgets()
- c) file\_get\_contents()
- d) readfile()

**Correct Answer:** c) file\_get\_contents()

## OPEN QUESTIONS /35Marks

1. Explain the `if` statement in PHP with an example. /3Marks

**Answer:** The `if` statement executes a block of code if a specified condition is true.  
Example:

```
$x = 10;
if ($x > 5) {
    echo "x is greater than 5";
}
```

2. Differentiate between `if-else` and `if-elseif-else` statements in PHP. /3Marks

**Answer:** The `if-else` statement executes one block of code if a condition is true and another block if the condition is false. The `if-elseif-else` statement tests multiple conditions sequentially.

3. Explain indexed arrays in PHP with an example. /3Marks

**Answer:** Indexed arrays are arrays where each element is assigned a numeric index, starting from 0 and increasing sequentially. Example:

```
$colors = array("red", "green", "blue");
// or using short syntax
$colors = ["red", "green", "blue"];
```

4. What built-in functions does PHP provide for working with arrays? /4Marks

**Answer:** PHP provides numerous built-in functions for working with arrays, such as `count()`, `array_push()`, `array_pop()`, `array_merge()`, etc.

5. Explain the `for` loop in PHP with its syntax. /5Marks

**Answer:** The `for` loop is used when you know in advance how many times you want to repeat a block of code. Syntax:

```
for ($i = 0; $i < 5; $i++) {
    // Code to be repeated goes here
    echo $i;
}
```

6. What is the purpose of the `foreach` loop in PHP? /3Marks

**Answer:** The `foreach` loop is used to iterate over elements in an array or objects in a collection.

**7. Differentiate between the `while` and `do-while` loops in PHP. /3Marks**

**Answer:** The `while` loop repeats a block of code as long as a condition is true, while the `do-while` loop guarantees that the code block is executed at least once, as the condition is checked after the code is executed.

**8. Explain how to define a user-defined function in PHP and give syntax. /4Marks**

**Answer:** A user-defined function in PHP starts with the `function` keyword followed by the function name, parameters (if any), and a block of code enclosed within curly braces.

Syntax:

```
function functionName($param1, $param2) {  
    // Function code  
}
```

**9. Explain the process of opening a file in PHP. /2Marks**

**Answer:** In PHP, you can open a file or URL using the `fopen()` function.

**10. How do you define a class in PHP? /2Marks**

**Answer:** You define a class in PHP using the `class` keyword.

**11. What are access modifiers in PHP, and how do they affect class members? /3Marks**

**Answer:** There are three access modifiers in PHP: `public`, `protected`, and `private`.

**SECTION B (Chose three questions only 10Marks each) /30MARKS**

**1. How can you perform form (name and email) validation in PHP, provide a basic structure for the PHP script?**

**Answer:** Form validation in PHP involves checking user input for errors. Here's a basic structure for the PHP script:

```
<?php  
if ($_SERVER["REQUEST_METHOD"] == "POST") {  
    $name = $_POST["name"];  
    $email = $_POST["email"];  
  
    // Perform validation  
    $errors = array();  
  
    // Validate the name  
    if (empty($name)) {  
        $errors[] = "Name is required.";  
    }  
}
```

```
// Validate the email
if (empty($email)) {
    $errors[] = "Email is required.";
} elseif (!filter_var($email, FILTER_VALIDATE_EMAIL)) {
    $errors[] = "Invalid email format.";
}

}??>
```

- Using the switch statement, write a php program do display a day from the days of week.

**Answer:**

```
$day = "Monday";
switch ($day) {
    case "Monday":
        echo "It's Monday!";
        break;
    case "Tuesday":
        echo "It's Tuesday!";
        break;
    case "Wednesday":
        echo "It's Wednesday!";
        break;
    case "Thursday":
        echo "It's Thursday!";
        break;
    case "Friday":
        echo "It's Friday!";
        break;
    case "Saturday":
        echo "It's Saturday!";
        break;

    default:
        echo "It's Sunday.";
}
```

- Create an array which will store multiple colors and display them using foreach.

**Answer:**

```
$colors = array("red", "green", "blue", "yellow", "Magenta");
foreach ($colors as $color) {
    // Code to be repeated goes here
    echo $color;
}
```

- Provide examples of three super global variables in PHP and explain their usage.

**Answer:**

- \$GLOBALS:** Used to access global variables from anywhere in the PHP script.
- \$\_SERVER:** Holds information about headers, paths, and script locations.
- \$\_REQUEST:** Used to collect data after submitting an HTML form.



5. During the connection of php to database, we use different functions, give any four among them.

**Answer:** `mysqli_query()`, `mysqli_num_rows()`, `mysqli_fetch_assoc()`, `mysqli_connect_error()`, `mysqli_connect()`, `mysqli_close()`, `mysqli_select_db()`.

### **SECTION C: MANDATORY /15MARKS**

1. a) After successful creating connection to the server where we have a database called **school**, using mysqli procedural, write php code to create a table called **student** with the following attributes:  
id INT(6) AUTO\_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY, firstname VARCHAR(40) NOT NULL, lastname VARCHAR(40) NOT NULL, class VARCHAR(10)). **/6Marks**
- b) Write php code to insert record in the student table created in question a). **/3Marks**
- c) Write php code to display information from student table. **/3Marks**
- d) Write php code to update information in the table student. **/3Marks**

**Answer:**

**a)** `<?php`

```
$servername = "localhost";
```

```
$username = "root";
```

```
$password = "";
```

```
$dbname = "school";
```

```
// Create connection
```

```
$conn = mysqli_connect($servername, $username, $password, $dbname);
```

```
// Check connection
```

```
if (!$conn) {
```

```
    die("Connection failed: " . mysqli_connect_error());
```

```
}
```

```
// sql to create table
```

```
$sql = "CREATE TABLE student (
```

```
id INT(6) AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
```

```
firstname VARCHAR(40) NOT NULL,
```

```
lastname VARCHAR(40) NOT NULL,
```

```
class VARCHAR(10)
```

```

);
if (mysqli_query($conn, $sql)) {
    echo "Table student created successfully";
} else {
    echo "Error creating table: ". mysqli_error($conn);
}
mysqli_close($conn);
?>

```

**b) <?php**

```

$servername = "localhost";
$username = "root";
$password = "";
$dbname = "school";

// Create connection
$conn = mysqli_connect($servername, $username, $password, $dbname);

// Check connection
if (!$conn) {
    die("Connection failed: " . mysqli_connect_error());
}

$sql = "INSERT INTO student (firstname, lastname, class)
VALUES ('mukeshimana', 'Anne', 'L4SWD')";

if (mysqli_query($conn, $sql)) {
    echo "New record created successfully";
} else {
    echo "Error: " . $sql . "<br>" . mysqli_error($conn);
}

mysqli_close($conn);
?>

```

c) <?php

```
$servername = "localhost";
$username = "root";
$password = "";
$dbname = "school";

// Create connection

$conn = mysqli_connect($servername, $username, $password, $dbname);

// Check connection
if (!$conn) {
    die("Connection failed: " . mysqli_connect_error());
}

$sql = "SELECT id, firstname, lastname FROM student";
$result = mysqli_query($conn, $sql);
if (mysqli_num_rows($result) > 0) {
    // output data of each row
    while($row = mysqli_fetch_assoc($result)) {
        echo "id: " . $row["id"]. " - Name: " . $row["firstname"]. " " . $row["lastname"]. "<br>";
    }
} else {
    echo "0 results";
}

mysqli_close($conn);
?>
```

d) <?php

```
$servername = "localhost";
$username = "root";
$password = " ";
$dbname = "school";

// Create connection
$conn = mysqli_connect($servername, $username, $password, $dbname);
// Check connection
```

```
if (!$conn) {  
    die("Connection failed: " . mysqli_connect_error());  
}  
  
$sql = "UPDATE student SET firstname='Manzi', lastname='Dany' WHERE id=2";  
  
if (mysqli_query($conn, $sql)) {  
    echo "Record updated successfully";  
} else {  
    echo "Error updating record: " . mysqli_error($conn);  
}  
  
mysqli_close($conn);  
?>
```