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Question 1: **Correct**

You have developed a Power BI data source (.pbids) file that connects to a specific data source and prepares the data for consumption in various Fabric reports. You need to update the data source to include a new data field from the source system.

How can you update the .pbids file without impacting existing reports that rely on it?

A. Modify the .pbids file directly in Power BI Desktop and republish it to Fabric.

B. Create a new .pbids file with the updated data and reference it in the affected reports.

C. Use versioning within Fabric to manage different versions of the .pbids file and switch to the updated one.

D. Export the data transformation logic from the .pbids file and implement it directly within the reports using M language.

* **B**
* **A**
* **D**
* **C**

**(Correct)**

**Explanation**

Answer: C

Explanation:

A: Direct modification can cause existing reports to break if they depend on specific data structures or transformations.

B: Creating a new .pbids file adds complexity and requires updating all reports manually.

C: Fabric's versioning feature allows you to create and manage different versions of the .pbids file. You can update the data source, test it in a separate environment, and then switch to the new version in production without affecting existing reports.

D: Exporting M code and implementing it directly in reports increases complexity and makes maintenance difficult.

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Question 2: **Correct**

Your company develops a new Power BI report for analyzing customer purchasing behavior. The report uses data from a shared semantic model in Fabric and a common data connection to a CRM system. You need to make this report reusable for other teams and departments.

Which of the following options is the BEST way to achieve this reusability?

A. Create a new Power BI Desktop file (.pbix) with the report and share it directly with other users.

B. Save the report as a Power BI template (.pbit) file and distribute it to other teams to customize and deploy.

C. Create a separate shared semantic model with the specific data needed for this report and include it in the .pbix file.

D. Encapsulate the data connection and transformations in a Power BI data source (.pbids) file and share it with the report.

* **A**
* **B**

**(Correct)**

* **C**
* **D**

**Explanation**

Answer: B

Explanation:

A: Sharing the .pbix file directly works, but it doesn't promote reusability. Other teams need to modify the entire report and data connection, leading to potential inconsistencies and maintenance challenges.

B: Creating a .pbit file preserves the report layout and data connections, allowing other teams to customize data filters and visuals while maintaining the core structure. This promotes reusability and consistency across deployments.

C: Duplicating the shared semantic model is unnecessary and increases complexity. Existing models should be leveraged for reusability.

D: While sharing the .pbids file ensures consistent data connections, it only provides part of the picture. The report layout and visuals are still separate and require manual integration, hindering reusability.

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Question 3: **Incorrect**

Your company uses a Fabric semantic model to analyze marketing campaign data. The model is deployed in a production environment and accessed by authorized users through Power BI reports. You need to perform maintenance on the model, including schema changes and data updates.

How can you ensure minimal disruption to users and reports during the maintenance window?

A. Deploy the updated model directly to the production environment and notify users of potential temporary downtime.

B. Create a separate development environment for testing the updated model and then deploy it to production during off-peak hours.

C. Implement model versioning and gradually roll out the updated version to a subset of users before switching to full production.

D. Use the XMLA endpoint to directly modify the schema and data within the production model, minimizing downtime.

* **D**
* **B**

**(Correct)**

* **A**
* **C**

**(Incorrect)**

**Explanation**

Answer: B

Explanation:

A: Direct deployment to production creates downtime and risks impacting users unexpectedly.

B: Creating a separate development environment for testing and deploying during off-peak hours is the safest and most controlled approach. This minimizes disruption to users and allows for thorough testing and validation before switching to production.

C: Model versioning can be helpful for rollbacks, but it doesn't guarantee minimal downtime during the initial upgrade.

D: Modifying the production model directly via the XMLA endpoint is risky and can lead to unexpected behavior or data inconsistencies. It should be avoided for maintenance tasks.

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Question 4: **Incorrect**

Your Fabric application contains a DAX measure involving nested CALCULATE functions, potentially impacting performance for complex filter combinations.

How can you improve the performance of this measure using DAX Studio?

A. Simplify the CALCULATE function nesting by breaking down the logic into smaller, independent measures.

B. Utilize the Verifier feature to identify potential logical errors or inefficiencies within the CALCULATE logic.

C. Leverage the Formula Engine timing breakdown to pinpoint specific lines of code within the CALCULATE functions as performance bottlenecks.

D. Utilize the View Metric feature to analyze the impact of different filter combinations on the overall measure execution time.

* **A**
* **B**
* **D**

**(Correct)**

* **C**

**(Incorrect)**

**Explanation**

Answer: D

Explanation:

D allows you to specifically analyze the impact of filter combinations on nested CALCULATE functions:

View Metric in DAX Studio lets you visualize the execution time of your measure across various filter combinations.

This helps you identify specific filters that disproportionately affect performance due to the nested CALCULATE logic.

A is a good optimization technique but doesn't directly leverage DAX Studio:

Simplifying nested CALCULATE functions is a general performance best practice, but it doesn't involve DAX Studio functionalities.

B can be helpful for general logic verification but not specific performance bottlenecks:

Verifier identifies potential logical errors or inefficiencies, but it doesn't provide detailed timing data for performance analysis.

C is useful for identifying bottlenecks within the measure, but not specifically related to filter combinations:

Formula Engine timing breakdown pinpoints expensive operations within the code, but it doesn't show the impact of specific filters on those operations.

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Question 5: **Incorrect**

You are developing an anomaly detection report in Power BI to identify unusual website traffic patterns. The data includes website visits, user sessions, and page views stored in separate tables. You need to identify sessions with significantly higher page views than the average for that user.

Which approach should you use to join the data efficiently and enable anomaly detection based on user behavior?

A. Use a dataflow to append the user sessions and page views tables, creating a single table with all relevant data for each session.

B. Implement a left outer join in the semantic model between the user sessions and page views tables, keeping all sessions even if no page views are associated.

C. Create a calculated column in the user sessions table that averages the page views per session across all users, then compare individual session page views to this average.

D. Use a dataflow to inner join the user sessions and page views tables on user ID and session ID, then calculate the difference between individual session page views and the average for that user.

* **C**
* **A**

**(Incorrect)**

* **D**

**(Correct)**

* **B**

**Explanation**

D. Use a dataflow to inner join the user sessions and page views tables on user ID and session ID, then calculate the difference between individual session page views and the average for that user.

Explanation:

Option A creates a larger, less efficient dataset, making anomaly detection more complex.

Option B includes sessions with no page views, which wouldn't be relevant for anomaly detection.

Option C relies on a global average, which might not be representative of individual user behavior.

Option D efficiently joins the data based on user and session context, then calculates the difference between individual session page views and the user's average. This directly identifies sessions with significantly higher page views compared to their typical behavior, allowing for effective anomaly detection.

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Question 6: **Incorrect**

You are building a financial dashboard in Power BI using data stored in Azure Synapse Analytics. The data includes a "Product Name" column containing mixed uppercase and lowercase letters. You need to create a bar chart showing product sales by category, requiring case-insensitive comparisons.

Which approach should you use in your dataflow to convert the "Product Name" data for consistent case comparison?

A. Create a calculated column in the dataflow using T-SQL to convert all characters to uppercase using the UCASE function.

B. Use Data Factory to copy the data to another table and apply a PySpark script to replace all lowercase characters with uppercase.

C. Implement a stored procedure in Synapse Analytics to iterate through each row and convert the "Product Name" to lowercase using LOWER.

D. Leverage the "Format Values" option in Power BI to convert the field visualization to uppercase during report creation.

* **D**
* **A**

**(Correct)**

* **B**

**(Incorrect)**

* **C**

**Explanation**

A. Create a calculated column in the dataflow using T-SQL to convert all characters to uppercase using the UCASE function.

Explanation:

Option B adds unnecessary complexity and data movement by copying and using PySpark for a simple transformation.

Option C is inefficient for processing large datasets with iteration and stored procedures.

Option D only affects data presentation within Power BI, not the underlying data itself, potentially leading to inconsistent comparisons in other areas.

Option A efficiently transforms the data within the dataflow using T-SQL's UCASE function, ensuring consistent uppercase characters for accurate category comparisons and case-insensitive filtering throughout the analysis.

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Question 7: **Correct**

You are a data engineer for a large organization. You have been tasked with implementing file partitioning for analytics workloads in your data lakehouse. Which of the following strategies would you use to ensure efficient data processing? (Choose two)

A. Partition files based on the most frequently queried columns.

B. Partition files randomly without considering the query patterns.

C. Regularly monitor and adjust the partitioning scheme based on changes in data access patterns.

D. Implement a static partitioning scheme and never change it.

* **A**

**(Correct)**

* **D**
* **C**

**(Correct)**

* **B**

**Explanation**

A & C. Partition files based on the most frequently queried columns & Regularly monitor and adjust the partitioning scheme based on changes in data access patterns.

Explanation: Option A ensures that the data is partitioned in a way that aligns with the query patterns, thereby improving query performance. Option C ensures that the partitioning scheme remains optimal even as data access patterns change over time. Options B and D are not recommended as they could lead to inefficient data processing.

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Question 8: **Correct**

You are building a data pipeline in Microsoft Fabric that ingests real-time website click data into a Delta table. However, you are concerned about the performance impact of large file sizes during writes and updates.

Which of the following techniques would be most effective in mitigating performance issues related to Delta table file size during real-time ingestion?

A. Use smaller write batch sizes when writing data to the Delta table to prevent large file creation.

B. Configure Azure Data Lake Storage Gen2 to use smaller block sizes for Delta table files.

C. Implement delta commits instead of full data overwrites to minimize file size growth during updates.

D. Leverage Azure Data Factory to pre-process and aggregate the data before ingesting it into the Delta table.

* **A**
* **B**
* **D**
* **C**

**(Correct)**

**Explanation**

C. Implement delta commits instead of full data overwrites to minimize file size growth during updates.

Explanation:

Option A can help control file size but might not be suitable for real-time ingestion with high data volume.

Option B has limited impact on file size and can be complex to configure.

Option D adds complexity and delays ingestion, not ideal for real-time scenarios.

Option C directly addresses the performance bottleneck of updates. Delta commits only update the changed data within existing files, minimizing the creation of new large files and improving write performance for real-time data streams.

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Question 9: **Incorrect**

You are a data scientist working with a large Fabric model containing financial data. You need to write a complex DAX query to calculate the year-over-year (YoY) growth of revenue for each product category and subgroup, filtering by specific regions and dates.

Which of the following considerations would be MOST crucial when writing this DAX query to ensure efficient execution and accurate results?

A. Utilizing calculated columns to pre-calculate common computations and reuse them within the main query.

B. Filtering data within the CALCULATE function to avoid aggregating unnecessary data points.

C. Employing measures with iterative functions like EARLIER or PREVIOUSYEAR to compare previous year values.

D. Leveraging the CALCULATETABLE function to apply multiple filters and calculations on a specific table within the model.

* **A**
* **B**

**(Correct)**

* **D**

**(Incorrect)**

* **C**

**Explanation**

B. Filtering data within the CALCULATE function

Explanation:

Calculated columns can be helpful but are not the primary factor for YoY calculations.

Iterative functions are useful but less relevant than filtering for efficiency.

CALCULATETABLE can be valuable but isn't the core element for YoY comparisons.

Filtering data effectively within the CALCULATE function is crucial for YoY calculations. By specifying regions, dates, and product categories within the filter arguments, you limit the data processed and ensure accurate aggregation, significantly improving query performance and result accuracy.

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Question 10: **Incorrect**

You've built a Fabric application for analyzing large-scale sales data with complex visualizations. Users report slow query performance and sluggish rendering of visuals.

Which combination of optimization techniques would most effectively improve query and visualization performance in this scenario?

A. Implement materialized views for frequently used data aggregations and pre-aggregate data for visualizations.

B. Optimize Fabric queries by using materialized views and partitioning data based on frequently accessed dimensions.

C. Leverage Azure Synapse Analytics for data warehousing and utilize its built-in optimization features for queries and visuals.

D. Increase the compute resources allocated to the Fabric application and optimize visualizations by simplifying their design.

* **A**
* **D**
* **C**

**(Incorrect)**

* **B**

**(Correct)**

**Explanation**

Answer: B

Explanation:

B addresses both query and visualization performance:

Utilizing materialized views for frequently used data aggregations reduces the need for complex calculations on the fly, speeding up queries.

Partitioning data based on frequently accessed dimensions improves query performance by focusing calculations on relevant subsets of data.

A is close, but it doesn't mention partitioning:

While materialized views and pre-aggregation are helpful, partitioning data can significantly boost query performance.

C can be a good long-term solution, but it requires additional infrastructure:

Azure Synapse Analytics offers robust data warehousing and optimization features, but migrating the application might be a significant undertaking.

D is not the best option:

While increasing compute resources can improve performance, it's not a targeted solution and might be expensive. Simplifying visualizations can help, but it doesn't address query performance directly.

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Question 11: **Incorrect**

You are a data analyst at Contoso, a retail chain, tasked with analyzing sales data stored in a data warehouse within the Fabric platform. You need to identify the top 10 best-selling products in each region for the past quarter and calculate their total sales.

Which of the following approaches would be MOST efficient and accurate for querying the warehouse data?

A. Use the Fabric visual query editor to create a bar chart showing product sales per region, then manually identify the top 10 products in each.

B. Write a T-SQL query that ranks products by sales within each region using window functions, then filters for the top 10 and calculates total sales using SUM.

C. Export the sales data from the warehouse to Azure Data Lake Storage, then use Spark SQL in Azure Databricks to perform the analysis and generate a report.

D. Create a Power BI report connected to the data warehouse, then use DAX measures to calculate the top 10 products and total sales per region.

* **D**
* **A**
* **C**

**(Incorrect)**

* **B**

**(Correct)**

**Explanation**

B. Write a T-SQL query that ranks products by sales within each region using window functions, then filters for the top 10 and calculates total sales using SUM.

Explanation:

Option A is inefficient and prone to human error for identifying top products.

Option C involves unnecessary data movement and tool switching, increasing complexity.

Option D requires Power BI and DAX knowledge, potentially exceeding the scope of the scenario.

Option B leverages the power of T-SQL and window functions to efficiently rank products within each region, filter for the top 10, and calculate total sales in a single query, making it the most efficient and accurate approach.

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Question 12: **Incorrect**

You are building a customer churn prediction model in Microsoft Fabric. Your data includes customer demographics, purchase history, and support interactions stored in separate tables. To create accurate predictions, you need to combine customer data from all sources.

Which approach should you use to merge the data while preserving unique customer identifiers and avoiding duplicate records?

A. Use a dataflow to union all the tables, removing any duplicate records based on a common ID field.

B. Create a stored procedure that iterates through each table and inserts records into a new combined table, checking for duplicates before insertion.

C. Implement a full outer join in the semantic model between the demographic, purchase history, and support interaction tables.

D. Use a dataflow to inner join the tables on the common customer ID field, keeping only matching records from each source.

* **B**
* **A**

**(Incorrect)**

* **D**

**(Correct)**

* **C**

**Explanation**

D. Use a dataflow to inner join the tables on the common customer ID field, keeping only matching records from each source.

Explanation:

Option A will result in duplicate records if customers exist in multiple tables.

Option B is inefficient and error-prone for large datasets.

Option C is inappropriate because a full outer join includes all records from all tables, even if there's no match in another table (unnecessary data).

Option D accurately merges the data by joining on the common customer ID, keeping only records with matching identifiers from each source, while eliminating duplicates. This ensures a single, complete record for each customer for accurate model training.

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Question 13: **Correct**

You are building an analytics solution in Microsoft Fabric to analyze website traffic data. The data includes sessions, users, and page views. You need to create a report that shows the total number of page views per user for the past month. However, the sessions table only contains a record for each session start, not each individual page view.

Which approach should you use to aggregate the page views per user before loading the data into the semantic model?

A. Create a calculated column in the sessions table to sum the number of page views within each session.

B. Use a dataflow to join the sessions and page views tables on the session ID and then aggregate the page views by user ID.

C. Write a stored procedure to iterate through the sessions table and sum the page views for each user, storing the results in a temporary table.

D. Denormalize the sessions table by adding a new column for the total number of page views per session.

* **A**
* **D**
* **B**

**(Correct)**

* **C**

**Explanation**

Answer: B. Use a dataflow to join the sessions and page views tables on the session ID and then aggregate the page views by user ID.

Explanation:

Option A is inefficient because it only considers page views within the first record of each session.

Option C is overly complex and requires maintaining an additional temporary table.

Option D denormalizes the data, which can increase storage costs and impact performance for other queries.

Option B is the most efficient and accurate approach. It combines the session and page view data using a join on the session ID and then aggregates the page views by user ID, providing the desired count for each user.

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Question 14: **Incorrect**

You've developed a Fabric application with dynamic row-level security (RLS) based on user roles and data sensitivity. Users report inconsistencies in data access, where some authorized users see more or less data than expected.

How should you validate your RLS implementation effectively?

A. Run test queries against the dataset using different user accounts and compare the results.

B. Review the RLS policies for syntax errors and logical inconsistencies.

C. Analyze Fabric application logs for access events and identify unauthorized access attempts.

D. Leverage Azure Data Factory for data lineage tracking and pinpoint data access issues.

* **C**
* **D**

**(Incorrect)**

* **B**
* **A**

**(Correct)**

**Explanation**

Answer: A

Explanation:

A is the most direct and effective method for validating RLS:

Run test queries against the dataset with different user accounts representing various roles and data sensitivity levels.

Compare the results to the expected access granted by the RLS policies to identify discrepancies.

This method directly tests the functionality of RLS and identifies issues in user-specific data access.

B is a good practice but not sufficient for validation:

Reviewing RLS policies for syntax errors is essential but doesn't guarantee they function as intended.

Logical inconsistencies might not be apparent in syntax alone and require testing.

C is useful for detecting unauthorized access attempts but not for validating RLS itself:

Fabric application logs can reveal unauthorized access attempts, but they don't tell you if authorized users are seeing the correct data.

D is not directly relevant to RLS validation:

Azure Data Factory can track data lineage, but it wouldn't provide insights into user-specific data access governed by RLS.

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Question 15: **Incorrect**

You've developed a Fabric report with several interactive charts displaying real-time data. Users experience lag and stuttering when interacting with the charts.

What optimization techniques should you consider to improve the responsiveness of the visualizations?

A. Implement incremental data refresh for charts and utilize data caching mechanisms within Fabric.

B. Leverage Azure Data Explorer (ADX) for real-time data analysis and visualize insights through Fabric reports.

C. Reduce the complexity of chart interactions and limit the amount of data displayed concurrently.

D. Increase the polling frequency for real-time data updates and optimize queries to minimize data retrieval time.

* **A**

**(Correct)**

* **D**
* **C**
* **B**

**(Incorrect)**

**Explanation**

Answer: A

Explanation:

A addresses the challenges of real-time data visualization:

Incremental data refresh updates only the changed data points, reducing unnecessary calculations and improving responsiveness.

Data caching mechanisms in Fabric store frequently accessed data, minimizing retrieval time for interactive charts.

B might be suitable for complex analysis, but it doesn't address visualization performance:

ADX excels at real-time data analysis, but visualizing insights back in Fabric requires additional processing and might not improve responsiveness.

C is helpful, but it sacrifices data depth and functionality:

Reducing chart complexity and displayed data can improve performance, but it's not ideal for all scenarios.

D can worsen the problem:

Increasing polling frequency for real-time updates can overload the system and lead to slower performance. Optimizing queries is always important, but it's not the primary solution for visualization lag.

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Question 16: **Incorrect**

You are building a dataflow in Microsoft Fabric that extracts data from a large Azure SQL Database table for analysis. The dataflow is experiencing performance bottlenecks, causing delays in loading data into the semantic model.

Which of the following approaches would most effectively identify the source of the data loading performance bottleneck?

A. Analyze the dataflow execution plan in the Fabric portal to identify inefficient transformations or joins.

B. Monitor CPU and memory utilization of the Azure SQL Database instance using Azure Monitor to diagnose resource limitations.

C. Use the Azure Data Factory monitoring tool to track data transfer rates and identify potential network bottlenecks.

D. Implement logging statements within the dataflow script to capture timestamps at key stages of the data loading process.

* **D**

**(Correct)**

* **C**

**(Incorrect)**

* **B**
* **A**

**Explanation**

D. Implement logging statements within the dataflow script to capture timestamps at key stages of the data loading process.

Explanation:

Option A is a good follow-up step, but without knowing specific bottlenecks, it's like searching for a needle in a haystack.

Option B might reveal resource limitations, but it doesn't pinpoint the specific dataflow element causing the bottleneck.

Option C is helpful for network issues, but not necessarily for data transformations within the dataflow itself.

Option D provides the most precise approach. Logging timestamps at key stages like data extraction, transformation, and loading allows pinpoint identification of the slowest stage, guiding optimization efforts to the most impactful area.

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Question 17: **Incorrect**

You are a data scientist at Contoso Healthcare, tasked with analyzing patient diagnoses and treatment outcomes stored in a semantic model exposed through the XMLA endpoint. You need to perform complex calculations and aggregations not readily available in Power BI visuals.

Which of the following options would enable you to achieve this goal?

A. Use the Power BI Desktop DAX Editor to create custom calculations and measures within the semantic model.

B. Develop a separate Azure Databricks notebook to connect to the XMLA endpoint, perform the calculations, and return the results to Power BI.

C. Utilize the Fabric visual query editor with advanced filtering and aggregation features to achieve the desired analysis.

D. Build a custom REST API endpoint accessing the semantic model and exposing the desired calculations for consumption by Power BI.

* **D**
* **C**

**(Incorrect)**

* **B**

**(Correct)**

* **A**

**Explanation**

B. Develop a separate Azure Databricks notebook to connect to the XMLA endpoint, perform the calculations, and return the results to Power BI.

Explanation:

Option A can handle simpler calculations but might not be sufficient for complex ones.

Option C's capabilities are limited compared to a dedicated data processing tool like Databricks.

Option D adds unnecessary complexity and requires API development expertise.

Option B leverages the strengths of both tools. Databricks can handle complex calculations and data manipulation, while Power BI provides a user-friendly interface for visualization and reporting, offering the best combination for this scenario.

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Question 18: **Correct**

Your company uses a Fabric data warehouse to store financial data and a semantic model powered by this data for generating financial reports. Several dataflows refresh the data warehouse daily from various ERP and accounting systems.

One of the dataflows encounters a persistent error, preventing the data warehouse from being updated. How can you quickly assess the impact of this failure on downstream dependencies?

A. Analyze the historical trends of the financial reports to identify any discrepancies or missing data.

B. Check the status of the semantic model in Fabric to see if it's still operational and generating reports.

C. Review the data lineage graph for the data warehouse and identify impacted datasets and reports using the affected dataflow.

D. Manually run the remaining dataflows and compare the updated data in the warehouse with the existing reports.

* **B**
* **D**
* **C**

**(Correct)**

* **A**

**Explanation**

Answer: C

Explanation:

A: Analyzing historical trends might reveal the missing data later, but it doesn't provide immediate insight into the impact on current reports.

B: The semantic model might still be operational based on cached data, not reflecting the missing updates.

C: Reviewing the data lineage graph directly shows which datasets and reports rely on the failing dataflow. Fabric tools like Data Catalog can quickly highlight these dependencies, enabling the identification of affected users and reports.

D: Manually running dataflows is unnecessary and time-consuming when tools can provide the information automatically.

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Question 19: **Incorrect**

You are analyzing website traffic data in Microsoft Fabric to identify pages with the highest bounce rate. However, you only want to consider visits from desktop devices, as mobile behavior might skew the results.

Which approach should you use in your dataflow to filter the data for desktop visits while ensuring efficient processing?

A. Implement a dataflow filter based on the user agent string parsed within a custom PySpark script.

B. Create a calculated column in the dataflow using T-SQL to check for specific keywords like "desktop" in the user agent string.

C. Leverage the "Device Type" attribute within the semantic model, filtering for "Desktop" devices before creating reports.

D. Add a WHERE clause in a stored procedure to filter based on a pre-defined "Device Type" ID associated with each visit record.

* **A**
* **D**

**(Correct)**

* **C**
* **B**

**(Incorrect)**

**Explanation**

D. Add a WHERE clause in a stored procedure to filter based on a pre-defined "Device Type" ID associated with each visit record.

Explanation:

Option A is complex and inefficient for parsing user agent strings within the dataflow.

Option B relies on keyword matching, which might miss non-standard desktop device identifiers.

Option C filters within the semantic model, not the data itself, potentially affecting other analyses with the same data.

Option D utilizes a pre-defined "Device Type" ID associated with each visit record. Adding a WHERE clause in the stored procedure to filter based on the "Desktop" device ID efficiently removes irrelevant data before it enters the Fabric ecosystem, optimizing performance and analysis accuracy.

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Question 20: **Incorrect**

You are developing a machine learning model in Azure Machine Learning using a CSV file containing "Price" and "Date" columns. However, the "Price" column has mixed data types, including numeric values and text like "N/A" for unavailable prices. You need to convert the "Price" data to a consistent numeric format for model training.

Which approach should you use in Azure Data Lake Analytics to prepare the data for the machine learning model?

A. Implement a UDF in Spark SQL to parse the "Price" column, converting numeric values to decimals and replacing "N/A" with the median price.

B. Use the TRY\_CAST function in T-SQL within a dataflow to attempt conversion to DECIMAL, replacing errors with null values for "N/A" entries.

C. Apply regular expressions in a PySpark script to identify numeric patterns in the "Price" column and convert them to floats, leaving "N/A" entries untouched.

D. Leverage Python's pandas library to read the CSV file, handle missing values with imputation techniques, and write the cleaned data back to the lake.

* **A**

**(Correct)**

* **B**
* **C**
* **D**

**(Incorrect)**

**Explanation**

A. Implement a UDF in Spark SQL to parse the "Price" column, converting numeric values to decimals and replacing "N/A" with the median price.

Explanation:

Option B using TRY\_CAST might leave invalid data behind in the converted column due to errors, impacting model training.

Option C with regular expressions could be complex and error-prone for diverse price formats.

Option D involves reading and writing data outside the lake, adding unnecessary steps.

Option A leverages Spark SQL's UDF flexibility to define custom parsing logic. The UDF can identify numeric patterns, convert them to decimals, and replace "N/A" with the median price, providing a clean and consistent "Price" column for optimal machine learning model training.

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Question 21: **Incorrect**

Your company uses a shared semantic model in Fabric for financial analysis. Several teams have developed Power BI reports based on this model, with different data filters and visualizations. You need to update the model schema to include new financial metrics.

How can you minimize the impact of this update on existing reports and ensure compatibility with their data connections?

A. Modify the existing model schema directly and inform report developers about potential changes they need to make.

B. Create a new version of the shared model with the updated schema and migrate existing reports to the new version.

C. Implement model versioning and gradually roll out the updated version to a subset of reports, monitoring compatibility issues.

D. Use the model management features in Fabric to update the schema while maintaining compatibility with existing data connections.

* **D**

**(Correct)**

* **B**
* **C**

**(Incorrect)**

* **A**

**Explanation**

Answer: D

Explanation:

A: Direct schema modification risks breaking existing reports and data connections. Communication alone isn't enough to ensure compatibility.

B: Creating a new model version requires significant effort and disrupts all existing reports.

C: Gradual rollouts can be helpful, but they still require downtime and manual intervention.

D: Fabric's model management features offer compatibility checks and schema updates that minimize impact on existing reports and data connections. This ensures a smooth transition to the updated model while maintaining compatibility with report users.

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Question 22: **Incorrect**

You are building a data lakehouse in Fabric for your company's customer service department. The lakehouse ingests data from various sources, including web logs, chat transcripts, and CRM systems. This data feeds into a semantic model used by multiple Power BI reports for analyzing customer behavior and identifying service gaps.

You plan to modify the data schema for one of the web logs. How can you effectively assess the potential impact of this change on downstream dependencies?

A. Manually review all Power BI reports using the web log data to identify affected visuals and calculations.

B. Run automated impact analysis tools within Fabric that trace data lineage and highlight all dependent objects.

C. Implement data versioning in the lakehouse and analyze historical reports to compare results before and after the schema change.

D. Schedule test deployments of the modified schema and manually observe the behavior of dependent reports in separate environments.

* **B**

**(Correct)**

* **C**

**(Incorrect)**

* **D**
* **A**

**Explanation**

Answer: B

Explanation:

A: Manually reviewing reports is time-consuming and error-prone, especially for a large number of dependencies.

B: Automated impact analysis tools are specifically designed for this purpose. Fabric offers tools like Lineage Viewer and Data Catalog that trace data flow from the modified web log to all dependent datasets, semantic models, and reports, providing a comprehensive picture of potential impacts.

C: Data versioning can be helpful for rollbacks in case of issues, but it doesn't directly assess the impact on downstream dependencies.

D: While test deployments can confirm the actual impact, they require additional setup and delay the main update process. Automated analysis is faster and more efficient.

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Question 23: **Incorrect**

You're building an analytics solution for an e-commerce company that tracks website visits, product views, and customer purchases. The raw data is stored in a lakehouse with detailed visit and product view records for each user. However, reports require aggregated data like daily website traffic, most popular products by category, and average purchase value per customer.

Which Fabric data transformation technique is most suitable to achieve this aggregation while optimizing performance and storage costs?

A. Create a materialized view with pre-aggregated data.

B. Use a dataflow with a group-by transformation.

C. Implement a Power BI semantic model with measures and hierarchies.

D. Denormalize the data into a star schema in the lakehouse.

* **B**

**(Correct)**

* **A**
* **D**
* **C**

**(Incorrect)**

**Explanation**

B. Use a dataflow with a group-by transformation.

Explanation:

A: While materialized views offer fast querying, they incur storage overhead and require maintenance when the underlying data changes. Not ideal for lakehouse scenarios.

C: Power BI semantic models are designed for analysis and visualization, not efficient for large-scale data aggregation.

D: Denormalization might improve query performance, but it increases storage and complicates data updates.

B: A dataflow with a group-by transformation efficiently aggregates data on the lakehouse level, minimizing storage duplication and enabling efficient querying for reports.

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Question 24: **Incorrect**

You are building a semantic model in Azure Data Lake Storage (ADLS) Gen2 for a retail analytics application. The model needs to enforce dynamic row-level security (RLS) based on a user's assigned department in Azure Active Directory (AAD). Department information is stored in a separate table within the ADLS Gen2 container.

Which combination of Azure Synapse Analytics and Azure Data Factory services would you use to achieve dynamic RLS in this scenario?

A. Synapse Spark pools and Data Factory copy activity

B. Synapse SQL pools and Data Factory managed virtual networks

C. Synapse external tables and Data Factory data flows

D. Synapse integration runtime and Data Factory linked services

* **C**

**(Correct)**

* **D**
* **B**

**(Incorrect)**

* **A**

**Explanation**

C. Synapse external tables and Data Factory data flows

Explanation:

Incorrect answers:

A: Synapse Spark pools are not suitable for dynamic RLS, and the copy activity in Data Factory is for data movement, not security enforcement.

B: Synapse SQL pools offer limited RLS capabilities and Data Factory managed virtual networks are for network isolation, not security filtering.

D: Synapse integration runtime is used for data movement and scheduling, not RLS implementation.

Correct answer: C. Synapse external tables can reference data stored in ADLS Gen2. Data Factory data flows can be used to create a dynamic filter based on the user's department information from the separate table. This filter can then be applied to the external table in Synapse, effectively implementing dynamic RLS.

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Question 25: **Incorrect**

You've implemented object-level security (OLS) in your Fabric application based on data classification labels. Users are concerned about the accuracy of the labels applied to sensitive data.

How can you validate the accuracy of your OLS implementation?

A. Perform manual data audits to verify the classification of sensitive information.

B. Develop automated scripts to compare data content against predefined classification rules.

C. Leverage Azure Information Protection (AIP) to automatically classify data and ensure compliance.

D. Analyze Fabric application logs for access attempts to classified objects and identify potential breaches.

* **B**
* **C**

**(Incorrect)**

* **A**

**(Correct)**

* **D**

**Explanation**

Answer: A

Explanation:

A is the most reliable way to validate the accuracy of OLS:

Manual data audits, although time-consuming, offer the highest level of confidence in the correctness of data classification.

This ensures that sensitive information is protected by the appropriate OLS policies.

B can be helpful, but it relies on the accuracy of the predefined rules:

Automated scripts can compare data content against classification rules, but they may not capture all nuances or edge cases.

Manual verification is still recommended for critical data.

C can be a good starting point, but it doesn't guarantee complete accuracy:

AIP can automatically classify data based on predefined rules and policies, but it's not foolproof.

Manual audits are still crucial for high-risk data.

D is not directly relevant to OLS validation:

Analyzing Fabric application logs can identify access attempts to classified objects, but it doesn't confirm the accuracy of the classification itself.

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Question 26: **Incorrect**

Your company's Fabric data warehouse stores detailed transaction data for online orders, including customer information, product details, and order timestamps. You need to build a real-time dashboard displaying order summaries and customer trends.

How can denormalizing the data benefit this scenario?

A. Improve query performance for frequently accessed metrics by incorporating them directly into the transaction table.

B. Reduce storage space by eliminating redundant data across multiple tables.

C. Simplify data access by combining related customer and product information into the transaction table.

D. Enhance data consistency by merging data from various sources into a single transaction table.

* **C**
* **A**

**(Correct)**

* **D**

**(Incorrect)**

* **B**

**Explanation**

Answer: A

Explanation:

Denormalizing by adding frequently accessed metrics (e.g., order total, product category) directly into the transaction table can significantly improve query performance for the real-time dashboard. This avoids joins on separate tables and speeds up data retrieval.

B: Denormalization generally increases storage space due to data duplication. While some redundancy might be introduced, the performance gain for frequent queries outweighs the potential storage cost in this scenario.

C: Combining related customer and product information (e.g., customer location, product category) into the transaction table simplifies data access for the dashboard. Users don't need to join multiple tables to see the complete picture.

D: While data consistency is important, denormalization doesn't inherently enhance it. It primarily focuses on optimizing queries by introducing controlled redundancy, not merging data from diverse sources.

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Question 27: **Correct**

You're developing an inventory management dashboard in Power BI. The data includes product IDs, descriptions, and stock levels. However, some stock level values are missing.

Which approach should you use to fill in the missing stock level data while minimizing the impact on analytics?

A. Replace all missing values with the average stock level across all products.

B. Implement a calculated column in the semantic model that imputes missing values using a linear regression model trained on historical data.

C. Use a dataflow to flag records with missing stock levels and exclude them from the dashboard visualizations.

D. Leave the missing values as-is and clearly indicate their presence in the dashboard annotations.

* **B**

**(Correct)**

* **A**
* **D**
* **C**

**Explanation**

B. Implement a calculated column in the semantic model that imputes missing values using a linear regression model trained on historical data.

Explanation:

Option A introduces bias by assuming all products have the same average stock level.

Option C removes valuable data points from the analysis, potentially distorting results.

Option D leaves users to interpret the missing data, potentially leading to misinterpretations.

Option B leverages historical data to predict the most likely missing values using a trained linear regression model within the semantic model. This provides statistically sound imputations with minimal impact on analysis and transparency for users.

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Question 28: **Correct**

Your company uses a semantic model in Fabric for analyzing customer purchase data. You need to deploy an updated version of the model that includes new measures and calculations.

Which of the following methods is the BEST way to deploy the updated model using the XMLA endpoint?

A. Modify the existing model directly using the XMLA endpoint and update the references in dependent reports.

B. Create a new model with the changes, deploy it alongside the existing one, and switch users over using a scheduled process.

C. Use the XMLA endpoint to create a deployment plan for the updated model, test it in a separate environment, and then deploy it to production.

D. Manually copy the updated model file (.bim) to the Fabric workspace and restart the model service.

* **A**
* **C**

**(Correct)**

* **B**
* **D**

**Explanation**

Answer: C

Explanation:

A: Modifying the existing model directly can be risky and could lead to data loss or corruption.

B: While creating a new model and switching users works, it's less efficient and requires additional configuration to manage two versions.

C: Using a deployment plan with the XMLA endpoint provides a safe and controlled way to deploy the updated model. This allows testing in a separate environment, identifying potential issues before affecting production users, and rolling back if necessary.

D: Manually copying the .bim file is unreliable and might not trigger proper activation within Fabric.

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Question 29: **Incorrect**

Your Fabric application with an incrementally refreshed model experiences data inconsistencies when specific sales records are updated. Some users see old values while others see the updated values.

What could be causing this inconsistency and how can you fix it?

A. The incremental refresh policy is not correctly defined for handling updates on existing records, leading to incomplete data refresh.

B. The model has outdated relationships with external data sources, resulting in stale data being pulled into the refreshed partitions.

C. The Fabric application cache needs to be cleared to ensure users see the latest updates reflected in the reports.

D. The data source itself has inconsistencies, requiring updates on your end to be synchronized with the source system.

* **C**

**(Incorrect)**

* **B**
* **D**
* **A**

**(Correct)**

**Explanation**

Answer: A

Explanation:

A is the most likely cause and solution for data inconsistencies:

An incorrectly defined incremental refresh policy for updates on existing records might not refresh those specific rows, leading to stale data being displayed for some users.

Revising the policy to ensure proper update handling will synchronize the data for all users.

B can cause outdated data but not inconsistencies within the same refresh cycle:

Outdated relationships can lead to stale data being loaded initially, but wouldn't explain seeing both old and new values for the same record based on user access.

C might mask the issue temporarily but doesn't resolve the root cause:

Clearing the Fabric application cache can temporarily show updated data for all users, but it doesn't fix the underlying inconsistent refresh process.

D is possible but requires external context to confirm:

Data source inconsistencies could contribute to discrepancies, but the scenario suggests an issue within the model's refresh rather than the source itself.

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Question 30: **Incorrect**

You are building a dataflow in Microsoft Fabric that joins a large customer table with a smaller product table. The dataflow is experiencing performance issues due to the join operation.

Which of the following approaches would most effectively improve the performance of the join in the dataflow?

A. Use a clustered columnstore index on the join column in the larger customer table.

B. Implement a dataflow partition switch transformation based on a relevant customer attribute to split the data into smaller chunks.

C. Change the join type from an inner join to a left outer join to minimize the data processed.

D. Implement a parallel dataflow execution using Azure Data Factory to distribute the workload across multiple workers.

* **D**

**(Incorrect)**

* **C**
* **B**
* **A**

**(Correct)**

**Explanation**

A. Use a clustered columnstore index on the join column in the larger customer table.

Explanation:

Option B is helpful for large datasets but not specifically for the join operation.

Option C might reduce data volume but might not significantly improve join performance.

Option D can be effective for parallel processing but might not be necessary for a single dataflow join.

Option A directly addresses the join bottleneck. Clustered columnstore indexes improve join performance by optimizing data access and reducing disk I/O. This significantly speeds up the join operation in the dataflow.

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Question 31: **Incorrect**

You are working on a project where you need to diagnose why sales have been declining for a particular product over the past six months. You decide to use diagnostic analytics to find out the cause.

Which of the following techniques would be the most appropriate to use in this scenario? (Select all that apply)

A. Decision tree analysis

B. Sentiment analysis

C. Cohort analysis

D. Anomaly detection

* **B**
* **D**

**(Correct)**

* **A**

**(Correct)**

* **C**

**(Incorrect)**

**Explanation**

A. Decision tree analysis, D. Anomaly detection

**Explanation:** Diagnostic analytics is used to determine why something happened. In this scenario, decision tree analysis and anomaly detection would be the most appropriate techniques as they allow you to explore possible outcomes and the statistical likelihood of each outcome, and detect outliers in the data, which can help identify the factors contributing to the decline in sales. The other options, while useful in other scenarios, are not the best fit for this specific task.

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Question 32: **Incorrect**

You are a data analyst for a healthcare company that uses Microsoft Fabric. The company wants to predict patient readmission rates and prescribe actions to reduce them. You decide to use predictive and prescriptive analytics and present the findings in a report.

Which of the following techniques would be the most appropriate to use in this scenario? (Select all that apply)

A. Regression analysis

B. Time-series analysis

C. Cluster analysis

D. Association rule learning

* **A**

**(Correct)**

* **C**

**(Incorrect)**

* **D**

**(Incorrect)**

* **B**

**(Correct)**

**Explanation**

A. Regression analysis, B. Time-series analysis

Explanation: Predictive analytics is used to make predictions about future outcomes, and prescriptive analytics is used to recommend actions to take for optimal outcomes. In this scenario, regression analysis and time-series analysis would be the most appropriate techniques as they allow you to predict a dependent variable based on the values of one or more independent variables, and analyze data points collected over time, which is ideal for predicting patient readmission rates.

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Question 33: **Correct**

You are a data scientist at Fabrikam, a manufacturing company, tasked with analyzing sensor data from machines stored in a data warehouse within the Fabric platform. You need to identify periods of high machine temperature and correlate them with specific production batches to investigate potential quality issues.

Which of the following features in the Fabric visual query editor would be MOST helpful for this analysis?

A. Filters and slicers to isolate data by specific machines and date ranges.

B. Drill-down capabilities to explore data at different levels of detail.

C. Custom chart types like heatmaps or scatter plots to visualize temperature variations.

D. Time intelligence functions to identify trends and anomalies in temperature data over time.

* **C**
* **D**

**(Correct)**

* **B**
* **A**

**Explanation**

D. Time intelligence functions to identify trends and anomalies in temperature data over time.

Explanation:

While filters, drill-down, and custom charts are helpful, they don't directly address the need for temporal analysis.

Time intelligence functions in the visual query editor allow you to analyze trends, identify peaks in temperature over time intervals, and correlate them with specific production batches, pinpointing potential quality issues based on temperature fluctuations.

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Question 34: **Incorrect**

You are working on a Jupyter notebook in Microsoft Fabric that analyzes a large dataset using Pandas and NumPy libraries. The notebook execution time is significantly longer than expected, impacting the efficiency of your analysis.

Which of the following techniques would most likely improve the performance of your notebook code?

A. Use vectorized operations instead of loops for data manipulation whenever possible.

B. Cache frequently used datasets within the notebook to avoid repeated loading from the data source.

C. Optimize the efficiency of your Pandas data structures by choosing appropriate data types and indexing columns.

D. Implement multithreading or multiprocessing techniques to parallelize computation across multiple cores.

* **D**

**(Incorrect)**

* **C**
* **A**

**(Correct)**

* **B**

**Explanation**

A. Use vectorized operations instead of loops for data manipulation whenever possible.

Explanation:

Option B is helpful for repeatedly used data, but it doesn't address the root cause of slow operations within the notebook.

Option C improves data structure efficiency, but it might not be the primary bottleneck in this scenario.

Option D can be effective for certain tasks, but it adds complexity and might not be suitable for all data manipulations.

Option A directly addresses the core issue. Vectorized operations in libraries like Pandas and NumPy significantly improve performance compared to traditional loops, allowing you to process data efficiently and reduce execution time.

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Question 35: **Incorrect**

You're building a customer loyalty program in Microsoft Fabric. The data includes customer IDs, names, email addresses, and purchase history. However, you discover duplicate entries with different names for the same email address.

Which approach should you use to identify and resolve duplicate customer records while preserving purchase history?

A. Use a dataflow to deduplicate the data based on email address, keeping only the first record encountered for each email.

B. Implement a stored procedure that iterates through the customer table and flags potential duplicates based on email address similarity, requiring manual review for resolution.

C. Create a calculated column in the semantic model that identifies and flags potential duplicates based on a combination of email address and name similarity.

D. Use a dataflow to soft-match the customer table on email address, then manually review and merge matching records, retaining the most complete purchase history.

* **C**

**(Incorrect)**

* **B**
* **D**

**(Correct)**

* **A**

**Explanation**

D. Use a dataflow to soft-match the customer table on email address, then manually review and merge matching records, retaining the most complete purchase history.

Explanation:

Option A simply removes potential duplicates, potentially losing valuable purchase data.

Option B is inefficient and requires manual effort for large datasets.

Option C only flags potential duplicates, leaving the resolution to manual review.

Option D efficiently identifies potential duplicates based on email address similarity, allowing for manual review and merging of records. This ensures accurate data while preserving the most complete purchase history for each customer, crucial for loyalty program analysis.

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Question 36: **Incorrect**

You are building an analytics dashboard in Power BI to track the performance of marketing campaigns across different regions. The data includes campaign details, impressions, clicks, and conversions. You want to compare the click-through rate (CTR) and conversion rate for each campaign across regions.

Which approach should you use to de-aggregate the data in the semantic model to allow for regional analysis?

A. Create measures in the semantic model to calculate the CTR and conversion rate for each campaign globally and then filter by region in the reports.

B. Create separate tables for each region in the lakehouse or warehouse, each containing all campaign data filtered by region.

C. Add a "Region" attribute to the existing campaign table in the semantic model and use it to slice and dice the data during report creation.

D. Implement a star schema in the lakehouse or warehouse with separate dimension tables for campaign and region, including foreign keys for joining with the fact table.

* **D**
* **C**

**(Correct)**

* **A**

**(Incorrect)**

* **B**

**Explanation**

C. Add a "Region" attribute to the existing campaign table in the semantic model and use it to slice and dice the data during report creation.

Explanation:

Option A limits the analysis to global metrics, preventing regional comparisons.

Option B is unnecessary and inefficient, replicating campaign data across multiple tables.

Option D is a valid approach for building the data model, but it doesn't address the immediate need for de-aggregation within the existing campaign table.

Option C provides the most efficient and flexible solution. Adding a "Region" attribute to the campaign table allows for dynamic filtering and slicing by region within the semantic model, enabling regional analysis without duplicating data or creating additional tables.

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Question 37: **Correct**

You are working on a project where you need to create shortcuts in your data warehouse. Which of the following considerations should you keep in mind while creating these shortcuts? (Choose two)

A. The shortcuts should be created in such a way that they are easy to understand and use.

B. The shortcuts should be cryptic so that only the creator can understand and use them.

C. The shortcuts should be regularly updated to reflect any changes in the underlying data.

D. The shortcuts should be created once and never changed.

* **D**
* **C**

**(Correct)**

* **A**

**(Correct)**

* **B**

**Explanation**

A & C. The shortcuts should be created in such a way that they are easy to understand and use & The shortcuts should be regularly updated to reflect any changes in the underlying data.

Explanation: Option A ensures that the shortcuts are user-friendly and can be used by anyone who needs to access the data. Option C ensures that the shortcuts remain relevant and accurate even if the underlying data changes. Options B and D are not recommended as they could lead to confusion and inaccuracies respectively.

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Question 38: **Incorrect**

Your company analyzes website traffic data in a Fabric data lakehouse. The data includes website visits, user sessions, and page views. You need to build a report showing website performance by user segment (e.g., new vs. returning users).

When should you consider denormalizing the user dimension table for this report?

A. When the report requires additional user attributes not stored in the existing dimension table.

B. When the report needs to compare website performance across different user segments efficiently.

C. When the volume of user data is small and doesn't justify the complexity of denormalization.

D. When the existing dimension table has a complex schema that makes joins with other tables slow.

* **A**
* **C**
* **B**

**(Correct)**

* **D**

**(Incorrect)**

**Explanation**

Answer: B

Explanation:

A: Denormalization can be beneficial in both cases, but when additional user attributes are required, joining might be sufficient without full denormalization.

B: Denormalizing the user dimension table by including frequently used segment information (e.g., new/returning flag) in the visit and session tables can significantly improve query performance for website performance analysis across segments. This avoids joins on the dimension table for every user record.

C: Data volume alone doesn't dictate whether denormalization is beneficial. In this case, the performance gains for segment analysis might outweigh the cost of data duplication, even for a small volume of users.

D: Denormalization can address slow joins, but it's not the only solution. Optimizing the dimension table schema and indexes might be sufficient in some cases.

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Question 39: **Correct**

You've developed a Fabric application with DAX measures powering interactive reports for analyzing large sales datasets. Users report slow report loading times and unresponsive visuals, particularly for measures involving complex calculations.

How can you leverage DAX Studio to identify and improve the performance of your DAX measures?

A. Analyze the Formula Engine timing breakdown in DAX Studio to pinpoint expensive operations within your measures.

B. Utilize the Server Timings feature to compare execution times of different versions of your measures with varying logic.

C. Leverage the Query Analyzer to identify potential syntax errors or inefficient query structures within your DAX code.

D. Use the Benchmarking feature to compare the performance of your measures against pre-defined benchmarks or other datasets.

* **D**
* **C**
* **A**

**(Correct)**

* **B**

**Explanation**

Answer: A

Explanation:

A is the most direct approach to identify performance bottlenecks within your DAX measures:

DAX Studio's Formula Engine timing breakdown provides detailed execution time data for each operation within your measure, allowing you to pinpoint the most resource-intensive steps.

This helps you identify and optimize specific parts of the logic rather than the entire measure.

B is useful for comparing different implementations of a measure, but not for initial analysis:

Server Timings compare execution times of different versions of your measure, but it requires pre-existing variations to compare.

It's not ideal for initial performance analysis without any alternative implementations.

C is helpful for identifying syntax errors but not primarily for performance analysis:

Query Analyzer checks syntax and identifies potential errors within your DAX code, but it doesn't directly analyze performance.

D is valuable for benchmarking against external data, but not for internal analysis:

Benchmarking compares your measures against pre-defined benchmarks or other datasets, but it doesn't provide insights into the specific performance bottlenecks within your own code.

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Question 40: **Correct**

You are building a customer segmentation report in Power BI using a customer interaction data table. The data includes timestamps for each interaction, but you only need to analyze interactions from the past quarter.

Which approach should you use in your dataflow to efficiently filter the data for the desired timeframe?

A. Create a calculated column in the dataflow using T-SQL to calculate the difference between the current date and the interaction timestamp, filtering for values less than 90 days.

B. Use data slicing and dicing capabilities within Power BI to filter the report visuals based on the interaction date field directly.

C. Implement a WHERE clause in a stored procedure within the lakehouse or warehouse, filtering the data based on the interaction timestamp before loading it into the semantic model.

D. Leverage Azure Data Factory to copy the data into a new table, applying a PySpark script to filter based on the interaction date and timestamp comparison.

* **C**

**(Correct)**

* **A**
* **D**
* **B**

**Explanation**

C. Implement a WHERE clause in a stored procedure within the lakehouse or warehouse, filtering the data based on the interaction timestamp before loading it into the semantic model.

Explanation:

Option A adds unnecessary processing within the dataflow by calculating date differences for every record.

Option B only filters the report visuals, not the underlying data, potentially affecting other calculations or analyses.

Option D adds complexity and data movement with copying and using PySpark for a simple filter operation.

Option C efficiently applies the filter directly on the source data within the lakehouse or warehouse using a WHERE clause in a stored procedure. This ensures only relevant data is loaded into the semantic model, improving performance and reducing storage requirements.

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Question 41: **Correct**

You are working on a project where you need to implement file partitioning in your data lakehouse. Which of the following considerations should you keep in mind while implementing this? (Choose two)

A. The partitioning scheme should be designed in such a way that it minimizes data shuffling during query execution.

B. The partitioning scheme should be complex so that only the creator can understand and use it.

C. The partitioning scheme should be regularly updated to reflect any changes in the underlying data.

D. The partitioning scheme should be implemented once and never changed.

* **B**
* **C**

**(Correct)**

* **D**
* **A**

**(Correct)**

**Explanation**

A & C. The partitioning scheme should be designed in such a way that it minimizes data shuffling during query execution & The partitioning scheme should be regularly updated to reflect any changes in the underlying data.

Explanation: Option A ensures that the partitioning scheme is efficient and minimizes data shuffling, which can be a costly operation. Option C ensures that the partitioning scheme remains relevant and accurate even if the underlying data changes. Options B and D are not recommended as they could lead to confusion and inaccuracies respectively.

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Question 42: **Incorrect**

You are analyzing website traffic data in Microsoft Fabric using Delta tables. You notice that the size of your Delta table files is growing rapidly, causing performance issues during queries and data ingestion.

Which of the following approaches would be most effective in addressing this issue and reducing Delta table file size?

A. Implement vacuum operations regularly to remove deleted data and compact the Delta table files.

B. Partition the Delta table based on a relevant date column to separate data into smaller, manageable files.

C. Use the OPTIMIZE command on the Delta table to optimize file sizes and improve query performance.

D. Configure Azure Data Lake Storage Gen2 to archive older data files to a cheaper storage tier.

* **B**
* **D**
* **C**

**(Incorrect)**

* **A**

**(Correct)**

**Explanation**

A. Implement vacuum operations regularly to remove deleted data and compact the Delta table files.

Explanation:

Option B can help with data organization but doesn't directly address file size reduction.

Option C is helpful for general Delta table optimization but focuses on query performance, not file size.

Option D can save storage costs but doesn't address performance issues caused by large files.

Option A directly addresses the file size issue. Vacuum operations remove deleted data and consolidate remaining data into smaller files, reducing storage requirements and improving query performance by decreasing the amount of data scanned.

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Question 43: **Incorrect**

The materialized views are configured to pre-aggregate production volume by factory and product category. However, you need to analyze production trends over time. How can you efficiently achieve this with the existing model?

A. Create a new materialized view with additional time-based aggregations.

B. Use Power BI calculated measures to leverage existing materialized view data and perform further time-based calculations.

C. Convert the FactTable to an imported table and create calculated columns with time-based aggregations.

D. Update the existing materialized views to include time-based aggregations.

* **B**

**(Correct)**

* **A**
* **D**

**(Incorrect)**

* **C**

**Explanation**

The correct answer is B. Use Power BI calculated measures to leverage existing materialized view data and perform further time-based calculations.

Here's why:

A: Creating a new materialized view for each time-based analysis can be inefficient and lead to data redundancy.

B: Power BI calculated measures can leverage existing aggregated data from materialized views and perform further calculations like time-based trends without needing additional pre-aggregation on the server-side.

C: Importing the FactTable removes the benefits of DirectQuery for detailed analysis and might not be necessary for time-based trends.

D: Updating existing materialized views with every new time-based requirement can be complex and impact performance.

Explanation of wrong answers:

A: Creating multiple materialized views can be inefficient and lead to data redundancy.

C: Importing the FactTable is unnecessary for this specific analysis and removes the benefits of DirectQuery for detailed data access.

D: Updating existing materialized views for every time-based requirement can be complex and impact performance.

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Question 44: **Incorrect**

You're building a Power BI report for a retail chain to analyze sales trends across different regions and product categories. The data model includes:

A large fact table with detailed sales data (including product ID, region, date, sales amount) in Import mode.

A smaller dimension table with product information (product ID, category) in DirectQuery mode.

You want to efficiently analyze aggregated sales figures (e.g., total sales per region, average sales per category) without sacrificing performance or data accuracy.

Which composite model design would be most effective in this scenario?

A. Use a single dataset with the fact table in Import mode and the dimension table in DirectQuery mode.

B. Create a separate dataset for the fact table in Import mode with pre-calculated aggregations for each region and category.

C. Implement a hybrid model with the fact table in DirectQuery mode and the dimension table in Import mode.

D. Develop a dual model with the entire data model in DirectQuery mode and utilize Power Query to pre-aggregate data.

* **A**
* **B**

**(Correct)**

* **C**

**(Incorrect)**

* **D**

**Explanation**

The correct answer is B. Create a separate dataset for the fact table in Import mode with pre-calculated aggregations for each region and category.

Here's why:

A: While it's the simplest approach, querying the entire detailed data in DirectQuery mode can be inefficient for aggregated analysis on a large fact table.

B is the most efficient option. By pre-calculating aggregations in the Import mode dataset, you avoid querying the detailed data in DirectQuery for every analysis, improving performance while maintaining data accuracy.

C: Using DirectQuery for the fact table would still require querying the detailed data for aggregations, impacting performance.

D: While Power Query can pre-aggregate data in DirectQuery mode, it adds complexity and might not be as efficient as pre-calculating aggregations in a separate Import mode dataset for frequently used measures.

Explanation of wrong answers:

A: DirectQuery mode on a large fact table can be slow for aggregated analysis.

C: DirectQuery for the fact table still requires querying detailed data for aggregations.

D: While Power Query can pre-aggregate in DirectQuery, a separate Import mode dataset with pre-calculations can be more efficient.

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Question 45: **Incorrect**

You are developing a Fabric application with a large tabular model containing sales data updated daily. Users require near real-time insights into specific regions and product categories.

How can you implement incremental refresh to optimize model performance and meet user needs?

A. Define granular partitions based on region and product category, enabling updates for specific data segments without reprocessing the entire dataset.

B. Schedule frequent full refreshes on the entire model to ensure the latest data is always available for user queries.

C. Leverage Azure Data Factory (ADF) pipelines to orchestrate data ingestion and incremental refresh, automating the process and maximizing efficiency.

D. Implement columnstore indexes on frequently queried columns to improve data retrieval speed within the refreshed partitions.

* **C**

**(Incorrect)**

* **A**

**(Correct)**

* **D**
* **B**

**Explanation**

Answer: A

Explanation:

A is the most effective solution for this scenario:

Granular partitions based on region and product category allow you to define which data segments change frequently and only those partitions will be refreshed during updates.

This significantly reduces processing time and meets user needs for near real-time insights into specific areas.

B contradicts the need for near real-time updates:

Frequent full refreshes on the entire model are resource-intensive and inefficient, delaying insights for users and impacting performance.

C complements incremental refresh but isn't the primary solution:

Integrating ADF pipelines automates the data ingest and refresh process, but it doesn't address the partition structure of the model itself.

D can improve query performance within refreshed partitions but doesn't optimize the refresh process:

Columnstore indexes are beneficial for data retrieval speed, but they don't affect the efficiency of incremental refresh in terms of data processing.

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Question 46: **Correct**

You are a data analyst for a large retail company that uses Microsoft Fabric. The company has recently launched a new product line and you have been tasked with analyzing the sales data for this product line. You decide to use descriptive analytics to summarize the main characteristics of this data.

Which of the following techniques would be the most appropriate to use in this scenario? (Select all that apply)

A. Time-series analysis

B. Regression analysis

C. Cluster analysis

D. Association rule learning

* **A**

**(Correct)**

* **D**
* **B**
* **C**

**(Correct)**

**Explanation**

A. Time-series analysis, C. Cluster analysis

Explanation: Descriptive analytics is used to summarize and interpret data to extract meaningful insights. In this scenario, time-series analysis and cluster analysis would be the most appropriate techniques as they allow you to analyze data points collected over time and group similar data, which is ideal for sales data. The other options, while useful in other scenarios, are not the best fit for this specific task.

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Question 47: **Correct**

You're building an analytics dashboard for a manufacturing company that tracks daily production data from multiple machines. Each machine generates a separate data stream with timestamps, product IDs, and production quantities. The dashboard needs to show overall production trends, machine performance comparisons, and real-time production alerts.

Which Fabric data transformation technique is most suitable to de-aggregate the data streams into a unified view for the dashboard while maintaining data fidelity and enabling real-time updates?

A. Use a data pipeline with a union transformation.

B. Create a real-time Power BI stream with individual machine data sources.

C. Implement a stream analytics job with window functions.

D. Ingest the data streams into a single lakehouse table with timestamps.

* **A**
* **D**
* **C**

**(Correct)**

* **B**

**Explanation**

C. Implement a stream analytics job with window functions.

Explanation:

A: A union transformation simply combines data streams without de-aggregation, hindering analysis and real-time updates.

B: While Power BI streams offer real-time visualization, they lack advanced data manipulation capabilities needed for de-aggregation.

D: Ingesting data directly into a single table doesn't facilitate de-aggregation or real-time analysis.

C: Stream analytics jobs can process data streams in real-time, apply window functions to group data by time intervals (e.g., daily) for each machine, and output a unified data stream ready for dashboard consumption.

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Question 48: **Correct**

You are a data analyst at AdventureWorks, a travel company, tasked with building a Power BI report to analyze customer demographics and booking data. The data resides in a semantic model exposed through the XMLA endpoint within the Fabric platform.

Which of the following approaches would be MOST efficient for connecting to the data and creating the report?

A. Use the Power BI Desktop XMLA connector to directly connect to the endpoint and create the report.

B. Extract the data from the semantic model using Azure Data Factory and load it into an Azure Synapse Analytics workspace for Power BI to access.

C. Develop a custom Python script utilizing the xmla library to connect and query the data, then export it for Power BI consumption.

D. Leverage the Fabric visual query editor to explore the data and export it to a CSV file for use in Power BI.

* **B**
* **A**

**(Correct)**

* **D**
* **C**

**Explanation**

A. Use the Power BI Desktop XMLA connector to directly connect to the endpoint and create the report.

Explanation:

Option B adds unnecessary data movement and complexity.

Option C requires additional coding expertise and might be less efficient than native tools.

Option D is inefficient for large datasets and doesn't leverage the semantic model's capabilities.

Option A provides the most efficient and direct approach. Power BI's built-in XMLA connector allows seamless connection to the semantic model, enabling you to explore data, build visualizations, and create reports directly within the familiar Power BI environment.

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Question 49: **Incorrect**

Your Jupyter notebook in Microsoft Fabric uses an iterative loop to calculate customer lifetime values for a large dataset. The analysis takes hours to complete, hindering your ability to quickly iterate on different scenarios.

Which of the following techniques would be most impactful in improving the performance of the customer lifetime value calculations within the notebook?

A. Use vectorized operations like Pandas vectorized functions instead of standard loops for calculations.

B. Implement caching mechanisms within the notebook to store intermediate results and avoid recomputations.

C. Leverage Spark SQL or Azure Data Factory to offload the heavy calculations to a distributed processing engine.

D. Optimize the code by removing unnecessary data manipulation steps and redundant variable assignments.

* **B**
* **A**

**(Incorrect)**

* **D**
* **C**

**(Correct)**

**Explanation**

C. Leverage Spark SQL or Azure Data Factory to offload the heavy calculations to a distributed processing engine.

Explanation:

Option A improves performance on small calculations, but not significantly for complex, iterative computations.

Option B reduces redundant calculations within the notebook, but doesn't address the inherent limitations of single-threaded execution.

Option D is important for code efficiency, but might not be enough for such a computationally intensive task.

Option C provides the most significant performance improvement. Offloading the calculations to Spark SQL or Azure Data Factory leverages distributed processing power and parallel execution, dramatically reducing the analysis time for iterative customer lifetime value calculations.

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Question 50: **Correct**

You are building a semantic model in Azure Synapse Analytics that includes customer data with sensitive financial information. You want to implement object-level security (OLS) to restrict access to specific customer records based on user roles.

Which Azure Synapse Analytics features would you use to achieve OLS in this scenario?

A. Synapse Views with security predicates

B. Synapse Permissions on Azure Data Lake Storage Gen2

C. Synapse SQL pool Row Level Security policies

D. Synapse Integration Runtime Managed Service Identity

* **D**
* **B**
* **C**
* **A**

**(Correct)**

**Explanation**

A. Synapse Views with security predicates

Explanation:

Incorrect answers:

B: Synapse Permissions on Azure Data Lake Storage Gen2 only control access to the underlying data files, not specific records within the semantic model.

C: Synapse SQL pool Row Level Security policies apply to tables, not individual objects within a model.

D: Synapse Integration Runtime Managed Service Identity is used for authentication, not access control within the semantic model.

Correct answer: A. Synapse Views provide a virtualized layer over the underlying data. You can define security predicates within the view definition that filter data based on user roles or other criteria. This effectively implements OLS within the semantic model, granting access only to authorized users for specific customer records.

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