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**RULES:**

- On the answer sheet team member should stick their team **QR** and write their unique participant id below it.
  - Don't leave the app during the test.
  - Time limit – **45 minutes**.
  - Keep your mobile in airplane mode.
  - Questions marked as (\*) have bonus marks.
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**1.Match the following**

- |        |   |             |
|--------|---|-------------|
| 1) DCL | - | a) Delete   |
| 2) DDL | - | b) Rollback |
| 3) DQL | - | c) Grant    |
| 4) DML | - | d) Select   |
| 5) TCL | - | e) Drop     |

- |    | 1) | 2) | 3) | 4) | 5) |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| A) | c  | d  | a  | e  | b  |
| B) | b  | a  | e  | d  | c  |
| C) | c  | e  | d  | a  | b  |
| D) | b  | d  | a  | e  | c  |

**2. The maximum number of superkeys for the relation schema R(E,F,G,H) with E as the key is**

- A. 2
- B. 3
- C. 6
- D. 8

3. Let  $x, y, z, a, b, c$  be the attributes of an entity set  $E$ . If  $\{x\}, \{x,y\}, \{a,b\}, \{a,b,c\}, \{x,y,z\}$  are superkeys then which of the following are the candidate keys?

- A.  $\{x,y\}$  and  $\{a,b\}$
- B.  $\{x\}$  and  $\{a,b\}$
- C.  $\{x,y,z\}$  and  $\{a,b,c\}$
- D.  $\{z\}$  and  $\{c\}$

4. Consider a “CUSTOMERS” database table having a column “CITY” filled with all the names of Indian cities (in capital letters). The SQL statement that finds all cities that have “GAR” somewhere in its name, is:

- A. Select \* from customers where city = ‘%GAR%’;
- B. Select \* from customers where city = ‘\$GAR\$’;
- C. Select \* from customers where city like ‘%GAR%’;
- D. Select \* from customers where city as ‘%GAR’;

5. Which of the following statements is TRUE?

$D_1$  : The decomposition of the schema  $R(A, B, C)$  into  $R_1(A, B)$  and  $R_2(A, C)$  is always lossless.

$D_2$  : The decomposition of the schema  $R(A, B, C, D, E)$  having  $AD \rightarrow B, C \rightarrow DE, B \rightarrow AE$  and  $AE \rightarrow C$ , into  $R_1(A, B, D)$  and  $R_2(A, C, D, E)$  is lossless.

- A. Both  $D_1$  and  $D_2$
- B. Neither  $D_1$  nor  $D_2$
- C. Only  $D_1$
- D. Only  $D_2$

**6. Consider the following database table:**

**Create table test( one integer, two integer, primary key(one), unique(two), check(one >= 1 and <= 10), check(two >= 1 and <= 5) ).**

**How many data records/tuples atmost can this table contain?**

- A. 5
- B. 10
- C. 15
- D. 50

**7. Given the following relation instance.**

x	y	z
1	4	2
1	5	3
1	6	3
3	2	2

**Which of the following functional dependencies are satisfied by the instance?**

- A.  $XY \rightarrow Z$  and  $Z \rightarrow Y$
- B.  $YZ \rightarrow X$  and  $Y \rightarrow Z$
- C.  $YZ \rightarrow X$  and  $X \rightarrow Z$
- D.  $XZ \rightarrow Y$  and  $Y \rightarrow X$

**8. In RDBMS, the constraint that no key attribute (column) may be NULL is referred to as:**

- A. Referential integrity
- B. Multi-valued dependency
- C. Entity Integrity
- D. Functional dependency

**9. If you have n transactions then how many different serial schedules are possible?**

- A.  $2^n$
- B.  $n!$
- C.  $n^2$
- D.  $(n+1)!$

**10. Which of the following is dense index?**

- A. Primary index
- B. Clusters index
- C. Secondary index
- D. Secondary non key index

**11. Dates must be specified in the format**

- A. mm/dd/yy**
- B. yyyy/mm/dd**
- C. dd/mm/yy**
- D. yy/dd/mm**

**12. Which of the following statements are TRUE about an SQL query?**

**P : An SQL query can contain a HAVING clause even if it does not have a GROUP BY clause**

**Q : An SQL query can contain a HAVING clause only if it has a GROUP BY clause**

**R : All attributes used in the GROUP BY clause must appear in the SELECT clause**

**S : Not all attributes used in the GROUP BY clause need to appear in the SELECT clause**

- A. P and R**
- B. P and S**
- C. Q and R**
- D. Q and S**

**13. Relation R has eight attributes ABCDEFGH.**

**Fields of R contain only atomic values.  $F = \{CH \rightarrow G, A \rightarrow BC, B \rightarrow CFH, E \rightarrow A, F \rightarrow EG\}$  is a set of functional dependencies (FDs) that hold for R.**

**How many candidate keys does the relation R have? (\*)**

- A. 3
- B. 4
- C. 5
- D. 6

**14. The set of attributes X will be fully functionally dependent on the set of attributes Y if the following conditions are satisfied.**

- A. X is functionally dependent on Y
- B. X is not functionally dependent on any subset of Y
- C. Both (a) and (b)
- D. None of these

**15. Given the following two statements:**

**S1: Every table with two single-valued attributes is in 1NF, 2NF, 3NF and BCNF.**

**S2:  $AB \rightarrow C, D \rightarrow E, E \rightarrow C$  is a minimal cover for the set of functional dependencies  $AB \rightarrow C, D \rightarrow E, AB \rightarrow E, E \rightarrow C$ . (\*)**

**Which one of the following is CORRECT?**

- A. S1 is TRUE and S2 is FALSE.
- B. Both S1 and S2 are TRUE.
- C. S1 is FALSE and S2 is TRUE.
- D. Both S1 and S2 are FALSE.

16. Consider a relation book (title, price) which contains the titles and prices of different books. Assuming that no two books have the same price, what does the following SQL query list ?

*“Select title from book as B where (select count ( \* ) from book as T where T.price > B.price) < 7”*

- A. Titles of the six most expensive books.
- B. Title of the sixth most expensive books.
- C. Titles of the seven most expensive books.
- D. Title of the seventh most expensive books.

17. Consider the following Employee table(\*)

ID	salary	DeptName
1	10000	EC
2	40000	EC
3	30000	CS
4	40000	ME
5	50000	ME
6	60000	ME
7	70000	CS

How many rows are there in the result of following query?

*“SELECT E.ID  
FROM Employee E  
WHERE EXISTS (SELECT E2.salary  
FROM Employee E2  
WHERE E2.DeptName = 'CS'  
AND E.salary > E2.salary)”*



- A. 0
- B. 4
- C. 5
- D. 6

**18. Aggregate functions can be used in the select list or the \_\_\_\_\_ clause of the select statement or subquery. They cannot be used in a \_\_\_\_\_ clause.**

- A. Where, having
- B. Having, where
- C. Group by, having
- D. Group by, where

**19. Consider a schema  $R(A,B,C,D)$  and functional dependencies  $AB \rightarrow CD$  and  $D \rightarrow A$ . Then the decomposition of  $R$  into  $R_1(AD)$  and  $R_2(BCD)$  is**

- A. dependency preserving and lossless join
- B. lossless join but not dependency preserving
- C. dependency preserving but not lossless join
- D. not dependency preserving and not lossless join

**20. All aggregate functions except \_\_\_\_\_ ignore null values in their input collection.**

- A. Count(attribute)
- B. Count(\*)
- C. Avg()
- D. Sum()

**21. Which of the following is NOT a superkey in a relational schema with attributes V, W, X, Y, Z and primary key V Y ?**

- A. V X Y Z
- B. V W X Z
- C. V W X Y
- D. V W X Y Z

**22. Match the normal forms with the dependencies they remove**

- 1)2NF     -     a)multi-valued dependency
- 2)3NF     -     b)partial dependency
- 3)4NF     -     c) join dependency
- 4)5NF     -     d)transitive dependency

1)    2)    3)    4)

- A)   d)    b)    c)    a)
- B)   b)    d)    a)    c)
- C)   b)    d)    c)    a)
- D)   d)    b)    a)    c)

**23. Which normal form is considered adequate for normal relational database design?**

- A. 2NF
- B. 5NF
- C. 4NF
- D. 3NF

**24. Let  $R = ABCDE$  is a relational scheme with functional dependency set  $F = \{A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C, AC \rightarrow D\}$ . The attribute closures of A and E are**

A.  $ABCD, \varnothing$

B.  $ABCD, E$

C.  $\Phi, \varphi$

D.  $ABC, E$

**25. Which of the following FD can't be implied from FD set:  $\{A \rightarrow B, A \rightarrow BC, C \rightarrow D\}$  ?**

A.  $A \rightarrow C$

B.  $B \rightarrow D$

C.  $BC \rightarrow D$

D. All of the above

**26. We can test for the non-existence of the tuples in a subquery by using \_\_\_\_\_construct**

A. Not exist

B. Not exists

C. Notexists

D. NotExist

27. Consider the entities 'hotel room', and 'person' with a many to many relationship 'lodging' as shown below:



If we wish to store information about the rent payment to be made by person (s) occupying different hotel rooms, then this information should appear as an attribute of

- A. Person
- B. Hotel Room
- C. Lodging
- D. None of these

28. Select the 'False' statement from the following statements about Normal Forms:

- A. Lossless preserving decomposition into 3NF is always possible
- B. Lossless preserving decomposition into BCNF is always possible
- C. Any Relation with two attributes is in BCNF
- D. BCNF is stronger than 3NF

29. The employee information in a company is stored in the relation:

Employee (name, sex, salary, deptName). Consider the following SQL query

```
“select deptName  
  from Employee  
  where sex = 'M'  
  group by deptName  
  having avg (salary) > (select avg (salary) from Employee);”
```

**It returns the names of the department in which**

- A. the average salary is more than the average salary in the company
- B. the average salary of male employees is more than the average salary of all male employees in the company
- C. the average salary of male employees is more than the average salary of employees in the same department
- D. the average salary of male employees is more than the average salary in the company

**30. In E-R diagram generalisation is represented by**

- A. Ellipse
- B. Dashed ellipse
- C. Rectangle
- D. Triangle

**31. Which option is true about the SQL query given below?**

***“Select firstName,lastName  
From Employee  
WHERE lastName BETWEEN 'A%' AND 'D%’”***

- A. It will display all the employees having last names starting with the alphabets 'A' till 'D' inclusive of A and exclusive of D.
- B. It will throw an error as BETWEEN can only be used for Numbers and not strings.
- C. It will display all the employees having last names starting from 'A' and

ending with 'D'.

- D. It will display all the employees having last names in the range of starting alphabets as 'A' and 'D' excluding the names starting with 'A' and 'D'.

**32. Relation R has eight attributes ABCDEFGH. Fields of R contain only atomic values.**

**$F = \{CH \rightarrow G, A \rightarrow BC, B \rightarrow CFH, E \rightarrow A, F \rightarrow EG\}$  is a set of functional dependencies (FDs) that hold for R. Consider the FDs. The relation R is**

- A. in 1NF, but not in 2NF.
- B. in 2NF, but not in 3NF.
- C. in 3NF, but not in BCNF.
- D. in BCNF

**33. Which of the following scenarios may lead to an irrecoverable error in a database system?**

- A. A transaction writes a data item after it is read by an uncommitted transaction
- B. A transaction reads a data item after it is read by an uncommitted transaction
- C. A transaction reads a data item after it is written by a committed transaction
- D. A transaction reads a data item after it is written by an uncommitted transaction

**34. Consider the following four schedules due to three transactions (indicated by the subscript) using read and write on a data item X, denoted by r(X) and w(X) respectively. Which one of them is conflict serializable ?(\*)**

**S1: r1(X); r2(X); w1(X); r3(X); w2(X)**

**S2: r2(X); r1(X); w2(X); r3(X); w1(X)**

**S3: r3(X); r2(X); r1(X); w2(X); w1(X)**

**S4: r2(X); w2(X); r3(X); r1(X); w1(X)**

A. S<sub>1</sub>

B. S<sub>2</sub>

C. S<sub>3</sub>

D. S<sub>4</sub>

**35. Consider the following schedule S of transactions T1, T2, T3, T4:**

<b>T1</b>	<b>T2</b>	<b>T3</b>	<b>T4</b>
	<b>READ(X)</b>		
		<b>WRITE(X)</b>	
		<b>COMMIT</b>	
<b>WRITE(X)</b>			
<b>COMMIT</b>			
	<b>WRITE(Y)</b>		
	<b>READ(Z)</b>		
	<b>COMMIT</b>		
			<b>READ(X)</b>
			<b>READ(Y)</b>
			<b>COMMIT</b>

**Which one of the following statements is CORRECT?(\*)**

- A. S is conflict-serializable but not recoverable
- B. S is not conflict-serializable but is recoverable
- C. S is both conflict-serializable and recoverable
- D. S is neither conflict-serializable nor is it recoverable

**36. The relation scheme Student Performance (name, courseNo, rollNo, grade) has the following functional dependencies:**

**name, courseNo  $\rightarrow$  grade**

**rollNo, courseNo  $\rightarrow$  grade**

**name  $\rightarrow$  rollNo**

**rollNo  $\rightarrow$  name**

**The highest normal form of this relation scheme is**

- A. 2 NF
- B. 3 NF
- C. BCNF
- D. 4NF

**37. How many tables may be included with a join?**

- A. One
- B. Two
- C. Three
- D. All of the mentioned



**38. What will be the output of following SQL query ?**

```
SELECT * FROM EMPLOYEE E  
WHERE 2 = (SELECT COUNT(DISTINCT E1.SALARY)  
FROM EMPLOYEE E1  
WHERE E1.SALARY>E.SALARY)
```

- A. Second highest salary
- B. Two distinct salary of employees
- C. Third highest salary
- D. Employee with second highest salary

**39. Database table by name Loan\_Records is given below.**

<b>Borrower</b>	<b>Bank_Manager</b>	<b>Loan_Amount</b>
<b>Ramesh</b>	<b>Sunderajan</b>	<b>10000.00</b>
<b>Suresh</b>	<b>Ramgopal</b>	<b>5000.00</b>
<b>Mahesh</b>	<b>Sunderajan</b>	<b>7000.00</b>

**What is the output of the following SQL query?**

```
“SELECT Count(*)  
FROM ( ( SELECT Borrower, Bank_Manager  
FROM Loan_Records) AS S  
NATURAL JOIN ( SELECT Bank_Manager, Loan_Amount  
FROM Loan_Records) AS T );”
```

- A. 3
- B. 9
- C. 5
- D. 6

**40. Consider the following relation:**

**Cinema (theater, address, capacity)**

**Which of the following options will be needed at the end of the SQL query**

***“SELECT P1. Address FROM Cinema P1.....***

**Such that it always finds the addresses of theaters with maximum capacity?**

- A. WHERE P1. Capacity >= All (select P2. Capacity from Cinema P2)
- B. WHERE P1. Capacity >= Any (select P2. Capacity from Cinema P2)
- C. WHERE P1. Capacity > All (select max(P2. Capacity) from Cinema P2)
- D. WHERE P1. Capacity > Any (select max (P2. Capacity) from Cinema P2)