EXERCISE-16

PROCEDURES AND FUNCTIONS

PROCEDURES

DEFINITION

A procedure or function is a logically grouped set of SQL and PL/SQL statements that perform a specific task. They are essentially sub-programs. Procedures and functions are made up of,

- Declarative part
- Executable part
- Optional exception handling part

These procedures and functions do not show the errors.

KEYWORDS AND THEIR PURPOSES

REPLACE: It recreates the procedure if it already exists.

PROCEDURE: It is the name of the procedure to be created.

ARGUMENT: It is the name of the argument to the procedure. Paranthesis can be omitted if no arguments are present.

IN: Specifies that a value for the argument must be specified when calling the procedure ie. used to pass values to a sub-program. This is the default parameter.

OUT: Specifies that the procedure passes a value for this argument back to it's calling environment after execution ie. used to return values to a caller of the sub-program.

INOUT: Specifies that a value for the argument must be specified when calling the procedure and that procedure passes a value for this argument back to it's calling environment after execution.

RETURN: It is the datatype of the function's return value because every function must return a value, this clause is required.

PROCEDURES – SYNTAX

```
create or replace procedure <procedure name> (argument {in,out,inout} datatype ) {is,as}
variable declaration;
constant declaration;
begin
PL/SQL subprogram body;
exception
exception PL/SQL block;
end;
```

FUNCTIONS – SYNTAX

```
create or replace function <function name> (argument in datatype,……) return datatype {is,as}
variable declaration;
```

Program 1

FACTORIAL OF A NUMBER USING FUNCTION

```
CREATE or replace function
get_factorial (p_num IN NUMBER)
RETURN NUMBER

IS
  v_fact NUMBER := 1;
BEGIN;
IF p_num<0 THEN
      RETURN NULL;
ELSIF p_num=0 THEN
      RETURN 1;
ELSE
   FOR i IN 1..p_num LOOP
   v_FACT := v_fact * i;
   END LOOP.
   RETURN v_fact;
   END IF;
   END;

SET SERVEROUTPUT ON;
DECLARE
v_RESULT NUMBER;
BEGIN
v_result:= get_factorial
```

```
DBMS_output.put_line
('factorial is :
' || v_result);

END;
```

Program 2

Write a PL/SQL program using Procedures IN,INOUT,OUT parameters to retrieve the corresponding book information in library

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PL/SQL Procedure(5)	
Program/Execution (5)	
Viva(5)	
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