**24.**

**1)** **CREATE [OR REPLACE] FUNCTION function\_name**

**(parameter\_name datatype [, ...])**

**RETURN return\_datatype**

**IS**

**-- Declarations (optional)**

**BEGIN**

**-- Executable statements (the logic of the function)**

**RETURN return\_value; -- Return value to the caller**

**EXCEPTION**

**-- Exception handling (optional)**

**END function\_name;**

**2)** **CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION get\_max (val1 IN NUMBER, val2 IN NUMBER)**

**RETURN NUMBER**

**IS**

**BEGIN**

**-- Return the maximum of the two values**

**IF val1 > val2 THEN**

**RETURN val1;**

**ELSE**

**RETURN val2;**

**END IF;**

**END get\_max;**