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2nd SEMESTER 2022/23 FINAL EXAMINATION

Undergraduate – Year 2

Introduction to Database Systems

TIME ALLOWED: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- 1、 This is a closed book examination.
- 2、 Total marks available are 100. This will count for 85% in the final assessment.
- 3、 Answer all questions.
- 4、 Answer should be written in the answer booklet(s) provided.
- 5、 Only English solutions are accepted.
- 6、 The university approved calculator - Casio FS82ES/83ES can be used.
- 7、 All materials must be returned to the exam supervisor upon completion of the exam. Failure to do so will be deemed academic misconduct and will be dealt with accordingly.

Question A: Basic SQL (30 marks)

Consider the following relations:

prizes

prize_id (int)	winner_sid (int)	award_time (date)
1	4121003	2020-01-12
2	6501396	2021-09-09
2	6501296	2021-09-09
3	6501296	2022-02-01

students

sid (int)	sname (varchar(20))	class_name (varchar(4))
4121003	Andrew	Y4C3
6501396	Henry	Y2C1
6501296	Bob	Y2C1
6501300	John	Y2C2
5501778	Jack	Y3C5

classes

class_name (varchar(4))	classroom (int)
Y2C1	201
Y2C2	202
Y2C3	203
Y3C4	304
Y3C5	305
Y4C3	403

- a) You are given the following SELECT queries. What are the results of application of these queries to the tables “prizes”, “classes” and “students”? Provide the answer in a table format. In case that query is not valid, explain the reason. (3 marks each)

1. **SELECT DISTINCT** prize_id **FROM** prizes **WHERE** ID <> 3;
2. **SELECT** sid **FROM** students
WHERE class_name LIKE "Y_C1";
3. **SELECT** sid **FROM** classes **RIGHT OUTER JOIN** students
USING class_name;
4. **SELECT** count(prize_id) **FROM** prizes **NATURAL JOIN** students
GROUP BY class_name;

- b) Write an SQL query to get the number of prizes won by each student. In the result, list students' ID numbers as well as the number of prizes won.
(4 marks)
- c) Write an SQL query to get all students called "Bob" who are currently in year 2. In the result, list student IDs.
(4 marks)
- d) Write an SQL query to list classes that have not won any prizes after 2020-12-09. In the result, list the class_name in the descending order.
(5 marks)
- e) Write an SQL query to list classes along with their neighbouring classrooms. A classroom is considered to be the neighbouring classrooms of another if the difference between their room numbers is 1. In the result, list class names and the two neighbouring classrooms. Non-existing neighbouring classrooms should be listed as NULL. The supposed output of your query is given below using the data in the current classes table:

class_name	neighbour1	neighbour2
Y2C1	NULL	202
Y2C2	201	203
Y2C3	202	NULL
Y3C4	NULL	305
Y3C5	304	NULL
Y4C3	NULL	NULL

(5 marks)

Question B: Transactions and Recovery (20 marks)

Answer the following questions related to transactions and recovery:

- a) What does “COMMIT” mean in transactions? (6 marks)
- b) Why supporting concurrency is important for database? (4 marks)
- c) Describe the “lost update” problem of concurrency using an example. (10 marks)

Question C: Normalisation (20 marks)

Normalise the following table “T” into the 3rd Normal Form by clearly describing the normalisation process, i.e. the dependencies removed and how the table is split into sub-tables. Describe the primary key and functional dependencies for each resulting sub-tables.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
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Attributes (A, B, C) form the primary key and the functional dependencies:

$A, B, C \rightarrow D, E, F, G$

$B, C \rightarrow E, F$

$F \rightarrow C$

$D \rightarrow G$

Question D: Entity-relationship Modelling (30 marks)

You are asked to develop a database that is used by a reference manager application. Reference manager applications are tools used to create, organize and store references for conference papers or journal articles. The requirements for the database are provided below:

1. The whole reference library is managed using tags. Tags are up to 15 characters long.
 1. Each reference can have zero or more tags.
 2. A same tag can be added to one or more references.
 3. Each tag can be described with some comments.
2. Each reference has a unique citation key, a list of authors, a publish year, a title, the source of this reference (the name of the journal or conference), the type of reference (journal article or conference paper) and optionally a file path if the user owns the document.
3. Each author has a unique ID called ORCID, a full name and the research institution he/she is currently working in.
4. ORCID is always 16 digits long, the last digit can be the letter 'x'.
5. Sometimes a document contains a collection of articles.

Task 1: Draw the entity relationship diagram. (20 marks)

Task 2: Based on your solution to Task 1 above, write the SQL code to create the tables for the database. You should include all the specified attributes and specify the appropriate primary and foreign keys. All primary keys and foreign keys must be added separately using ALTER statements. Minor syntactical errors in your SQL code will not be penalised in the marking of this answer. (10 marks)

END OF FINAL EXAM