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Q.1(a) Flutter is a popular framework for building cross-platform mobile applications developed by Google.

1) Single codebase for multiple platforms: Flutter allows developers to write code once and deploy it on both iOS and Android platforms.

2) Fast Development and Hot Reload: Flutter offers a feature called Hot Reload, which allows developers to instantly see the changes they make to the code reflected in the app's interface.

3) Beautiful and Customizable UI: Flutter comes with a rich set of pre-designed widgets that help developers create visually stunning UI.

4) High performance: Flutter apps are compiled to directly to native machine code, which eliminates the need for a JavaScript badge.

5) Strong community and support: Flutter has a vibrant community of developers who actively contribute to its growth and provide support through forums, documentation, and third-party packages.

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.1 (b) Flutter differs from traditional approaches to mobile app development in several key ways:

1) Single codebase: Unlike traditional approaches where separate codebases are reqd. for iOS and Android development.

2) UI Rendering: Instead of using native UI components provided by each platform, Flutter uses its own set of customizable widgets to render the UI.

3) Performance: Flutter apps are compiled directly to native machine code, resulting in high performance and smooth animations.

4) Hot Reload: Flutter's Hot Reload feature allows developers to instantly see changes made to the code reflected in the app's interface without loosing app's state.

5) Strong community: Flutter has its strong community support, extensive documentation, and growing ecosystem of third-party packages.

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Q.2 (a) In Flutter, the widget tree is a hierarchial structure representing the components of a UI. At the root of the tree is the 'widget' represent the entire screen, and each subsequent 'widget' represents a component or element of the UI, such as buttons, text fields, or containers.

widget composition is the process of combining multiple smaller widgets to create more complex and feature-rich UI elements. This is achieved by nesting widgets within each other, forming a tree-like structure. These children can further have their own children, creating a nested hierarch

For example, to create a button with a label and an icon, you would compose it by nesting widgets. The button widget would be the parent, containing a text widget for the label and an icon widget for the icon. This nesting allows for the creation of complex UIs from simple building blocks.

Q.2 (b)

1) Container widget:
- Role: It is a versatile widget used to contain other widgets and apply various styling properties such as padding, margins, borders, etc.
- Example: A 'Container' might serve as the root widget of a screen, containing other widgets like text, images, or buttons.

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2> Column Widget:

- Role: It arranges its children widgets vertically, stacking them from top to bottom.
- Example: Within a 'Container', a 'Column' could be used to organize multiple widgets in a vertical layout, such as a list.

3> Row Widget:

- Role: It arranges its children widgets horizontally, placing them side by side.
- Example: Inside a 'Column' or another 'Row', a 'Row' widget might be used to display items horizontally, such as row of buttons.

4> Image widget:

- Role: It displays an image from various sources, such as assets, files.
- Example: It might be useful to display a logo, icon, or photo within the UI.

5> Text widget:

- Role: It displays a string of text with customizable styling properties such as font size, color, etc.
- Example: 'Text' widget could be used to display a title, label, or paragraph of text.

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Q.3 (a) Importance of state management in Flutter applications:

1> UI Responsiveness: Effective state management ensures that changes in the app's state reflect immediately in the UI.

2> Maintainability: Proper state management technique help in organizing and maintaining code, making it easier to understand, debug and modify.

3> Performance optimization: It ensures that only necessary parts of UI are updated when state changes improving app performance.

4> Scalability: As Flutter apps evolve and add more features, robust state management becomes crucial for scalability.

5> Cross-Platform Consistency: Flutter enables developers to build apps for multiple platforms from a single codebase.

Q.3 (b)

1> setState:

- Approach: It is the simplest form, where the state is stored within the StatefulWidget and updated using 'setState'.
- Suitable Scenarios: ① suitable for state that doesn't need to be shared across multiple widgets or managed globally.

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② useful for learning purposes or quick prototyping due to its simplicity.

2> Provider :
- Approach : 'Provider' offers a way to propagate data down the widget tree efficiently and manage application state without using 'setState'.
- Suitable Scenarios : ① suitable for mid-sized to large applications where multiple widgets need access to shared state.
  ② Ideal for managing local state within specific parts of the widget tree or for sharing state between sibling widgets.

3> Riverpod :
- Approach : 'Riverpod' builds on top of 'Provider' and offers additional features like dependency injection, lazy loading and improved testability.
- Suitable Scenarios : ① Ideal for managing global application state, handling side effects, and separating business logic from UI.
  ② useful for teams working on collaborative projects where modularity, testability and maintainability are crucial.

Q.4(a).

1> create Firebase project - Go to Firebase console create new project and register your Flutter app with Firebase by providing package.

2> Add Firebase SDK - Add Firebase SDK dependencies to your Flutter project by including necessary packages in your 'pubspec.yaml' file.

3> configure Firebase services:- configure Firebase services you want to use, Firebase authentica" for user authentication, Firebase cloud messaging. set up necessary configurations and rules.

4> Initialize Firebase - Initialize Firebase in your Flutter app by calling 'Firebase.initializeApp()' in your main function.

5> use Firebase services - One Firebase is initialized, you can start using Firebase services in your Flutter app.

• Benefits of using Firebase as backend.

1> Real time database - Firebase provides real-time database solutions like Firestore, which allow seamless data synchronization.

2> Authentication - Firebase Authentication offers easy-to-use authentication method including making it simple to implement user authentication in Flutter apps.

3> cloud Functions :- Firebase allows you to extend your app is functionality with cloud functions, enabling you to run backend code.

4> scalability - Firebase is scalable platform that can handle large no. of users and data.

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5> offline support - Firebase offers offline support for firebase and real time database.

Q.4 (b)

1> Firebase Authentication - Provides user authentication and authorization using email/ password, social logins.

2> Cloud Firestore : A flexible, scalable NOSQL cloud database for storing and syncing data b/w clients in real-time.

3> Firebase Realtime Database : A NOSQL cloud database that synchronizes data in real-time across multiple clients.

4> Firebase cloud messaging : Enables sending push notifications to user's devices.

5> Firebase cloud Functions : serverless function that run in response to Firebase events of HTTPS requests.

Data synchronization :

- Real-Time Database : Firebase Realtime database synchronizes data across clients in real-time using web sockets.

- Cloud Firestore : Firestore uses a more sophisticated synchronization mechanism based on a distributed database system.

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