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CS3EL16 / BC3EL08 Programming With XML

Programme	:	B.Tech./B.Sc.	Branch/Specialisation	:	CSE All / CS
Duration	:	3 hours	Maximum Marks	:	60

Note: All questions are compulsory. Internal choices, if any, are indicated. Assume suitable data if necessary.
 Notations and symbols have their usual meaning.

Section 1 (Answer all question(s))				Marks CO BL
Q1. Which of the following is a major difference between XML and HTML?				1 2 2
<input checked="" type="radio"/> XML is case-sensitive, whereas HTML is not <input checked="" type="radio"/> HTML is used for data storage, whereas XML is used for web page design		<input checked="" type="radio"/> XML does not allow nesting of elements <input checked="" type="radio"/> XML uses predefined tags, whereas HTML allows user-defined tags		
Q2. What is the purpose of XML validation?				1 1 1
<input checked="" type="radio"/> To ensure the document is easy to read <input checked="" type="radio"/> To add style to the document		<input checked="" type="radio"/> To guarantee the document is well-formed and valid against a schema or DTD <input checked="" type="radio"/> To compress the document size		
Q3. What is the primary purpose of a Document Type Definition (DTD) in XML?				1 1 1
<input checked="" type="radio"/> To define the structure and rules of an XML document <input checked="" type="radio"/> To store data in XML format		<input checked="" type="radio"/> To style XML documents <input checked="" type="radio"/> To convert XML to HTML		
Q4. Which of the following symbols in DTD specifies that an element can appear zero or more times?				1 1 1
<input checked="" type="radio"/> ?		<input checked="" type="radio"/> +		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> *		<input checked="" type="radio"/> #		
Q5. How can be defined within an XSD?				1 1 1
<input checked="" type="radio"/> </xs:element name = "x" type = "y"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <?xs:element name = "x" type = "y"/>		<input checked="" type="radio"/> <xs:element name = "x" type = "y"> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <xs:element name = "x" type = "y"/>		
Q6. Simple type Built into Schema "data" represent a data in-				1 1 1
<input checked="" type="radio"/> MM-DD-YY <input checked="" type="radio"/> YYYY-MM-DD		<input checked="" type="radio"/> DD-MM-YYYY <input checked="" type="radio"/> YY-MM-DD		
Q7. What is the correct syntax of for-each in XSLT?				1 1 1
<input checked="" type="radio"/> <xsl:foreach> code...</xsl:for each> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <xsl:for-each> code...</xsl:for-each>		<input checked="" type="radio"/> <xsl:foreach> code...</xsl:foreach> <input checked="" type="radio"/> </xsl:foreach> code...</xsl:foreach>		
Q8. Which simple output filters are supported by XSLT?				1 1 1
<input checked="" type="radio"/> =, !=, <, & <input checked="" type="radio"/> =, #, <, >		<input checked="" type="radio"/> =, !=, <, > <input checked="" type="radio"/> ^, !=, <, >		
Q9. What does [position()=2] do in an XPath expression?				1 2 2
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Selects all elements <input checked="" type="radio"/> Selects the second element		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Selects the first element <input checked="" type="radio"/> Selects the last element		

Q10. Which of the following XPath expressions selects the “author” elements that are the second or third child of the “book” element with an attribute named “isbn” that has a value of “12345” in an XML document? 1 2 2

- /bookstore/book[@isbn='12345']/author[position()=2 or position()=3]
- /bookstore/book[@isbn='12345']/ author[2,3]
- /bookstore/book[@isbn='12345']/author[position()=2]/following-sibling::author[1]

Section 2 (Answer all question(s))

Q11. Define XML and list any two features of XML. Marks CO BL
2 2 2

Rubric	Marks
Definition of XML	1
Any two features of XML	1

Q12. Differentiate between XML and HTML in terms of purpose, syntax, and data handling. 3 4 4

Rubric	Marks
Purpose	1
Syntax	1
Data handling	1

Q13. (a) Write an XML document structure for a simple notebook containing multiple notes with attributes for date and priority. 5 3 3

Rubric	Marks
Proper XML declaration	1
Root element and nesting structure	2
Correct use of attributes for date and priority	2

(OR)

(b) Explain the significance of XML validation. Describe two validation techniques used in XML.

Rubric	Marks
Significance of XML validation	2
Description of DTD validation	1.5
Description of XML Schema validation	1.5

Section 3 (Answer all question(s))

Q14. Differentiate between internal and external DTDs. Marks CO BL
2 4 4

Rubric	Marks
Definition of internal DTD	1
Definition of external DTD	1

Q15. Write a DTD snippet to define a simple XML element `<note>` containing child elements `<title>` and `<content>`. 3 2 2

Rubric	Marks
Correct syntax for <code><!ELEMENT note></code>	1
Definition of child elements <code><title></code> and <code><content></code>	1
Proper structure of DTD snippet	1

Q16. (a) Explain the advantages and disadvantages of using DTD in XML validation. 5 4 4

Rubric	Marks
Two advantages of DTD	2
Two disadvantages of DTD	2
Example or explanation to support the answer	1

(OR)

- (b)** Analyze the structure of an XML notebook system and design an external DTD to enforce rules for a `<note>` element. The `<note>` should contain child elements `<title>` and `<content>`, and an attribute date. Explain how this DTD ensures data consistency and demonstrate how it is linked to an XML file."

Rubric	Marks
Analysis of XML structure and need for DTD	1.5
Correct external DTD syntax with element and attribute definitions	2
Proper linking of DTD in the XML file	1.5

Section 4 (Answer all question(s))

Q17. What is an XML Namespace? Why is it important? Marks CO BL
2 2 2

Rubric	Marks
Definition of XML Namespace	1
Explanation of its importance	1

Q18. Differentiate between simple and complex data types in XML Schema with examples. 3 4 4

Rubric	Marks
Definition of simple data types with an example	1.5
Definition of complex data types with an example	1.5

Q19. (a) Write an XML Schema (XSD) to define a notebook structure with a <note> element containing <title>, <content>, and an attribute date.

5 2 2

Rubric	Marks
Correct schema definition structure	2
Proper data type usage for elements and attributes	2
Well-formed XML Schema syntax	1

(OR)

(b) Analyze the advantages of using XML Schema over DTD and explain a scenario where XML Schema is preferable.

Rubric	Marks
Two advantages of XML Schema over DTD	2
Two reasons why XML Schema is preferable in certain cases:	2
Justification with an example scenario	1

Section 5 (Answer any 2 question(s))

Marks CO BL

Q20. Describe how the <xsl:for-each> loop works in XSLT and give an example that loops over a list of nodes.

5 4 4

Rubric	Marks
Definition of <xsl:for-each>	2
Example of Use	1
Explanation of Example	1
Clarity & Organization	1

Q21. How does <xsl:if> work in XSLT? Write an example where it is used to display elements based on a condition.

5 3 3

Rubric	Marks
Definition of <xsl:if>	1
Example of Use	1
Explanation of Example	2
Use Case Justification	1

Q22. Analyze the structure of an XSL document and explain how templates contribute to the separation of content and presentation. Provide an XSLT snippet that demonstrates this principle.

5 4 4

Rubric	Marks
Clearly explains XSL structure, including key components (e.g., <xsl:stylesheet>, <xsl:template>).	1.5
Clearly explains how <xsl:template> enables separation of concerns.	2
Provides a correct, well-structured example demonstrating template usage. i.e XSLT Code Snippet	1.5

Section 6 (Answer any 2 question(s))

Marks CO BL

Q23. Compare ancestor:: and preceding-sibling:: axes.

5 4 4

Rubric	Marks
Definition & Explanation	1
Examples & XML Structure	1
Comparison & Differences	3

Q24. Justify why a particular XPath query is more efficient.

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Rubric	Marks
Clarity of Explanation	1
Correctly applies XPath functions (//, @, *, text(), etc.) to demonstrate efficiency.	3
Effectively compares multiple XPath queries, highlighting efficiency trade-offs.	1

Q25. Define XPath and give a simple example.

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Rubric	Marks
Clearly defines XPath with accurate details on its purpose and functionality.	2.5
Explains why XPath is used in XML document processing, including real-world applications.	2.5
