

4. (a) What is the difference between a key and a superkey? [3]
- (b) Consider the relation schema  $\text{PERSON}(\text{No}, \text{Name}, \text{Location}, \text{Age})$  and the relation state given below. Identify potential superkeys of  $\text{PERSON}$ .

<i>No</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Age</i>
2	John	Bath	28
7	Conrad	York	45
8	John	Bath	28
2	John	Kent	35
7	Helen	York	31

- [10]
- (c) Suppose  $X_1 \rightarrow Y_1$  and  $X_2 \rightarrow Y_2$ . Which of the following dependencies are true? Justify your answers with proofs or counterexamples.

$$X_1 \cap X_2 \rightarrow Y_1 \cap Y_2 \quad X_1 \cup X_2 \rightarrow Y_1 \cap Y_2 \quad X_1 \cup X_2 \rightarrow Y_1 \cup Y_2$$

- [6]
- (d) Consider the relation schema  $\text{REL}(\text{Att1}, \text{Att2})$ . Characterise all valid database states under the assumptions  $\text{dom}(\text{Att1}) = \text{dom}(\text{Att2}) = \text{INTEGER}$ ,  $\text{Att1} \rightarrow \text{Att2}$  and  $\text{Att2} \rightarrow \text{Att1}$ . [6]

**Total mark for this question: 25**