**PHP EXAMINATION AND SOLUTION**

### ****PHP Programming Exam****

**Total Marks: 50**  
**Time: 1 Hour 30 Minutes**

#### ****Section A: Multiple Choice Questions (10 Marks, 2 Marks Each)****

**Circle the correct answer.**

What does PHP stand for?  
a) Personal Home Page  
b) PHP: Hypertext Preprocessor  
c) Private Hosting Platform  
d) Professional HTML Parser

Which of the following is NOT a feature of PHP?  
a) Open-source  
b) Server-side scripting  
c) Runs only on Windows  
d) Supports database connections

What is the purpose of an interpreter in PHP?  
a) It converts PHP code into machine code before execution.  
b) It translates PHP scripts line by line at runtime.  
c) It is used to compile PHP programs.  
d) It is another term for a database management system.

What is Apache commonly used for?  
a) A database management system  
b) A web server that runs PHP scripts  
c) A programming language  
d) A security framework for PHP applications

What is the key difference between a static and a dynamic website?  
a) A static website requires a database, while a dynamic website does not.  
b) Static websites are interactive, and dynamic websites are not.  
c) A static website has fixed content, while a dynamic website generates content based on user interaction.  
d) Static websites are coded in PHP, while dynamic websites use HTML.

#### ****Section B: Short Answer Questions (20 Marks, 4 Marks Each)****

**Answer the following questions concisely.**

Define the following terms:

* 1. PHP
  2. Open Source
  3. Database
  4. Web Server

Explain two important characteristics of PHP that make it widely used in web development.

What is a Database Management System (DBMS), and how does MySQL fit into this category?

Describe the purpose of PHP in web development.

Differentiate between Apache and MySQL in terms of their roles in a web application.

#### ****Section C: Practical & Essay Questions (20 Marks, 10 Marks Each)****

**Answer the following questions in detail.**

**PHP Environment Setup**  
a) What are the essential components needed to set up a PHP development environment?  
b) Explain the process of installing and configuring a local server like XAMPP or WAMP for PHP development.

**Dynamic Websites & PHP**  
a) Explain how PHP enables the creation of dynamic websites.  
b) Provide an example of a simple PHP script that displays "Hello, User!" when a visitor accesses a webpage.

This exam covers **definitions, concepts, purposes, characteristics, and practical applications** of PHP. Let me know if you need modifications or additional questions! 🚀

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Here’s the **solution** for the PHP exam:

### ****PHP Programming Exam – Solution****

#### ****Section A: Multiple Choice Questions (10 Marks, 2 Marks Each)****

1. **b) PHP: Hypertext Preprocessor**
2. **c) Runs only on Windows**
3. **b) It translates PHP scripts line by line at runtime.**
4. **b) A web server that runs PHP scripts**
5. **c) A static website has fixed content, while a dynamic website generates content based on user interaction.**

#### ****Section B: Short Answer Questions (20 Marks, 4 Marks Each)****

**Define the following terms:**

* 1. **PHP**: A server-side scripting language used for web development.
  2. **Open Source**: Software that is freely available and can be modified by anyone.
  3. **Database**: A structured collection of data stored electronically for easy retrieval and management.
  4. **Web Server**: A software that processes and serves web requests, such as Apache.

**Two important characteristics of PHP:**

* 1. **Cross-platform compatibility**: PHP runs on various operating systems (Windows, Linux, macOS).
  2. **Server-side execution**: PHP executes on the server, ensuring secure processing of scripts before sending content to the client.

**What is DBMS, and how does MySQL fit into this category?**

* 1. **DBMS (Database Management System)** is software that manages data in a structured way, allowing for data storage, retrieval, and management.
  2. **MySQL** is a relational DBMS that stores and manages data efficiently and is often used in PHP-based web applications.

**Purpose of PHP in web development:**

* 1. PHP is used to create **dynamic** and **interactive** web pages.
  2. It allows communication with databases, handling forms, sessions, cookies, and server-side logic.

**Difference between Apache and MySQL:**

* **Apache**: A web server that processes and serves web pages to users.
* **MySQL**: A database management system used to store and retrieve structured data.

#### ****Section C: Practical & Essay Questions (20 Marks, 10 Marks Each)****

**PHP Environment Setup**  
a) **Essential components for PHP development:**

* + Web Server (e.g., Apache)
  + PHP Interpreter
  + Database System (e.g., MySQL)
  + Local Server Software (e.g., XAMPP, WAMP)  
    b) **Steps to install and configure a local server (XAMPP/WAMP):**
  + Download XAMPP or WAMP from their official website.
  + Install the software and start Apache & MySQL services.
  + Place PHP files inside the "htdocs" (XAMPP) or "www" (WAMP) directory.
  + Open a browser and type http://localhost/ to check if the server is running.

**Dynamic Websites & PHP**  
a) **How PHP enables dynamic websites:**

* + PHP interacts with databases to fetch and display dynamic content.
  + It processes form inputs and user data, modifying content based on user interactions.
  + PHP can generate customized responses depending on session data or cookies.  
    b) **Simple PHP script example:**

php

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<?phpecho "Hello, User!";?>

**Output:** When a user accesses the page, it will display:  
**Hello, User!**

This solution provides a clear breakdown of the exam answers. Let me know if you need any modifications or additional explanations! 🚀

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✓ PHP Development Tools 6 | P a g e XAMPP WAMP/MAMP/LAMP IDEs /Text Editors Browser ✓ Installation of XAMPP/WAMP or LAMP ✓ Configuration of environment Ports Browser Services IDEs Extensions

###### ChatGPT said:

Here’s an **exam** covering PHP Development Tools, Installation, and Environment Configuration, along with its **solution**.

# ****PHP Development Exam****

**Total Marks: 50**  
**Time: 1 Hour 30 Minutes**

### ****Section A: Multiple Choice Questions (10 Marks, 2 Marks Each)****

What is XAMPP used for?  
a) A programming language  
b) A web server package for local development  
c) A database management system  
d) A text editor

Which of the following is NOT included in XAMPP?  
a) Apache  
b) MySQL  
c) PHP  
d) Python

What does LAMP stand for?  
a) Linux, Apache, MySQL, PHP  
b) Local, Apache, MySQL, PHP  
c) Linux, Angular, MongoDB, Python  
d) Light, Apache, MySQL, PHP

Which software is NOT an IDE used for PHP development?  
a) Visual Studio Code  
b) NetBeans  
c) Eclipse  
d) Photoshop

What is the default port used by Apache in XAMPP?  
a) 80  
b) 443  
c) 3306  
d) 8080

### ****Section B: Short Answer Questions (20 Marks, 4 Marks Each)****

**Define the following PHP development tools:**

* + XAMPP
  + WAMP
  + IDE
  + Browser

**What is the role of a text editor or IDE in PHP development? Give two examples.**

**Explain the difference between XAMPP and WAMP.**

**List and explain the services that need to be started in XAMPP/WAMP for PHP development.**

**Why is it important to configure ports when setting up a local PHP development environment?**

### ****Section C: Practical & Essay Questions (20 Marks, 10 Marks Each)****

**Installing & Configuring XAMPP/WAMP**  
a) Describe the steps to install XAMPP on a Windows system.  
b) Explain how to configure Apache and MySQL ports in XAMPP.

**Configuring a PHP Development Environment**  
a) What steps should be followed to set up an IDE (e.g., VS Code) for PHP development?  
b) Explain how to change the document root in Apache to work with custom projects.

## ****Solution Key****

### ****Section A: Multiple Choice Questions (10 Marks, 2 Marks Each)****

1. **b) A web server package for local development**
2. **d) Python**
3. **a) Linux, Apache, MySQL, PHP**
4. **d) Photoshop**
5. **a) 80**

### ****Section B: Short Answer Questions (20 Marks, 4 Marks Each)****

**Definitions:**

* + **XAMPP**: A cross-platform local server environment containing Apache, MySQL, PHP, and Perl.
  + **WAMP**: A local web server environment for Windows, including Apache, MySQL, and PHP.
  + **IDE (Integrated Development Environment)**: A software application providing tools for coding, debugging, and testing PHP (e.g., VS Code, PhpStorm).
  + **Browser**: A software application used to view and test web pages (e.g., Chrome, Firefox).

**Role of Text Editors/IDEs in PHP Development:**

* + Provide syntax highlighting, debugging, and error checking.
  + Examples: **Visual Studio Code, PhpStorm**

**Difference between XAMPP and WAMP:**

* + **XAMPP** works on **Windows, Linux, and macOS**, whereas **WAMP** is only for **Windows**.
  + **XAMPP** includes **Perl & FTP server**, whereas **WAMP** does not.

**Services in XAMPP/WAMP:**

* + **Apache** (Handles HTTP requests & serves PHP pages)
  + **MySQL** (Database server for storing dynamic content)
  + **PHP** (Executes PHP scripts on the server)

**Importance of Configuring Ports:**

* Avoids conflicts with other software using the same ports.
* Ensures smooth communication between the server and the browser.

### ****Section C: Practical & Essay Questions (20 Marks, 10 Marks Each)****

**Installing & Configuring XAMPP**  
a) **Steps to install XAMPP:**

* + Download XAMPP from the official website.
  + Run the installer and select required components (Apache, MySQL, PHP).
  + Choose an installation directory (default is C:\xampp).
  + Start Apache & MySQL from the XAMPP Control Panel.  
    b) **Configuring Apache & MySQL Ports:**
  + Open XAMPP Control Panel → Click on **Config** → **Apache (httpd.conf)**.
  + Change Listen 80 to Listen 8080 if port 80 is busy.
  + Open my.ini for MySQL and change port=3306 to port=3307 if needed.

**Configuring a PHP Development Environment**  
a) **Setting up an IDE (e.g., VS Code) for PHP:**

* + Install **VS Code**.
  + Add PHP extension (e.g., PHP Intelephense).
  + Configure XAMPP’s PHP executable path in VS Code settings.
  + Use localhost to run PHP scripts.  
    b) **Changing Apache Document Root:**
  + Open httpd.conf in XAMPP/WAMP.
  + Find DocumentRoot "C:/xampp/htdocs" and change it to a new folder path.
  + Restart Apache for changes to take effect.

This **exam & solution** covers **PHP development tools, installation, and configuration**. Let me know if you need any modifications or additional topics! 🚀

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##### You said:

• Application of PHP concepts ✓ PHP file extension ✓ Syntax ✓ Variable ✓ Operators ✓ Data types ✓ Variable scope ✓ Constants ✓ Comment ✓ Date and time ✓ String concatenation ✓ Condition statement ✓ Arrays ✓ Loop

###### ChatGPT said:

Here is a **PHP Exam** covering the application of PHP concepts along with its **solutions**.

# ****PHP Programming Exam****

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## ****Section A: Multiple Choice Questions (10 Marks, 2 Marks Each)****

What is the correct file extension for PHP files?  
a) .php  
b) .html  
c) .phps  
d) .xml

Which of the following is NOT a valid PHP variable name?  
a) $name  
b) $1var  
c) $\_myVar  
d) $var\_1

What will be the output of echo 5 . 3; in PHP?  
a) 8  
b) 53  
c) 5.3  
d) Error

Which operator is used for comparing two values in PHP?  
a) =  
b) ==  
c) ===  
d) !=

Which function is used to get the current date and time in PHP?  
a) current\_time()  
b) getDate()  
c) date()  
d) now()

## ****Section B: Short Answer Questions (20 Marks, 4 Marks Each)****

**Define the following PHP concepts:**

* + Variable
  + Constant
  + Comment
  + Array

**What is the difference between local and global variables in PHP? Provide an example.**

**Explain how string concatenation works in PHP and give an example.**

**Write a PHP script to display today’s date in the format** YYYY-MM-DD**.**

**Explain the difference between** == **and** === **in PHP with examples.**

## ****Section C: Practical & Essay Questions (20 Marks, 10 Marks Each)****

**Using PHP Conditional Statements:**  
a) Write a PHP script that checks if a number is positive, negative, or zero and displays a message accordingly.

**PHP Loops & Arrays:**  
a) Write a PHP script using a loop to display numbers from 1 to 10.  
b) Create an associative array containing names of three students and their scores, then display them.

# ****Solutions****

## ****Section A: Multiple Choice Questions (10 Marks, 2 Marks Each)****

1. **a)** .php
2. **b)** $1var (Variable names cannot start with a number.)
3. **b)** 53 (The . operator concatenates values as a string.)
4. **b)** == (Used for value comparison.)
5. **c)** date() (Used to retrieve the current date and time.)

## ****Section B: Short Answer Questions (20 Marks, 4 Marks Each)****

**Definitions:**

* + **Variable**: A container for storing data, declared using $ (e.g., $name = "John";).
  + **Constant**: A value that does not change, defined using define() or const.
  + **Comment**: A note in the code ignored by PHP (// single-line or /\* multi-line \*/).
  + **Array**: A collection of values stored in a single variable ($fruits = ["Apple", "Banana", "Cherry"];).

**Local vs. Global Variables:**

* + **Local Variable**: Declared inside a function and only accessible within that function.
  + **Global Variable**: Declared outside a function and accessible everywhere using global or $GLOBALS.  
    **Example:**

php

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$globalVar = "I am global"; // Global variable

function testScope() {

$localVar = "I am local"; // Local variable

global $globalVar; // Accessing global variable

echo $globalVar;

}

testScope(); // Output: I am global

**String Concatenation:**

* + Uses the . operator to join strings.  
    **Example:**

php

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$firstName = "John";$lastName = "Doe";echo $firstName . " " . $lastName; // Output: John Doe

**Display Today’s Date:**

php

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echo date("Y-m-d"); // Output: 2025-02-13 (Example)

**Difference Between** == **and** ===**:**

* == checks for value equality, but not data type.
* === checks for both value and data type.  
  **Example:**

php

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$x = "5";$y = 5;echo ($x == $y) ? "Equal" : "Not Equal"; // Output: Equalecho ($x === $y) ? "Identical" : "Not Identical"; // Output: Not Identical

## ****Section C: Practical & Essay Questions (20 Marks, 10 Marks Each)****

1. **Checking if a number is positive, negative, or zero:**

php

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$num = -10; // Change this value to test

if ($num > 0) {

echo "The number is positive.";

} elseif ($num < 0) {

echo "The number is negative.";

} else {

echo "The number is zero.";

}

1. **Loops & Arrays:**  
   a) **Loop to display numbers from 1 to 10:**

php

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for ($i = 1; $i <= 10; $i++) {

echo $i . " ";

}

**Output:** 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

b) **Associative Array of Students & Scores:**

php

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$students = [

"Alice" => 85,

"Bob" => 90,

"Charlie" => 78

];

foreach ($students as $name => $score) {

echo "$name scored $score <br>";

}

**Output:**

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Alice scored 85

Bob scored 90

Charlie scored 78

This exam covers **PHP syntax, variables, operators, data types, scope, constants, comments, date/time, concatenation, conditionals, arrays, and loops**. Let me know if you need any modifications or more questions! 🚀

make examination question according to this content ( ✓ Function Introduction to function Built-in functions User-defined functions calling function 7 | P a g e Function recursion )

###### ChatGPT said:

Here’s a set of PHP exam questions based on your provided topics:

### ****PHP Exam – Functions****

#### ****Section A: Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs)**** (1 mark each)

What is the correct way to define a user-defined function in PHP?  
a) function myFunction { }  
b) define myFunction() { }  
c) function myFunction() { }  
d) void myFunction() { }

Which of the following is **NOT** a built-in function in PHP?  
a) strlen()  
b) strpos()  
c) addNumbers()  
d) array\_push()

How do you call a function named calculateSum?  
a) calculateSum;  
b) calculateSum();  
c) call calculateSum();  
d) execute calculateSum();

What will the following recursive function output?

php

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function countdown($num) {

if ($num <= 0) {

return;

}

echo $num . " ";

countdown($num - 1);

}countdown(3);

a) 3 3 3  
b) 3 2 1  
c) 3 2 1 0  
d) Error

What is a major risk of using recursion incorrectly?  
a) Improved performance  
b) Infinite loop leading to stack overflow  
c) Faster execution time  
d) Increased memory efficiency

#### ****Section B: True/False**** (1 mark each)

A function in PHP must always return a value. **(True/False)**

Built-in functions are functions defined by users. **(True/False)**

Recursion is a process where a function calls itself. **(True/False)**

echo() is a built-in function in PHP. **(True/False)**

A function can be called before it is defined in PHP. **(True/False)**

#### ****Section C: Short Answer Questions**** (2-3 marks each)

Define a function in PHP that takes two numbers as arguments and returns their sum.

Explain the difference between built-in functions and user-defined functions in PHP.

What is function recursion? Provide an example in PHP.

How does PHP handle function calls in memory? Briefly explain the function call stack.

Why is it important to include a base case in a recursive function?

#### ****Section D: Coding Questions**** (5 marks each)

Write a PHP function called factorial() that calculates the factorial of a number using recursion.

Create a user-defined function greet() that accepts a name as an argument and prints "Hello, [name]!".

Write a function that checks whether a given number is even or odd using a user-defined function.

Create a recursive function in PHP to print numbers from 1 to 10.

Define a function reverseString($str) that takes a string and returns it in reverse order without using built-in functions.

Would you like explanations for any of these questions? Let me know how else I can help! 🚀

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###### ChatGPT said:

Here are the solutions to the PHP exam questions:

## ****Section A: Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs)**** (1 mark each)

1. **c)** function myFunction() { }
2. **c)** addNumbers() (not a built-in function)
3. **b)** calculateSum();
4. **b)** 3 2 1
5. **b)** Infinite loop leading to stack overflow

## ****Section B: True/False**** (1 mark each)

1. **False** (Functions can exist without returning a value.)
2. **False** (Built-in functions are provided by PHP.)
3. **True** (Recursion occurs when a function calls itself.)
4. **True** (echo() is a built-in function.)
5. **True** (Functions can be called before being defined in PHP due to auto-loading.)

## ****Section C: Short Answer Questions****

1. **PHP function that adds two numbers:**

php

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function addNumbers($a, $b) {

return $a + $b;

}echo addNumbers(5, 10); // Output: 15

1. **Difference between built-in and user-defined functions:**

* **Built-in functions** are pre-defined in PHP (e.g., strlen(), array\_push()).
* **User-defined functions** are created by the programmer using the function keyword.

1. **Function recursion and example:**

* Recursion is when a function calls itself until a base condition is met.

php

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function countdown($num) {

if ($num <= 0) {

return;

}

echo $num . " ";

countdown($num - 1);

}countdown(5); // Output: 5 4 3 2 1

1. **PHP function call stack explanation:**

* Each function call is stored in memory in a stack (LIFO: Last In, First Out).
* When a function is called, it is pushed onto the stack.
* When a function completes, it is popped off the stack.

1. **Importance of base case in recursion:**

* The base case stops recursion and prevents infinite loops leading to stack overflow.

## ****Section D: Coding Questions****

1. **Recursive factorial function:**

php

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function factorial($n) {

if ($n == 0) {

return 1; // Base case

}

return $n \* factorial($n - 1);

}echo factorial(5); // Output: 120

1. **Greet function:**

php

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function greet($name) {

echo "Hello, $name!";

}greet("Alice"); // Output: Hello, Alice!

1. **Check even or odd:**

php

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function checkEvenOdd($num) {

return ($num % 2 == 0) ? "Even" : "Odd";

}echo checkEvenOdd(7); // Output: Odd

1. **Recursive function to print numbers from 1 to 10:**

php

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function printNumbers($num) {

if ($num > 10) {

return;

}

echo $num . " ";

printNumbers($num + 1);

}printNumbers(1); // Output: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

1. **Reverse a string without built-in functions:**

php

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function reverseString($str) {

$reversed = "";

for ($i = strlen($str) - 1; $i >= 0; $i--) {

$reversed .= $str[$i];

}

return $reversed;

}echo reverseString("hello"); // Output: olleh

This should help you prepare well for your PHP exam! Let me know if you need any explanations or modifications. 🚀

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##### You said:

✓ Super Global variables ✓ PHP file handling Opening a file Reading a file Writing a file Closing a file Deleting a file ● Application of PHP Security concepts ✓ PHP form handling Post Method Get Method Validation ✓ Cookies and Session

###### ChatGPT said:

Here’s an updated **PHP exam** covering your new topics:

## ****PHP Exam – Super Globals, File Handling, Security, Form Handling, Cookies & Sessions****

### ****Section A: Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs)**** (1 mark each)

Which of the following is **NOT** a PHP superglobal variable?  
a) $\_POST  
b) $\_SESSION  
c) $\_GLOBALS  
d) $\_DATA

What function is used to open a file in PHP?  
a) openFile()  
b) fopen()  
c) file\_open()  
d) readfile()

What does the "r" mode in fopen() do?  
a) Opens a file for writing only  
b) Opens a file for reading and writing  
c) Opens a file for reading only  
d) Creates a new file

What is the primary difference between GET and POST methods in PHP form handling?  
a) GET method is more secure than POST  
b) POST appends data to the URL while GET sends data in the request body  
c) GET sends data in the request URL, and POST sends data in the request body  
d) Both store data in session variables

How do you delete a file in PHP?  
a) delete("file.txt");  
b) remove("file.txt");  
c) unlink("file.txt");  
d) drop("file.txt");

### ****Section B: True/False**** (1 mark each)

1. Super global variables are available in all scopes of a PHP script. **(True/False)**
2. The fopen() function automatically closes the file after reading it. **(True/False)**
3. $\_POST is more secure than $\_GET because it does not expose data in the URL. **(True/False)**
4. Cookies are stored on the client’s computer, while sessions are stored on the server. **(True/False)**
5. The session\_start() function must be called before using session variables. **(True/False)**

### ****Section C: Short Answer Questions**** (2-3 marks each)

1. List **three PHP superglobal variables** and their uses.
2. Explain how PHP handles file reading and writing with fopen(), fwrite(), and fclose().
3. What is the difference between **cookies** and **sessions**?
4. How can you **validate** an email in PHP using regular expressions?
5. Explain two **PHP security concepts** that help protect web applications.

### ****Section D: Coding Questions**** (5 marks each)

1. **Write PHP code to read a file named "data.txt" and display its content.**
2. **Create a PHP script that writes "Hello, PHP!" into a file named "output.txt".**
3. **Develop a PHP form that accepts a username and password, then processes it using the** POST **method.**
4. **Write a PHP script to set a cookie named "user" with the value "JohnDoe" that expires in 1 hour.**
5. **Create a simple login system using PHP sessions.**

Would you like solutions for these questions? Let me know how you'd like to proceed! 🚀

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##### You said:

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Here are the **exam questions along with their answers** for PHP topics:

## ****PHP Exam – Super Globals, File Handling, Security, Form Handling, Cookies & Sessions****

### ****Section A: Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs)**** (1 mark each)

**Which of the following is NOT a PHP superglobal variable?**

* + a) $\_POST
  + b) $\_SESSION
  + c) $\_GLOBALS
  + **d)** $\_DATA ✅

**What function is used to open a file in PHP?**

* + a) openFile()
  + **b)** fopen() ✅
  + c) file\_open()
  + d) readfile()

**What does the** "r" **mode in** fopen() **do?**

* + a) Opens a file for writing only
  + b) Opens a file for reading and writing
  + **c) Opens a file for reading only** ✅
  + d) Creates a new file

**What is the primary difference between** GET **and** POST **methods in PHP form handling?**

* + a) GET method is more secure than POST
  + b) POST appends data to the URL while GET sends data in the request body
  + **c)** GET **sends data in the request URL, and** POST **sends data in the request body** ✅
  + d) Both store data in session variables

**How do you delete a file in PHP?**

* + a) delete("file.txt");
  + b) remove("file.txt");
  + **c)** unlink("file.txt"); **✅**
  + d) drop("file.txt");

### ****Section B: True/False**** (1 mark each)

1. **Super global variables are available in all scopes of a PHP script.** ✅ **(True)**
2. **The** fopen() **function automatically closes the file after reading it.** ❌ **(False - You must use** fclose()**)**
3. $\_POST **is more secure than** $\_GET **because it does not expose data in the URL.** ✅ **(True)**
4. **Cookies are stored on the client’s computer, while sessions are stored on the server.** ✅ **(True)**
5. **The** session\_start() **function must be called before using session variables.** ✅ **(True)**

### ****Section C: Short Answer Questions****

1. **List three PHP superglobal variables and their uses.**

* $\_GET: Retrieves data from a form submitted via the **GET** method.
* $\_POST: Retrieves data from a form submitted via the **POST** method.
* $\_SESSION: Stores user data across multiple pages.

1. **Explain how PHP handles file reading and writing with** fopen()**,** fwrite()**, and** fclose()**.**

* fopen("file.txt", "r"): Opens a file in read mode.
* fwrite($file, "Hello World"): Writes to an open file.
* fclose($file): Closes the opened file.

1. **What is the difference between cookies and sessions?**

* **Cookies**: Stored on the user's browser and persist even after closing the browser (until they expire).
* **Sessions**: Stored on the server and end when the browser is closed or after a set timeout.

1. **How can you validate an email in PHP using regular expressions?**

php

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function validateEmail($email) {

return filter\_var($email, FILTER\_VALIDATE\_EMAIL);

}echo validateEmail("test@example.com") ? "Valid Email" : "Invalid Email";

* This checks if the email follows a proper format.

1. **Explain two PHP security concepts that help protect web applications.**

* **SQL Injection Prevention**: Use mysqli\_real\_escape\_string() or prepared statements to secure database queries.
* **Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) Prevention**: Use htmlspecialchars() to sanitize user input before displaying it.

### ****Section D: Coding Questions****

1. **Write PHP code to read a file named "data.txt" and display its content.**

php

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$file = fopen("data.txt", "r"); while (!feof($file)) {

echo fgets($file) . "<br>";

} fclose($file);

**Explanation:** Opens data.txt, reads it line by line, and prints the content.

1. **Create a PHP script that writes "Hello, PHP!" into a file named "output.txt".**

php

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$file = fopen("output.txt", "w"); fwrite($file, "Hello, PHP!"); fclose($file);

**Explanation:** Opens output.txt in write mode, writes text, and closes the file.

1. **Develop a PHP form that accepts a username and password, then processes it using the** POST **method.**

php

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<form method="POST">

Username: <input type="text" name="username"><br>

Password: <input type="password" name="password"><br>

<input type="submit" value="Submit">

</form>

<?phpif ($\_SERVER["REQUEST\_METHOD"] == "POST") {

echo "Username: " . $\_POST["username"];

}?>

**Explanation:** Takes user input and processes it via $\_POST.

1. **Write a PHP script to set a cookie named "user" with the value "JohnDoe" that expires in 1 hour.**

php

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setcookie("user", "JohnDoe", time() + 3600, "/"); echo "Cookie set!";

**Explanation:** Creates a cookie that expires in **1 hour**.

1. **Create a simple login system using PHP sessions.**

php

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session\_start();if ($\_SERVER["REQUEST\_METHOD"] == "POST") {

$\_SESSION["username"] = $\_POST["username"];

}?>

<form method="POST">

Username: <input type="text" name="username"><br>

<input type="submit" value="Login">

</form><?phpif (isset($\_SESSION["username"])) {

echo "Welcome, " . $\_SESSION["username"];

}?>

**Explanation:**

* Stores username in $\_SESSION.
* Displays the username after login.

## ****Final Notes****

This exam covers **superglobals, file handling, security, form handling, cookies, and sessions** with both theoretical and coding questions. Let me know if you need more explanations or modifications! 🚀

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##### You said:

● Implementation of Object-oriented programming (OOP) in PHP ✓ Definition ✓ Classes ✓ Objects ✓ Inheritance ✓ Access modifiers ✓ Encapsulation ✓ Abstraction ✓ Polymorphism

###### ChatGPT said:

Here’s a **PHP exam** covering **Object-Oriented Programming (OOP)** concepts along with their **solutions**:

## ****PHP Exam – Object-Oriented Programming (OOP)****

### ****Section A: Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs)**** (1 mark each)

**What is the correct way to define a class in PHP?**  
a) class = MyClass { }  
b) define class MyClass { }  
c) class MyClass { }  
d) new class MyClass { }

* + **Answer:** ✅ **c)** class MyClass { }

**Which of the following is NOT an access modifier in PHP?**  
a) public  
b) private  
c) protected  
d) secure

* + **Answer:** ✅ **d)** secure

**What is inheritance in OOP?**  
a) The ability of a class to use properties and methods of another class  
b) The ability to define multiple classes  
c) The ability to create functions within a class  
d) The ability to define multiple objects

* + **Answer:** ✅ **a) The ability of a class to use properties and methods of another class**

**Which keyword is used to create an object in PHP?**  
a) new  
b) create  
c) object  
d) instance

* + **Answer:** ✅ **a)** new

**Which OOP principle restricts direct access to object properties?**  
a) **Encapsulation**  
b) **Polymorphism**  
c) **Abstraction**  
d) **Inheritance**

* + **Answer:** ✅ **a) Encapsulation**

### ****Section B: True/False**** (1 mark each)

1. **Encapsulation means binding data and methods together.** ✅ **(True)**
2. **A class can have multiple constructors in PHP.** ❌ **(False - PHP supports only one constructor per class)**
3. **Private properties can be accessed directly from outside the class.** ❌ **(False - They can only be accessed inside the class)**
4. **Polymorphism allows a child class to have methods with the same name as in the parent class but with different implementations.** ✅ **(True)**
5. **Abstract classes cannot have normal (non-abstract) methods.** ❌ **(False - They can have both abstract and normal methods)**

### ****Section C: Short Answer Questions**** (2-3 marks each)

1. **Define Object-Oriented Programming (OOP) in PHP.**

* **Answer:** OOP is a programming paradigm that uses objects and classes to structure code efficiently. It provides concepts like **encapsulation, inheritance, abstraction, and polymorphism** to make code more reusable and maintainable.

1. **What is the difference between a class and an object?**

* **Answer:**
  + **Class:** A blueprint/template that defines properties and methods.
  + **Object:** An instance of a class with actual values assigned to its properties.

1. **Explain inheritance in PHP with an example.**

* **Answer:** Inheritance allows a child class to derive properties and methods from a parent class.

php

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class Animal {

public $name;

public function speak() {

return "Some sound";

}

}

class Dog extends Animal {

public function speak() {

return "Bark";

}

}

$dog = new Dog();echo $dog->speak(); // Output: Bark

1. **What is the difference between** private**,** protected**, and** public **access modifiers?**

* **Answer:**
  + **Public**: Accessible anywhere.
  + **Protected**: Accessible within the class and subclasses.
  + **Private**: Accessible only within the class.

1. **What is an abstract class, and how is it different from an interface?**

* **Answer:**
  + **Abstract Class**: Can have both **abstract** (unimplemented) and **normal** (implemented) methods.
  + **Interface**: Only contains method definitions; all methods must be implemented by the implementing class.

### ****Section D: Coding Questions**** (5 marks each)

1. **Write a PHP class named** Car **with properties** brand **and** model**. Include a method** getDetails() **that returns car details.**

php

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class Car {

public $brand;

public $model;

public function \_\_construct($brand, $model) {

$this->brand = $brand;

$this->model = $model;

}

public function getDetails() {

return "Car: $this->brand, Model: $this->model";

}

}

$car = new Car("Toyota", "Corolla");echo $car->getDetails(); // Output: Car: Toyota, Model: Corolla

1. **Create a class** Person **with a private property** age**. Provide a setter and getter method for** age**.**

php

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class Person {

private $age;

public function setAge($age) {

$this->age = $age;

}

public function getAge() {

return $this->age;

}

}

$person = new Person();$person->setAge(25);echo $person->getAge(); // Output: 25

**Explanation:** This demonstrates **encapsulation** by restricting direct access to the age property.

1. **Create a PHP example demonstrating method overriding (polymorphism).**

php

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class Animal {

public function makeSound() {

return "Some sound";

}

}

class Cat extends Animal {

public function makeSound() {

return "Meow";

}

}

$cat = new Cat();echo $cat->makeSound(); // Output: Meow

**Explanation:** The makeSound() method is overridden in the Cat class to return "Meow".

1. **Write a PHP abstract class** Shape **with an abstract method** getArea()**, and implement it in a** Rectangle **class.**

php

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abstract class Shape {

abstract public function getArea();

}

class Rectangle extends Shape {

private $width, $height;

public function \_\_construct($width, $height) {

$this->width = $width;

$this->height = $height;

}

public function getArea() {

return $this->width \* $this->height;

}

}

$rect = new Rectangle(5, 10);echo $rect->getArea(); // Output: 50

**Explanation:** Demonstrates **abstraction**, as Shape defines an abstract method that must be implemented in Rectangle.

1. **Create a PHP interface** AnimalInterface **with a method** makeSound()**, and implement it in a** Dog **class.**

php

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interface AnimalInterface {

public function makeSound();

}

class Dog implements AnimalInterface {

public function makeSound() {

return "Woof!";

}

}

$dog = new Dog();echo $dog->makeSound(); // Output: Woof!

**Explanation:** Demonstrates **abstraction** using an **interface**, ensuring that any class implementing AnimalInterface must define makeSound().

## ****Final Notes****

This exam covers **all core OOP concepts in PHP** with **theory and practical coding exercises**. Let me know if you need more explanations! 🚀

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##### You said:

Learning outcome 2: Connect PHP to the Database Learning hours: 37 Indicative content ● Application of Database Connection drives ✓ Mysqli ✓ Mysqli - OOP ✓ PDO ● Perform database CRUD Operations ✓ CRUD with Mysqli ✓ CRUD with Mysqli – OOP ✓ CRUD with PDO ✓ Import and export database ● Application of PHP Basic security concepts 9 | P a g e ✓ Input Validation ✓ Password Security ✓ Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) Prevention ✓ Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF) Prevention ✓ Session Security ✓ File Uploads ✓ Error Reporting

###### ChatGPT said:

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Here’s a **PHP exam** covering **Database Connection, CRUD Operations, and Security Concepts**, along with **solutions**.

# ****PHP Exam – Database Connectivity, CRUD Operations & Security****

## ****Section A: Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs)**** (1 mark each)

**Which PHP function is used to establish a connection to a MySQL database using MySQLi?**  
a) connect\_db()  
b) mysql\_connect()  
c) mysqli\_connect()  
d) db\_open()

* + **Answer:** ✅ **c)** mysqli\_connect()

**Which of the following is an advantage of using PDO over MySQLi?**  
a) Supports multiple database types  
b) Only works with MySQL databases  
c) Cannot use prepared statements  
d) Slower than MySQLi

* + **Answer:** ✅ **a) Supports multiple database types**

**Which of the following SQL commands is used to delete a record from a table?**  
a) DROP  
b) DELETE  
c) REMOVE  
d) CLEAR

* + **Answer:** ✅ **b)** DELETE

**Which method should be used to prevent SQL Injection in PHP?**  
a) Directly embedding user input in queries  
b) Using eval() function  
c) **Using prepared statements**  
d) Disabling database queries

* + **Answer:** ✅ **c) Using prepared statements**

**What PHP function is used to hash passwords securely?**  
a) md5()  
b) password\_hash()  
c) sha1()  
d) encrypt\_password()

* + **Answer:** ✅ **b)** password\_hash()

## ****Section B: True/False**** (1 mark each)

1. **PDO can be used with databases other than MySQL.** ✅ **(True)**
2. mysqli\_connect() **is only available in procedural PHP.** ❌ **(False - MySQLi supports both procedural and OOP styles)**
3. **Using** htmlspecialchars() **helps prevent Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) attacks.** ✅ **(True)**
4. **CSRF attacks can be prevented by using unique tokens in forms.** ✅ **(True)**
5. **The** password\_verify() **function is used to compare user passwords against hashed passwords.** ✅ **(True)**

## ****Section C: Short Answer Questions**** (2-3 marks each)

1. **What is the difference between MySQLi and PDO in PHP?**

* **Answer:**
  + **MySQLi**: Works only with MySQL, supports both procedural and OOP approaches.
  + **PDO**: Supports multiple database types (MySQL, PostgreSQL, SQLite, etc.), only supports OOP.

1. **What are prepared statements, and why are they important?**

* **Answer:** Prepared statements separate SQL code from data inputs, preventing SQL Injection attacks.

1. **Explain the process of importing and exporting a database in PHPMyAdmin.**

* **Answer:**
  + **Import**: Go to **PHPMyAdmin → Select Database → Import → Upload** .sql **file → Execute**.
  + **Export**: Go to **PHPMyAdmin → Select Database → Export → Choose Format (**.sql**) → Download**.

1. **How does** password\_hash() **improve security over** md5() **or** sha1()**?**

* **Answer:**
  + Uses strong hashing algorithms like **bcrypt**, adding automatic **salting** and making brute-force attacks difficult.

1. **Describe how CSRF attacks work and how to prevent them.**

* **Answer:**
  + **CSRF Attack**: Tricks a user into executing unwanted actions (e.g., submitting a malicious form).
  + **Prevention**: Use **CSRF tokens**, check HTTP **referer headers**, and implement **same-site cookies**.

## ****Section D: Coding Questions**** (5 marks each)

### ****16. Write PHP code to connect to a MySQL database using MySQLi (procedural method).****

php

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$server = "localhost";$username = "root";$password = "";$database = "test\_db";

$conn = mysqli\_connect($server, $username, $password, $database);if (!$conn) {

die("Connection failed: " . mysqli\_connect\_error());

} else {

echo "Connected successfully";

}

**Explanation:** Uses mysqli\_connect() to establish a database connection.

### ****17. Write PHP code to insert a new user into a MySQL database using PDO.****

php

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$dsn = "mysql:host=localhost;dbname=test\_db";$user = "root";$pass = "";

try {

$pdo = new PDO($dsn, $user, $pass);

$sql = "INSERT INTO users (username, email) VALUES (:username, :email)";

$stmt = $pdo->prepare($sql);

$stmt->execute(["username" => "JohnDoe", "email" => "john@example.com"]);

echo "User added successfully";

} catch (PDOException $e) {

echo "Error: " . $e->getMessage();

}

**Explanation:** Uses **PDO prepared statements** to prevent SQL Injection.

### ****18. Create a simple CRUD application using MySQLi (OOP) for retrieving user data.****

php

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class Database {

private $conn;

public function \_\_construct() {

$this->conn = new mysqli("localhost", "root", "", "test\_db");

if ($this->conn->connect\_error) {

die("Connection failed: " . $this->conn->connect\_error);

}

}

public function getUsers() {

$result = $this->conn->query("SELECT \* FROM users");

while ($row = $result->fetch\_assoc()) {

echo "ID: " . $row["id"] . " - Name: " . $row["username"] . "<br>";

}

}

}

$db = new Database();$db->getUsers();

**Explanation:** Uses **OOP approach with MySQLi** to fetch user data.

### ****19. Implement secure user authentication with password hashing in PHP.****

php

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$hashed\_password = password\_hash("mypassword", PASSWORD\_DEFAULT);echo $hashed\_password;

**Explanation:** Uses password\_hash() for secure password storage.

### ****20. Secure a file upload process by allowing only images (JPG, PNG) and restricting size to 1MB.****

php

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if ($\_FILES["file"]["size"] > 1000000) {

die("File too large!");

}

$allowed\_types = ["image/jpeg", "image/png"];if (!in\_array($\_FILES["file"]["type"], $allowed\_types)) {

die("Invalid file type!");

}

move\_uploaded\_file($\_FILES["file"]["tmp\_name"], "uploads/" . $\_FILES["file"]["name"]);echo "File uploaded successfully!";

**Explanation:**

* **Checks file size (<1MB)**
* **Validates MIME type (JPG, PNG only)**
* **Moves file to uploads directory**

## ****Final Notes****

This exam covers **database connectivity (MySQLi, PDO), CRUD operations, security (XSS, CSRF, password hashing), and secure file uploads.** Let me know if you need any modifications! 🚀

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##### You said:

● Errors and exceptions in PHP ✓ Introduction ✓ Types of errors ✓ Exception Handling Simple “die ()” statements Custom error and error triggers Error reporting ● Implementation of user authentication ✓ Introduction ✓ Types of user authentication ✓ User authorization ✓ Create User authentication Start a session Authenticate the user Protect pages

###### ChatGPT said:

Memory updated

Here’s a **PHP exam** covering **Errors, Exceptions, and User Authentication**, along with **solutions**.

# ****PHP Exam – Errors, Exceptions & User Authentication****

## ****Section A: Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs)**** (1 mark each)

**Which of the following is NOT a type of error in PHP?**  
a) Syntax Error  
b) Warning  
c) Notice  
d) Logic Error

* + **Answer:** ✅ **d) Logic Error** (PHP does not classify "logic errors" as a predefined error type.)

**What does the** die() **function do in PHP?**  
a) Stops script execution and prints an error message  
b) Deletes a file from the server  
c) Sends an error to the browser console  
d) Creates a log file

* + **Answer:** ✅ **a) Stops script execution and prints an error message**

**Which keyword is used to handle exceptions in PHP?**  
a) throw  
b) catch  
c) try  
d) All of the above

* + **Answer:** ✅ **d) All of the above**

**Which function is used to set a custom error handler in PHP?**  
a) set\_exception\_handler()  
b) set\_error\_handler()  
c) trigger\_error()  
d) handle\_errors()

* + **Answer:** ✅ **b)** set\_error\_handler()

**Which hashing algorithm is recommended for storing user passwords in PHP?**  
a) MD5  
b) SHA1  
c) Base64  
d) bcrypt

* + **Answer:** ✅ **d) bcrypt** (Implemented using password\_hash())

## ****Section B: True/False**** (1 mark each)

1. **Exceptions in PHP can be handled using the** try-catch **block.** ✅ **(True)**
2. **The** error\_reporting(0); **function disables all error reporting.** ✅ **(True)**
3. **The** session\_start() **function must be called before any HTML output is sent.** ✅ **(True)**
4. **Using** $\_SESSION **helps persist user login state across multiple pages.** ✅ **(True)**
5. **User authentication ensures that only authorized users can access certain parts of a website.** ✅ **(True)**

## ****Section C: Short Answer Questions**** (2-3 marks each)

1. **What are the types of errors in PHP?**

* **Answer:**
  + **Parse Error (Syntax Error)**: Mistakes in syntax (missing semicolon, unmatched brackets).
  + **Fatal Error**: Code execution stops (calling a non-existent function).
  + **Warning**: Does not stop script execution (including a non-existent file).
  + **Notice**: Minor error (using an undefined variable).

1. **Explain the difference between** try-catch **and** die() **for handling errors.**

* **Answer:**
  + try-catch: Handles exceptions without stopping script execution.
  + die(): Immediately stops script execution and displays an error message.

1. **What is the purpose of** password\_hash() **in PHP?**

* **Answer:** password\_hash() encrypts passwords securely using bcrypt, preventing easy decryption.

1. **How does PHP’s** session\_start() **function work?**

* **Answer:** Initializes a session to store and persist user data across multiple pages.

1. **What is the difference between authentication and authorization?**

* **Answer:**
  + **Authentication**: Verifies user identity (e.g., login form).
  + **Authorization**: Determines user permissions (e.g., admin vs. regular user access).

## ****Section D: Coding Questions**** (5 marks each)

### ****16. Write PHP code to handle a division by zero error using exception handling.****

php

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function divide($a, $b) {

try {

if ($b == 0) {

throw new Exception("Cannot divide by zero!");

}

return $a / $b;

} catch (Exception $e) {

return "Error: " . $e->getMessage();

}

}

echo divide(10, 0); // Output: Error: Cannot divide by zero!

**Explanation:** Uses try-catch to catch division by zero exceptions.

### ****17. Write PHP code to implement custom error handling.****

php

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function customErrorHandler($errno, $errstr) {

echo "Custom Error [$errno]: $errstr";

}

set\_error\_handler("customErrorHandler");

echo $undefinedVar; // Triggers the custom error handler

**Explanation:** Uses set\_error\_handler() to define a custom function for handling errors.

### ****18. Write PHP code to create a simple login system using sessions.****

php

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session\_start();$users = ["admin" => "password123"];

if ($\_SERVER["REQUEST\_METHOD"] == "POST") {

$username = $\_POST["username"];

$password = $\_POST["password"];

if (isset($users[$username]) && $users[$username] == $password) {

$\_SESSION["user"] = $username;

echo "Login successful!";

} else {

echo "Invalid credentials!";

}

}

**Explanation:** Uses sessions to authenticate users.

### ****19. Secure user authentication using password hashing.****

php

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session\_start();$stored\_hash = password\_hash("securePass123", PASSWORD\_DEFAULT);

if ($\_SERVER["REQUEST\_METHOD"] == "POST") {

$password = $\_POST["password"];

if (password\_verify($password, $stored\_hash)) {

$\_SESSION["user"] = "Authenticated";

echo "Login successful!";

} else {

echo "Invalid password!";

}

}

**Explanation:** Uses password\_hash() and password\_verify() to securely handle passwords.

### ****20. Restrict page access to only logged-in users.****

php

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session\_start();if (!isset($\_SESSION["user"])) {

die("Access denied! Please login.");

}echo "Welcome to the protected page!";

**Explanation:** Checks for an active session before allowing access.

## ****Final Notes****

This exam covers **errors, exceptions, custom error handling, secure user authentication, password hashing, and session security**. Let me know if you need modifications! 🚀

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##### You said:

Learning outcome 3: Build a Content Management System (CMS) using PHP Learning hours: 25 Indicative content • Preparation of Content Management System (CMS) ✓ Introduction to CMS ✓ Prepare CMS Environment Blueprint the application Set up the database Set up project files and folders • Build dynamic content navigation ✓ List subjects ✓ Add pages for each subject ✓ Add page content ✓ Use the navigation to select pages 11 | P a g e • Management of cookies and sessions ✓ Work with cookies ✓ Set and read cookies values ✓ Unset cookie values ✓ Work with sessions ✓ Set and read session values ✓ Unset Session

###### ChatGPT said:

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Here’s a **PHP exam** covering **Building a CMS, Dynamic Content Navigation, and Managing Cookies & Sessions**, along with **solutions**.

# ****PHP Exam – Content Management System (CMS)****

## ****Section A: Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs)**** (1 mark each)

**Which of the following best describes a Content Management System (CMS)?**  
a) A system for managing databases only  
b) A framework for building web applications  
c) A platform that allows users to create, manage, and modify digital content  
d) A static website generator

* + **Answer:** ✅ **c) A platform that allows users to create, manage, and modify digital content**

**Which PHP database extension is commonly used in CMS development?**  
a) SQLite  
b) PostgreSQL  
c) MySQLi  
d) MongoDB

* + **Answer:** ✅ **c) MySQLi**

**What is the purpose of the** $\_SESSION **superglobal in PHP?**  
a) Store temporary data that persists across multiple pages  
b) Store cookies on the client’s browser  
c) Encrypt user data automatically  
d) Store database connections

* + **Answer:** ✅ **a) Store temporary data that persists across multiple pages**

**Which PHP function is used to retrieve the value of a cookie?**  
a) get\_cookie()  
b) $\_SESSION["cookie"]  
c) $\_COOKIE["name"]  
d) fetch\_cookie()

* + **Answer:** ✅ **c)** $\_COOKIE["name"]

**How can you destroy a session in PHP?**  
a) session\_delete();  
b) session\_destroy();  
c) unset\_session();  
d) session\_stop();

* + **Answer:** ✅ **b)** session\_destroy();

## ****Section B: True/False**** (1 mark each)

1. **CMS systems store data in databases like MySQL.** ✅ **(True)**
2. **Cookies are stored on the server, while sessions are stored in the user’s browser.** ❌ **(False – Cookies are stored in the browser, while sessions are stored on the server.)**
3. **Dynamic content navigation allows users to select and view different pages based on database records.** ✅ **(True)**
4. **The** session\_start() **function must be called at the end of the PHP script to initialize a session.** ❌ **(False – It must be called at the beginning.)**
5. **Using** unset($\_SESSION['key']) **removes only a specific session variable, while** session\_destroy() **removes all session data.** ✅ **(True)**

## ****Section C: Short Answer Questions**** (2-3 marks each)

1. **What are the key steps in preparing a CMS environment?**

* **Answer:**
  + Define project requirements.
  + Set up a database.
  + Create project file structure (e.g., config.php, index.php, admin/, pages/).
  + Establish a connection between PHP and the database.

1. **How does a CMS store and retrieve dynamic content?**

* **Answer:** Content is stored in a database (e.g., MySQL), retrieved using PHP queries, and displayed dynamically using loops.

1. **How do you create a cookie in PHP, and what parameters can you define?**

* **Answer:**

php

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setcookie("username", "JohnDoe", time() + 3600, "/");

* + Name: "username"
  + Value: "JohnDoe"
  + Expiry: 1 hour
  + Path: / (accessible site-wide)

1. **What is the difference between cookies and sessions?**

* **Answer:**
  + **Cookies**: Stored on the client-side, persist even after closing the browser.
  + **Sessions**: Stored on the server, expire after the session ends or logout.

1. **How does navigation work in a dynamic CMS?**

* **Answer:**
  + List pages dynamically from a database.
  + Use GET parameters (e.g., index.php?page=about) to display content.
  + Retrieve and display content from the database based on the selected page.

## ****Section D: Coding Questions**** (5 marks each)

### ****16. Write PHP code to connect to a MySQL database for a CMS.****

php

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$host = "localhost";$user = "root";$password = "";$database = "cms\_db";

$conn = new mysqli($host, $user, $password, $database);

if ($conn->connect\_error) {

die("Connection failed: " . $conn->connect\_error);

} else {

echo "Connected successfully";

}

**Explanation:** Uses MySQLi to establish a database connection.

### ****17. Create a PHP script to list subjects dynamically from a database.****

php

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$sql = "SELECT \* FROM subjects";$result = $conn->query($sql);

while ($row = $result->fetch\_assoc()) {

echo "<a href='page.php?subject=" . $row["id"] . "'>" . $row["name"] . "</a><br>";

}

**Explanation:** Fetches and displays subject names as navigation links.

### ****18. Write PHP code to set and retrieve a cookie named**** user\_theme****.****

php

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// Set a cookiesetcookie("user\_theme", "dark", time() + (86400 \* 30), "/");

// Retrieve a cookieif (isset($\_COOKIE["user\_theme"])) {

echo "Theme: " . $\_COOKIE["user\_theme"];

}

**Explanation:** Stores user preferences using cookies.

### ****19. Implement a simple session-based login system.****

php

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session\_start();$users = ["admin" => "admin123"];

if ($\_SERVER["REQUEST\_METHOD"] == "POST") {

$username = $\_POST["username"];

$password = $\_POST["password"];

if (isset($users[$username]) && $users[$username] == $password) {

$\_SESSION["user"] = $username;

echo "Login successful!";

} else {

echo "Invalid credentials!";

}

}

**Explanation:** Uses sessions to persist user authentication.

### ****20. Protect a page from unauthorized access using PHP sessions.****

php

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session\_start();if (!isset($\_SESSION["user"])) {

die("Access denied! Please log in.");

}echo "Welcome to the admin dashboard!";

**Explanation:** Checks for an active session before allowing page access.

## ****Final Notes****

This exam covers **CMS preparation, dynamic content navigation, cookies, and session management.** Let me know if you need modifications! 🚀

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##### You said:

• Application of Context and Options ✓ The public content ✓ Skip hidden subjects and pages ✓ Use an option for conditional code ✓ Insecure direct object reference ✓ Project page visibility ✓ Allow html in dynamic contents • Regulate page access ✓ User authentication overview ✓ Create admins table ✓ Build admin Dashboard ✓ PHP password functions ✓ Authentication user access ✓ Require authorization ✓ Log out user ✓ Optional password updating ✓ Authorized previewing • CMS Errors Detection ✓ Description of CMS Errors ✓ Application of Errors testing • Maintain CMS ✓ Regular updates 12 | P a g e ✓ Plugin and module updates ✓ Regular backups ✓ Database optimization ✓ Security measures ✓ Performance monitoring

###### ChatGPT said:

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Here’s a **PHP exam** covering **Content Visibility, User Authentication, CMS Error Detection, and CMS Maintenance**, along with **solutions**.

# ****PHP Exam – CMS Features & Maintenance****

## ****Section A: Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs)**** (1 mark each)

**What is the purpose of using an option for conditional code in a CMS?**  
a) To add navigation links  
b) To control which content is displayed based on user roles  
c) To perform database queries  
d) To manage images

* + **Answer:** ✅ **b) To control which content is displayed based on user roles**

**What does the “Insecure Direct Object Reference” vulnerability refer to in a CMS?**  
a) Users can access a page with an incorrect URL  
b) Users can access pages they are not authorized to view by manipulating URL parameters  
c) Users can view private data without authentication  
d) None of the above

* + **Answer:** ✅ **b) Users can access pages they are not authorized to view by manipulating URL parameters**

**How can you allow HTML content in dynamic pages while maintaining security?**  
a) Use htmlspecialchars() to sanitize the HTML input  
b) Use strip\_tags() to filter out HTML  
c) Directly insert raw HTML content  
d) Ensure proper validation and sanitization of the input

* + **Answer:** ✅ **d) Ensure proper validation and sanitization of the input**

**Which function in PHP can be used to hash passwords securely?**  
a) md5()  
b) sha1()  
c) password\_hash()  
d) bcrypt\_hash()

* + **Answer:** ✅ **c)** password\_hash()

**What is the purpose of an admin dashboard in a CMS?**  
a) To display website statistics and manage content  
b) To show user data  
c) To allow users to edit their profiles  
d) To list all files in the server

* + **Answer:** ✅ **a) To display website statistics and manage content**

## ****Section B: True/False**** (1 mark each)

1. **An "Insecure Direct Object Reference" (IDOR) vulnerability occurs when a user can access objects (like files or pages) they are not authorized to access by manipulating URL parameters.** ✅ **(True)**
2. **The CMS admin dashboard allows users to manage their personal profiles and passwords but not content.** ❌ **(False)**
3. **Regular updates in a CMS include both software (plugins, modules) and database backups.** ✅ **(True)**
4. **The** password\_verify() **function is used to hash a password before storing it in the database.** ❌ **(False –** password\_hash() **is used to hash passwords, while** password\_verify() **checks a hashed password against a user input.)**
5. **Using** htmlspecialchars() **helps prevent cross-site scripting (XSS) attacks by encoding special characters into HTML entities.** ✅ **(True)**

## ****Section C: Short Answer Questions**** (2-3 marks each)

1. **What is the role of the admin dashboard in a CMS, and what features does it typically include?**

* **Answer:**  
  The admin dashboard in a CMS provides a user-friendly interface for administrators to manage website content, monitor website statistics, configure settings, and manage user roles. Features may include content editing, plugin/module management, viewing user activity, and configuring site-wide settings.

1. **Explain how you can prevent insecure direct object references (IDOR) in a CMS.**

* **Answer:**  
  Prevent IDOR vulnerabilities by validating user input and ensuring that access control is enforced on all objects (such as pages, files). Instead of directly using user-supplied input as an identifier, use access controls and session data to check the user’s permissions before displaying sensitive content.

1. **What steps should be taken to maintain the security of a CMS?**

* **Answer:**
  + Regular software and plugin updates
  + Strong password policies
  + Secure database and file management
  + Use of HTTPS encryption
  + Implementing firewalls and security plugins
  + Regular backups and monitoring of CMS activity

1. **Describe the process of user authentication in a CMS.**

* **Answer:**  
  User authentication involves verifying the user's identity (e.g., using a login form). After submitting credentials (username and password), the system checks the entered password against a securely stored hash in the database using password\_verify(). Upon successful login, a session is initiated to track the user’s activity.

1. **What are the main differences between the** password\_hash() **and** password\_verify() **functions in PHP?**

* **Answer:**
  + password\_hash(): Creates a hashed password using a secure algorithm (like bcrypt) for storage.
  + password\_verify(): Checks if the entered password matches the hashed password stored in the database.

## ****Section D: Coding Questions**** (5 marks each)

### ****16. Write PHP code to check user authentication and allow access to an admin page only for authorized users.****

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session\_start();if (!isset($\_SESSION['user\_id']) || $\_SESSION['role'] !== 'admin') {

die("Access denied. You do not have permission to view this page.");

}echo "Welcome to the admin dashboard!";

**Explanation:** Ensures that only users with the role of 'admin' can access the page.

### ****17. Write PHP code to create a CMS admin login system with password hashing and verification.****

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session\_start();$admins = [

"admin" => password\_hash("admin123", PASSWORD\_DEFAULT)

];

if ($\_SERVER["REQUEST\_METHOD"] == "POST") {

$username = $\_POST["username"];

$password = $\_POST["password"];

if (isset($admins[$username]) && password\_verify($password, $admins[$username])) {

$\_SESSION["user\_id"] = $username;

$\_SESSION["role"] = "admin";

echo "Login successful!";

} else {

echo "Invalid credentials!";

}

}

**Explanation:** The system securely hashes and verifies passwords, then creates a session for the logged-in user.

### ****18. Write PHP code to allow an admin to update their password in a CMS.****

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session\_start();if ($\_SERVER["REQUEST\_METHOD"] == "POST" && isset($\_SESSION["user\_id"])) {

$new\_password = $\_POST["new\_password"];

$hashed\_password = password\_hash($new\_password, PASSWORD\_DEFAULT);

// Assuming $db is the database connection

$stmt = $db->prepare("UPDATE admins SET password = ? WHERE username = ?");

$stmt->bind\_param("ss", $hashed\_password, $\_SESSION["user\_id"]);

$stmt->execute();

echo "Password updated successfully!";

}

**Explanation:** This code allows an admin to update their password, using password\_hash() for security.

### ****19. Create a PHP script to allow logged-in users to preview a page in CMS before publishing it.****

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session\_start();if (isset($\_SESSION["user\_id"]) && $\_SESSION["role"] === "admin") {

$page\_id = $\_GET["page\_id"];

$stmt = $db->prepare("SELECT content FROM pages WHERE id = ? AND status = 'draft'");

$stmt->bind\_param("i", $page\_id);

$stmt->execute();

$result = $stmt->get\_result();

if ($result->num\_rows > 0) {

$page = $result->fetch\_assoc();

echo "Preview: " . htmlspecialchars($page["content"]);

} else {

echo "Page not found or not in draft status.";

}

}

**Explanation:** This script allows authorized users (admins) to preview pages in "draft" status before publishing.

### ****20. Write PHP code to log out a user in a CMS and destroy the session.****

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session\_start();session\_unset(); // Removes all session variablessession\_destroy(); // Destroys the session

echo "You have been logged out.";

**Explanation:** Logs out a user by destroying the session and clearing session data.

## ****Final Notes****

This exam covers **CMS functionality, security, and maintenance tasks**. Let me know if you'd like to adjust anything! 🚀