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# School of Information Technology and Electrical Engineering EXAMINATION

Semester Two Final Examinations, 2017

# **INFS7903 Relational Database Systems**

This paper is for St Lucia Campus students.			
Examination Duration:	120 minutes	For Examiner Use Only	
Reading Time:	10 minutes	Question	Mark
Exam Conditions:			
This is a Central Examination			
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Instructions To Students:			
Additional exam materials (eg. answer booklets, rough paper) will be provided upon request.			
Please answer all questions on the examination paper.			
For Multiple Choice Questions, please circle a single answer.			
Total Marks: 100 (to be scaled down to 60)			

### Question 1 [4 marks] Which of the following is a false statement about B+ trees?

- A. B+-trees are balanced
- B. non-leaf nodes include direct pointers to data records
- C. insertion of a key can lead to node splitting
- D. deletion of a key can lead to node coalescing

**Question 2 [4 marks]** Which of the following factors determines the size of a bitmap index on an attribute "X" in relation "R"?

- A. The number of distinct values in "X"
- B. The number of tuples in "R"
- C. The data type for attribute "X"
- D. Answers A & B above
- E. Answers A & B & C

**Question 3 [4 marks]** Which of the following is a false statement about cost-based query optimization?

- A. It selects a query plan in a shorter time than heuristic-based optimization
- B. It requires estimating the execution cost of a query plan
- C. It selects the query plan with the minimum execution cost
- D. All of the above

### **Questions 4-5** Consider the following relation:

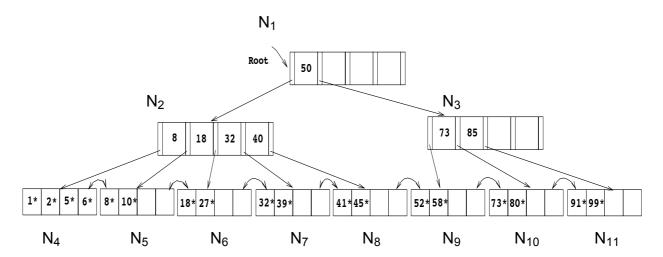
Make	Model	Color	Price
Honda	Accord	Blue	Medium
Honda	Civic	Red	Low
Toyota	Corolla	Black	Low
Toyota	Camry	Red	Medium

**Question 4 [4 marks]** Assume the relation shown above and a bitmap index is created on attribute '*Price*'. The total number of bits required for that index is:

- A. 2
- B. 4
- C. 8
- D. 12

**Question 5 [4 marks]** Again, assume the relation shown above, what is the bitmap corresponding to the value *'Honda'*.

- A. 1100
- B. 11
- C. 1010
- D. 00



**Questions 6-8:** Consider a B+ tree index as shown in figure, where index nodes are labeled:  $N_1$ ,  $N_2$ , ...,  $N_{11}$ . Also, assume the following rule applies for redistributing keys after a <u>leaf</u> node split: **Three keys** stay in the old leaf node and the remaining keys move to a new leaf node.

**Question 6 [4 marks]** Which nodes in the B+ tree index that must be fetched to answer the query: "Get all records with key greater than 30 and less than 75"

- A.  $N_1 N_2 N_6 N_7 N_8 N_9 N_{10}$
- B. N<sub>1</sub> N<sub>2</sub> N<sub>7</sub> N<sub>8</sub> N<sub>9</sub>
- C. N<sub>1</sub> N<sub>3</sub> N<sub>7</sub> N<sub>8</sub> N<sub>9</sub>
- D. N<sub>1</sub> N<sub>3</sub> N<sub>7</sub> N<sub>8</sub> N<sub>9</sub> N<sub>10</sub>

**Question 7 [4 marks]** What is the number of leaf nodes after inserting an entry with key "3"?

- A. 8
- B. 9
- C. 11
- D. 12

**Question 8 [4 marks]** What is the number of non-leaf nodes after inserting an entry with key "3"?

- A. 3
- B. 4
- C. 11
- D. 12

**Questions 9-11** Given two relations R1 and R2, where R1 contains N1 tuples, R2 contains N2 tuples, and N2 > N1 > 0, answer the following questions.

**Question 9 [4 marks]** The minimum and maximum number of tuples produced from R1  $\cup$  R2 is:

- A. minimum 0, and maximum N1+N2
- B. minimum N1, and maximum N2
- C. minimum N1, and maximum N1+N2
- D. minimum N2, and maximum N1+N2

**Question 10 [4 marks]** The minimum and maximum number of tuples produced from R1 X R2 is:

- A. minimum 0, and maximum N1\*N2
- B. minimum N1, and maximum N1+N2
- C. minimum N1\*N2, and maximum N1\*N2
- D. minimum N2, and maximum N1+N2

**Question 11 [4 marks]** Assume relation R1 contains an attribute named x, the minimum and maximum number of tuples produced from  $\sigma_{x=5}$  (R1) is:

- A. minimum 0, and maximum N1
- B. minimum N1, and maximum N1
- C. minimum 1, and maximum N1
- D. minimum N1, and maximum N2

**Questions 12-13:** Suppose we have two unary (one attribute only) relations, R and S as shown below. Use R for the outer loop and S for the inner loop.

R	
7	
2	
9	
8	
3	
9	
1	
3	
6	

S
8
4
2
1
3
2
7
3

**Question 12 [4 marks]** Assume a natural join between R and S using **Nested Loop** join (one tuple at a time). The first five results of that join in the **order** that they would be produced by the nested loop is:

- A. 7, 2, 8, 3, 1
- B. 7, 2, 2, 8, 3
- C. 7, 2, 8, 3, 3
- D. None of the above

**Question 13 [4 marks]** Again, assume a natural join between R and S using **Nested Loop** join (one tuple at a time). The number of iterations needed to finish this join operation is:

- A. 1
- B. 8
- C. 9
- D. 5

Questions 14-15 Consider the relation Student(Id, Major, Status), which has:

- A B+ tree index on Major and no other indexes.
- 10,000 tuples of data spread over 100 different blocks.
- The domain of Status has 9 values and that of Major has 10 different values.

**Question 14 [4 marks]** What is the estimated number of results returned by the expression  $\sigma_{\text{Major}='\text{IT'}}$  (Student):

- A. 10
- B. 100
- C. 1,000
- D. 10,000
- E. None of the above

**Question 15 [4 marks]** What is the selectivity of the expression  $\sigma_{\text{Major}='\text{IT'}\,\text{OR}}$  Major="CS" (Student):

- A. 0.0
- B. 0.1
- C. 0.2
- D. 1
- E. None of the above

# **Question 16 [4 marks]** Which of the following is a correct statement about transactions?

- A. Redo is needed for atomicity
- B. Undo is needed for durability
- C. Concurrency Control is realized using Triggers and Assertions
- D. Deadlocks do not occur in serial executions
- E. None of the above.

**Question 17 [4 marks]** Which of the following transaction schedules does not contain conflicting operations? Recall that r = read and w = write.

- A. r1 (A), r2 (A), w1 (C), r1 (B), r2 (B)
- B. r1 (A), r1 (B), w1 (A), r2 (B), r2 (A), w2 (A)
- C. r1 (A), w1 (A), r1 (B), w1 (B), r2 (A), w2 (A), r2(B), w2(B)
- D. r1(A), w1(A), r2(B), w2(B), r2(A), w2(A), r1 (B), w1 (B)
- E. All (A)-(D) contain conflicts

**Question 18 [4 marks]** The write-ahead logging (WAL) protocol simply means that:

- A. writing of a data item should be done ahead of any logging operation.
- B. the log record for an operation should be written before the actual data is written.
- C. all log records should be written before a new transaction begins execution.
- D. the log never needs to be written to disk.

**Question 19 [4 marks]** If a database system supports ACID properties for transaction execution, which of the following pairs of values is a possible result for A and B, after executing the below transactions T1 and T2 concurrently, with an initial value of A=100 and B=200?

read(B)
B=B+50
write(B)
read(A)
A=A-50
write(A)

read(B) tmp=B\*0.1 B=B-tmp write(B) read(A) A=A+tmp write(A)

- A. A=70, B=230
- B. A=50, B=180
- C. A=120, B=250
- D. A=50, B=250
- E. None of the above

**Question 20 [4 marks]** If a steal/no-force buffer management policy is in place, which of the following is true about system recovery?

- A. Both the Redo and Undo operations are needed
- B. Neither the Redo nor the Undo operations is needed
- C. Redo is needed but Undo is not needed
- D. Redo is not needed but Undo is needed

## Question 21 [5 marks]:

You are given the following tables:

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Student(StudId, Name, Addr, Status)
Transcript(Id, CrsCode, Semester, Grade)
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Consider a query that outputs the names of all students who took INFS2200 in 2017. An execution plan for that query can be expressed as follows:

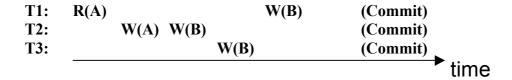
 $\pi_{Name}(\sigma_{Id=StudId\ AND\ CrsCode='INFS2200'\ AND\ Semester='2017'}(Student \times Transcript))$ 

In the following, fill in the missing subscripts of the different operators (i.e.,  $\Pi$ ,  $\sigma$ , I) so that to create an optimized plan that is equivalent to the one above.

$\Pi_{ ext{NAME}}$ [			
(П	Student) 🖂		
	(σ	(П	Transcript))
1			

### Question 22 [5 marks]::

Consider the following sequences of actions, listed in the order they are submitted by transactions T1, T2, and T3.



Describe how **strict 2PL** with deadlock detection (assume wait-for-graph is used) executes this sequence of actions. Specifically, <u>complete</u> the sequence listed below to show the **lock** and **unlock** requests made by these transactions as well as the blocked and unblocked operations. If a transaction is blocked, assume that all its actions are queued until it is resumed; the DBMS continues with the next action of an unblocked transaction.

T1 acquires shared-lock on A.

T2 blocks waiting for an exclusive-lock on A.

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### **Question 23:**

For each of the following schedules: 1) construct a precedence graph, 2) determine if the schedule is conflict serializable, and 3) determine the equivalent serial schedule.

(a) [3 marks] r1(X); r3(X); w1(X); r2(X); w3(X)

(b) [3 marks] r3(X); r2(X); w3(X); r1(X); w1(X)

#### **Question 24:**

Consider the join  $R\bowtie_{R.a=S.b}S$ , given the following information about the relations to be joined. The <u>cost</u> metric is the number of block read operations.

Relation R contains 10,000 tuples and has 10 tuples per block.

Relation S contains 2000 tuples and also has 10 tuples per block.

Attribute b of relation S is the **primary** key for S.

Both relations are stored as simple heap files.

(a) [2 marks] What is the cost of joining R and S using a page-oriented nested loop join?

**(b)** [2 marks] How many tuples does the join of R and S produce, at most? and how many blocks are required to store the result of the join back on disk?

**END OF EXAMINATION**