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**Web Application Development**

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Answer all questions

**Duration of exam:** 1 hour 30 minutes

**Attachments:** no attachments

## SECTION A – XML and Markup Languages

[25 marks]

1. Answer all question parts (i) – (vi).

(i) What is meant by the statement that “two XML elements are *siblings*”?

[4 marks]

(ii) Draw a tree-diagram graph to represent the structure of the following XML document:

```
<directory>
  <listings>
    <listing>
      <name>Aardvark</name>
      <age>22</age>
      <city>Dublin</city>
    </listing>
    <listing>
      <name>Murphy</name>
      <age>99</age>
    </listing>
  </listings>
</directory>
```

[4 marks]

(iii) What is an entity reference? How would you use entity references to store the string expression

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in an xml element called *businessName*.

[4 marks]

(iv) What is the purpose of using a *namespace* in an XML document?

[4 marks]

(v) What are the similarities between HTML and XML?

[4 marks]

(vi) Describe how XML can be used in modern web applications to separate the presentation of data from the actual data content itself?

[5 marks]

## SECTION B – XPath

[25 marks]

2. Answer all question parts (i) – (v)

(i) What is XPath?

[5 marks]

(ii) Write an XPath expression that would select all the attributes named **size** from an XML document.

[5 marks]

(iii) Write an XPath expression that would select all the elements from an XML document that had an **id** attribute.

[5 marks]

(iv) What elements in an XML document would be identified by the following XPath expression:

**//person[@adult="yes"]**

[5 marks]

(v) What elements in an XML document would be identified by the following XPath expression:

**/\*/\***

[5 marks]

### SECTION C – Transformations

[25 marks]

3. Answer all question parts (i) – (ii)

(i) What is XSLT?

[5 marks]

(ii) Consider the XML document *listings.xml* in Appendix 1. Write the contents of the *listings.xsl* file using XSLT and XPath so that the text value of each **listEntry** element is printed out as a HTML unordered list.

[20 marks]

### SECTION D – Validation

[25 marks]

4. Answer all question parts (i) – (iii)

(i) List two advantages that XML Schema offers over Document Type Definitions.

[5 marks]

(ii) What is meant by the following terms with respect to an XML document?

a. Well-formed

b. Valid

[5 marks]

(iii) Given the XML Schema definition file *team.xsd* from Appendix 2. Create an XML file that would be successfully validated against this schema.

[15 marks]

## **Appendix 1 listings.xml**

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<?xml-stylesheet href="listings.xsl" type="text/xsl"?>
<listings>
  <URL>http://www.webappdev.nci/listings</URL>
  <sector>8</sector>
  <subSector>Meaning and Inference</subSector>
  <listingEntries type="summary">
    <category>Metadata</category>
    <listEntry id="1">Inertial Linguistics</listEntry>
    <listEntry id="2">Mark-up Mark-up</listEntry>
    <listEntry id="3">No More Circular References</listEntry>
  </listingEntries>
</listings>
```

## **Appendix 2 team.xsd**

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<xsd:schema xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <xsd:element name="team">
    <xsd:complexType>
      <xsd:sequence>
        <xsd:element ref="player"/>
      </xsd:sequence>
    </xsd:complexType>
  </xsd:element>
  <xsd:element name="player">
    <xsd:complexType>
      <xsd:sequence>
        <xsd:element ref="name" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
        <xsd:element ref="skill" minOccurs="2" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
      </xsd:sequence>
    </xsd:complexType>
  </xsd:element>
  <xsd:element name="name" type="xsd:string"/>
  <xsd:element name="skill" type="xsd:string"/>
</xsd:schema>
```