

21) What are aggregate functions in SQL? List and explain five with examples.

Aggregate functions in SQL perform a calculation on a set of values and return single value. They are GROUP BY

Five aggregate functions

1) COUNT () - Count number of rows

SELECT COUNT(\*) FROM employees;

2) SUM () - Adds values in a column

SELECT SUM(salary) FROM employees;

3) AVG () - Calculate Average value

SELECT AVG(salary) FROM employees;

4) MAX () - Find highest value

SELECT MAX(salary) FROM employee;

5) MIN () - Find lowest value

SELECT MIN(salary) FROM employee;

22, How does the COUNT() function behave with NULL value?

The COUNT() function ignores NULL values when used with a column name

(Eg)

```
SELECT COUNT(email) FROM users;
```

This will count only non-NULL email values.

23, What is difference between SUM() and COUNT()?

Function	PURPOSE	EXAMPLE
SUM()	Adds up numeric values in a column	SELECT SUM(salary) FROM employees;
COUNT()	Counts rows (or non-NULL values in a column)	SELECT COUNT(salary) FROM employees



24, how do you group data in SQL using GROUP BY clause?

The GROUP BY clause groups rows that have the same values in specified column.

(Eg)

```
SELECT column name, AGG_FUNCTION (column_name)
FROM Table_name
GROUP BY column_name;
```

25, What is the purpose of having clause? how is different from WHERE?

The having clause is used to filter grouped result after applying the GROUP BY clause.

Clause

USED

Applied to

WHERE

Filtered row  
before grouping

Individual  
rows

HAVING

Filter group  
after aggregation

grouped  
data

26, Can you use aggregate functions in where clause?  
Why or why not?

No, you cannot use aggregate function in the  
WHERE clause.

Why not?

- The WHERE clause filters rows before any grouping or aggregation
- At the point, aggregate values like SUM(), COUNT(), etc

Solution :-

use aggregate functions in the HAVING  
Clause, which filters after aggregations

27, Write a query to find departments with more than 5 employees using GROUP BY and HAVING.

Query:

```
SELECT dept, COUNT(*) AS employee_count  
FROM employees  
GROUP BY dept  
HAVING COUNT(*) > 5;
```

28, How do you find the max and min salary from an employee table?

- Using MAX() and MIN() aggregate functions we can find

Query:

```
SELECT  
MAX(salary) AS max_salary,  
MIN(salary) AS min_salary.  
FROM employees;
```



29, Write a query to calculate the average salary by department?

SQL Query to calculate the average salary by department

Query:-  
SELECT department, AVG(salary) AS average\_salary  
FROM employees  
GROUP BY department;

30, What happens if you use GROUP BY without any aggregate functions?

- It returns one row per group
- only grouped columns

Example:-

```
SELECT dept  
FROM employees  
GROUP BY dept;
```