

9    `SELECT Sum(amount) AS total_amount  
FROM (`

`SELECT amount FROM online_sales`  
`UNION ALL`  
`SELECT amount FROM store_sales`  
`) AS combine_sales`

total - amount
1400

### Research Assignment

- 1 The main types of databases are relational databases and non-relational databases
- 2 An RDBMS is a software system used to create, manage and administer relational databases
- 3 A primary key is a column in a table that uniquely identifies each row in that table, whereas a foreign key is a column in one table that refers to a primary key in another table
- 4 Database normalization is the systematic process of structuring a relational database to minimize data redundancy and undesirable anomalies

5 A database Schema is the logical design or structure of the entire database

6 Structured data - Highly organized, fixed format, fits neatly in a table

Semi-structured data - Has some organisational properties but no rigid structure

Unstructured  
Has no predefined format or organization  
Very difficult to categorize

7 A Fact table normally stores quantitative metrics or we can say numeric value and it is usually very large

Whereas a dimension table normally store descriptive attributes or we can say textual data and it is usually small

8 A data model is a conceptual representation of the data structure used by a database. It defines the data elements and relationship between them. A data model is important because it provides a blueprint for the physical database design, ensuring all necessary data is captured, relationships are well defined correctly and the business rules are enforced.

9 a) Database - Optimized for real-time operational transactions  
Data Warehouse - Optimized for historical analysis and reporting

Data Lake - Stores raw, unorganized data at a massive scale, including structured, semi-structured and unstructured data, for future processing analysis and machine learning.

10 ~~a data~~

A data mart is a subset of a data warehouse that is specifically designed for and focused on a single line of business team, or functional area.

A ~~datawarehouse~~ & data warehouse is enterprise-wide covering many subject areas. A data mart is smaller, more focused and serves the analytical needs of a specific group of users.

11 A query language is a specialized programming language designed to retrieve and manage data from database.

SQL is the most common because it is the standard language for relational database management systems and it is English-like syntax which makes easy to read.

12 Indexes are special lookup tables that a database search engine can use to speed up data retrieval. They reduce the need for the database to perform a full table scan.

13 A transaction is a single logical unit of work which may contain one or more SQL statements.

~~ACID~~ ACID properties are a set of properties that guarantee that database transactions are processed reliably.

- 14 a database view is a virtual table whose contents are defined by a query. It doesn't store data itself but rather provides a dynamic window into the data stored in the base tables.  
It can have negative and positive impact.  
Negative: Views can sometimes decrease performance especially if they are based on complex joins  
Positive: Views can improve performance if they pre-filter or pre-aggregate data

- 15 Views - A virtual table based on a SELECT Statement, used for SP Simplification and Security  
Stored procedures - a set of precompiled SQL statements stored in the database. They accept input parameters and return output values.  
Triggers - A special type of stored procedure that executes automatically. when a specific event occurs on a specific table or view.

- 16 The difference between ETL and ELT is that with ETL, transformation is done before loading and only transformed, cleaned data is loaded as opposed to an ELT where transformation is done after loading and raw data is loaded first, then transformed

17 With Batch processing, data is input as a large finite chunks of historical data. Whereas with Stream processing, it is infinite, continuous flow of small data records.

18 A Join is a clause in SQL used to combine rows from two or more tables based on a related column between them.

Types of Joins

Left Join

INNER Join

Right Join

Full (Outer) Join

19 Referential integrity is a concept that ensures that relationships between tables remain consistent.

It is important because it prevents the creation of orphan records - rows that reference a non-existent value in another table.

20 It decreases performance because any update, insertion, deletion of data must be done in multiple places which increase transaction processing time and it wastes resources.

21 With cloud based management, infrastructure is managed by the vendor. It is accessible globally via internet. Now with on-premise database, the infrastructure is managed by the organization.

and it is accessible primarily within the corporate network

22 Data governance is the overall management of the availability, usability, integrity and security of data used in an enterprise.

It is important because it ensures compliance, data quality improvement and good security.

23 Data integrity refers to the accuracy, completeness and consistency of data throughout its entire lifecycle.

It can be maintained by - implementing constraints

- using data validation

- checks at the points of data entry

- using foreign keys

to ensure relationships

between tables are

consistent.

24 Data quality is the assessment of data's fitness to serve a specific purpose.

It is critical because if data is poor quality we can get inaccurate insights, we get poor decision making and waste time.

25 The role of a data analyst is querying and data retrieval, Data cleaning and preparation and data analysing, report reporting.

26 A data administrator is responsible for performance, integrity, and security of database system

27 main steps involved in designing a data pipeline are Ingestion / Extraction, transporting, transformation, Loading, monitoring

28 Some of the challenges are:  
having to maintain fast query performance despite massive data volumes and the ability to add resources quickly to handle growing data and user load

29 MySQL - Web applications  
Snowflake - Cloud data warehousing  
Oracle - ERP enterprise resource planning  
PostgreSQL - Complex applications

30 The main 5+ data storage types used are:  
CSV - A simple, text-based, delimited format  
JSON - A text-based semi-structured format that stores data in key-value pairs  
Parquet - A columnar storage format built for efficient data access  
Avro - A row-based format that uses a schema to store and manage data