

BASIC LEVEL

DDL (Create/Modify Tables)

1. **Create a Table**

Write a query to create a table named employees with columns:

- emp_id (INT, Primary Key)
- first_name (VARCHAR(50))
- last_name (VARCHAR(50))
- hire_date (DATE)

2. **Add a New Column**

Add a column salary (DECIMAL(10,2)) to the existing employees table.

3. **Drop a Table**

Delete the table old_backups from the database if it exists.

4. **Rename a Table**

Rename table customers to clients.

DML (Insert/Update/Delete Data)

5. **Insert a Row**

Insert a department with ID 101 and name 'Marketing' into the departments table.

6. **Update Records**

Increase salary by 10% for all employees in department 101.

7. **Delete Records**

Delete all products from products table where discontinued = 1.

JOINS (Combining Tables)

8. **INNER JOIN**

Show employee names and their department names using employees and departments tables.

9. **LEFT JOIN**

Show all departments and the number of employees in each department (include departments with zero employees).

10. **Self JOIN**

Show each employee and their manager name from the same employees table (manager_id references emp_id).

INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

DDL

11. **Alter Column & Add Constraint**

Change salary column to NUMERIC(12,2) and ensure all salaries are greater than 0 using a CHECK constraint.

12. **Add Foreign Key**

In employees, make dept_id reference departments(dept_id) with ON DELETE SET NULL.

13. **Create Index**

Create an index on orders(order_date) to speed up search by date.

DML

14. **Insert with SELECT (Upsert Style)**

Insert a product into products, or update its price if it already exists (UPSERT logic).

15. **Update with JOIN**

Increase salaries by 5% for employees who work in departments located in 'Delhi'.

16. **Delete Using EXISTS**

Delete all customers from customers table who have never placed an order (check in orders table).

JOINS

17. **RIGHT JOIN**

Show all suppliers and the number of products they provide (even if it's 0).

18. **FULL OUTER JOIN**

List all orders and all shipments. Match them using order_id, and show unmatched data from both sides.

19. **CROSS JOIN**

Show all possible combinations of top 5 products and top 3 discount codes.

ADVANCED LEVEL

DDL

20. **Partitioned Table**

Write SQL to create a table sales_2025 partitioned by quarter using sale_date.

21. **Create Sequence and Use It**

Create a sequence invoice_seq starting from 1000. Use it to auto-generate invoice_id in invoices table.

22. Create a View

Create a view `v_active_employees` showing only employees whose status = 'ACTIVE'.

◆ DML

23. Common Table Expression (CTE) Update

Write a CTE to calculate average salary and then update salaries for those earning below average.

24. Delete with RETURNING

Delete orders older than 5 years and return the `order_id` and `customer_id` for deleted rows.

25. Merge (Upsert)

Merge `products_new` into `products` – if the product exists, update it, else insert it.

◆ JOINS

26. Join with Aggregation

List top 3 highest-paid employees in each department along with their manager names.

27. Subquery Join (Correlated)

Show products with their last order date using a correlated subquery and join.

28. Recursive JOIN

Using a hierarchical categories table (with `parent_id`), find the level/depth of each category.

29. Anti-Join (NOT EXISTS)

Show products that have never been reordered after their first sale.

30. Pattern Matching JOIN (Optional if supported)

Find customers who placed 3 increasing-value orders on 3 consecutive days.

✅ Bonus – Transaction & Error Handling

31. Transactional Query

Write a script that:

- Backs up data from `employees` to `employees_backup`
- Deletes employees hired before 2000
- If backup or delete fails, rollback the transaction