BrightLight Data Analytics

Exercise 2 Solutions: SQL JOINS

Question 1 — INNER JOIN

Objective: Display only students who have grades.

SQL QUERY:

SELECT

A.student_id,

student_name,

grade

FROM students AS A

INNER JOIN grades AS B

ON A.student_id = B.student_id;

Expected Output:

| student_id | student_name | grade |
|------------|--------------|-------|
| 2 | Bob | В |
| 3 | Charlie | Α |

Question 2 — LEFT JOIN

Objective: Display all employees and their departments.

SQL QUERY:

SELECT A.emp_id,

emp_name,

dept_name

FROM employees AS A

LEFT JOIN departments AS B

ON A.emp_id = B.emp_id;

| emp_id | emp_name | dept_name |
|--------|----------|-----------|
| 1 | John | NULL |
| 2 | Lisa | HR |
| 3 | Mike | NULL |

Question 3 — FULL OUTER JOIN

Objective: Display all products and their quantities sold.

SQL QUERY:

SELECT COALESCE(A.product_id, B.product_id) AS product_id,

product_name,

quantity

FROM products AS A

FULL OUTER JOIN sales AS B

ON A.product_id = B.product_id;

Expected Output:

| product_id | product_name | quantity |
|------------|--------------|----------|
| 1 | Laptop | NULL |
| 2 | Mouse | 50 |
| 3 | Keyboard | NULL |
| 4 | NULL | 30 |

Question 4 — LEFT JOIN + CASE

Objective: Identify whether the customer is New or Returning.

SQL QUERY:

SELECT order_id,

A.customer_id,

amount,

customer_name,

CASE

WHEN B.customer_id IS NOT NULL THEN 'Returning Customer'

ELSE 'New Customer'

END AS customer_type

FROM orders AS A

LEFT JOIN customers AS B

ON A.customer_id = B.customer_id;

Expected Output:

| order_id | customer_id | amount | customer_name | customer_type |
|----------|-------------|--------|---------------|--------------------|
| 1 | 101 | 500 | Paul | Returning Customer |
| 2 | 102 | 300 | Sarah | Returning Customer |
| 3 | 105 | 0 | NULL | New Customer |

Question 5 — LEFT JOIN + GROUP BY + SUM

Objective: Total sales per region including those with no sales.

SQL QUERY:

SELECT A.region_id,

region_name,

SUM(amount) AS total_sales

FROM regions AS A

LEFT JOIN sales AS B

ON A.region_id = B.region_id

GROUP BY A.region_id, region_name;

| region_id | region_name | total_sales |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| 1 | North | 2000 |
| 2 | South | 3500 |
| 3 | East | NULL |

Question 6 — LEFT JOIN + CASE

Objective: Classify students by attendance.

SQL QUERY:

SELECT A.student_id,

name,

days_present,

CASE

WHEN days_present >= 15 THEN 'Excellent'

WHEN days_present BETWEEN 6 AND 14 THEN 'Needs Improvement'

WHEN days_present <= 5 THEN 'Poor Attendance'

ELSE 'No Record'

END AS attendance_status

FROM students AS A

LEFT JOIN attendance AS B

ON A.student_id = B.student_id;

Expected Output:

| student_id | name | days_present | attendance_status |
|------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Alice | 18 | Excellent |
| 2 | Bob | 5 | Poor Attendance |
| 3 | Charlie | NULL | No Record |

Question 7 — INNER JOIN + COUNT + GROUP BY

Objective: Show number of tasks per project (only projects with tasks).

SQL Query:

SELECT A.project_id,

name,

COUNT(task_id) AS task_count

FROM projects AS A

INNER JOIN tasks AS B

ON A.project_id = B.project_id

GROUP BY A.project_id, name;

Expected Output:

| project_id | name | task_count |
|------------|------------|------------|
| 1 | AI Chatbot | 2 |
| 2 | Website | 1 |

Question 8 — FULL OUTER JOIN + CASE + WHERE

Objective: Classify customers by return status and filter by order_total > 100.

SQL QUERY:

SELECT COALESCE(A.cust_id, B.cust_id) AS cust_id,

order_total,

return_total,

CASE

WHEN return_total IS NOT NULL THEN 'Returned'

ELSE 'No Return'

END AS return_status

FROM orders AS A

FULL OUTER JOIN returns AS B

ON A.cust_id = B.cust_id

WHERE order_total > 100;

Expected Output:

| cust_id | order_total | return_total | return_status |
|---------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| 11 | 120 | 20 | Returned |
| 12 | 250 | NULL | No Return |
| 13 | 180 | NULL | No Return |

Question 9 — LEFT JOIN + COUNT + ORDER BY

Objective: Count how many times each user logged in.

SQL QUERY:

SELECT A.user_id,

name,

COUNT(login_date) AS login_count

FROM users AS A

LEFT JOIN logins AS B

ON A.user_id = B.user_id

GROUP BY A.user_id, name

ORDER BY login_count DESC;

Expected Output:

| user_id | name | login_count |
|---------|--------|-------------|
| 2 | Gloria | 2 |
| 3 | Steve | 1 |
| 1 | Nelson | 0 |

Question 10 — LEFT JOIN + CASE + ORDER BY

Objective: Show all teachers and their subjects. If none, label as "No Subject Assigned".

SQL QUERY:

SELECT A.teacher_id,

teacher_name,

COALESCE(subject_name, 'No Subject Assigned') AS subject_name

FROM teachers AS A

LEFT JOIN subjects AS B

ON A.teacher_id = B.teacher_id

ORDER BY teacher_name ASC;

Expected Output:

| teacher_id | teacher_name | subject_name |
|------------|---------------|---------------------|
| 3 | Mr. Dlamini | No Subject Assigned |
| 1 | Mr. Hlongwane | Math |
| 1 | Mr. Hlongwane | Science |
| 2 | Ms. Ndaba | No Subject Assigned |