

## Exam Questions

# 3.2 Databases

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- 1 The database supports ACID transactions. ACID stands for Atomicity, Consistency, Isolation and Durability.

**Give one way** that durability can be achieved for a completed transaction.

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(1 mark)

- 2 **Give one disadvantage** of using record locking.

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(1 mark)

- 3 OCR Insurance uses a computer system to calculate the price that customers pay for car insurance.

Customers' details are stored in the flat file database table **Customer**

**Describe one problem** that would arise with the flat file database structure if a customer wanted to insure more than one car at the same time.

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(2 marks)

- 4 **Explain** how record locking can be used to ensure that the ACID principle of isolation is achieved when carrying out multiple transactions.

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