

INST327 – Assignment 1 – Grading Rubric

Q.1. and Q.2. (50. Points each)¹

Format	One format issue ²	-2
	Two format issues	-6
	Three or four format issues	-10
	Five or more format issues	-15
Order	Row order slightly off (one or two rows affected)	-2
	Row order substantially off (three or more rows affected)	-6
	No ORDER BY clause, if required for the required result set	-12
Structure³	Slight error in query structure (with no result set consequences)	-4
	Slight error in query structure (with slight result set consequences)	-8
	Query unnecessarily complex ⁴	-8
	Uses a keyword or structure that is disallowed for this question or assignment ⁵	-15
	Substantial error in query structure (with result set consequences)	-20
Syntax	One syntax error preventing query to run; (when fixed, correct result set displayed)	-8
	Two syntax errors	-16
	Three syntax errors	-20
	Four or more syntax error	-30
Other	Other problem (depending on severity) (each)	-1 / -30

¹Points lost might add up to more than available points, in which case the answer is graded as zero. (I.e., no negative score is possible on any answer.)

²Format issues include, but are not limited to: incorrect column order, incorrect column headings, missing or incorrect separating characters (commas, spaces) in concatenated strings, and incorrect order among concatenated columns. **The result set must match the sample output exactly.**

³It is possible to lose points due to multiple issues under this criterion. E.g., a slight error in structure with no result set consequences, combined with the use of a disallowed keyword, would lose $4 + 15 = 19$ points.

⁴Including, but not limited to, unnecessary functions, unnecessary clauses, unnecessary filtering statements.

⁵Refer to the assignment instructions for a list of disallowed keywords and structures.