

# **Unit 4: SQL Concepts – Detailed Answers**

## **1. SQL Key Constraints**

### **Primary Key**

- Uniquely identifies each record in a table
- Cannot contain NULL values
- Only one primary key per table

### **Foreign Key**

- Establishes relationship between two tables
- References primary key of another table
- Ensures referential integrity

### **Unique Key**

- Ensures all values in column are distinct
- Allows NULL values (unlike Primary Key)
- Multiple unique keys per table

### **Not Null**

- Ensures column cannot have NULL values
- Applied at column level

### **Commit**

- Saves all transactions to database permanently
- Ends current transaction

## Candidate Key

- Column(s) that could be chosen as primary key
- All candidate keys are unique and not null

## Rollback

- Undoes all transactions since last commit
- Restores database to previous state

## Example:

```
CREATE TABLE Students (  
  stud_id INT PRIMARY KEY,  
  name VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL,  
  email VARCHAR(50) UNIQUE,  
  dept_id INT,  
  FOREIGN KEY (dept_id) REFERENCES Department(dept_id)  
);
```

**Practice Question:** Create a table 'Employees' with emp\_id as primary key, emp\_name not null, and dept\_id as foreign key referencing Departments table.

## Solution:

```
CREATE TABLE Employees (  
  emp_id INT PRIMARY KEY,  
  emp_name VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL,  
  dept_id INT,  
  FOREIGN KEY (dept_id) REFERENCES Departments(dept_id)  
);
```

## 2. Database Concepts

### Weak Entity

- Depends on another entity for existence
- Has partial key
- Shown with double rectangle in ER diagram

### Data Dictionary

- Stores metadata about database
- Contains information about tables, columns, constraints

### Substring()

- Extracts part of a string
- Syntax: SUBSTRING(string, start, length)

### Alter

- Modifies table structure
- Can add, modify, drop columns

### Truncate

- Removes all records from table
- Cannot be rolled back
- Faster than DELETE

## Drop

- Removes entire table from database
- Cannot be recovered

### Example:

```
-- Alter example
ALTER TABLE Students ADD COLUMN phone VARCHAR(15);

-- Truncate example
TRUNCATE TABLE Temp_Data;

-- Drop example
DROP TABLE Backup_Data;
```

## 3. ON DELETE CASCADE

### Definition

- Referential integrity action
- Automatically deletes child records when parent record is deleted

### Syntax:

```
FOREIGN KEY (column) REFERENCES parent_table(parent_column)  
ON DELETE CASCADE
```

**Example:**

```
CREATE TABLE Orders (  
  order_id INT PRIMARY KEY,  
  customer_id INT,  
  order_date DATE,  
  FOREIGN KEY (customer_id) REFERENCES Customers(customer_id)  
  ON DELETE CASCADE  
);
```

When a customer is deleted, all their orders are automatically deleted.

**Practice Question:** Create two tables: Departments and Employees with ON DELETE CASCADE constraint.

**Solution:**

```
CREATE TABLE Departments (  
  dept_id INT PRIMARY KEY,  
  dept_name VARCHAR(50)  
);  
  
CREATE TABLE Employees (  
  emp_id INT PRIMARY KEY,  
  emp_name VARCHAR(50),  
  dept_id INT,  
  FOREIGN KEY (dept_id) REFERENCES Departments(dept_id)  
  ON DELETE CASCADE  
);
```

## 4. SQL Joins

### Definition

- Combines rows from two or more tables based on related column

### Types of Joins:

1. **INNER JOIN**: Returns matching records from both tables
2. **LEFT JOIN**: All records from left table + matching from right
3. **RIGHT JOIN**: All records from right table + matching from left
4. **FULL JOIN**: All records when there's match in either table
5. **CROSS JOIN**: Cartesian product of both tables

### Examples:

```
-- INNER JOIN
SELECT e.emp_name, d.dept_name
FROM Employees e
INNER JOIN Departments d ON e.dept_id = d.dept_id;

-- LEFT JOIN
SELECT e.emp_name, d.dept_name
FROM Employees e
LEFT JOIN Departments d ON e.dept_id = d.dept_id;
```

## 5. Natural Join

### Definition

- Automatically joins tables based on columns with same name
- Eliminates duplicate columns

### Example:

```
SELECT *
FROM Employees
NATURAL JOIN Departments;
```

This joins tables where dept\_id exists in both tables.

### Important Points:

- Column names must be identical in both tables
- Data types must be compatible
- Removes duplicate join columns

## 6. SQL Language Types

### DDL (Data Definition Language)

- Defines database structure
- Commands: CREATE, ALTER, DROP, TRUNCATE

#### Example:

```
CREATE TABLE Students (  
  id INT PRIMARY KEY,  
  name VARCHAR(50)  
);
```

### DML (Data Manipulation Language)

- Manipulates data within tables
- Commands: SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE

#### Example:

```
INSERT INTO Students VALUES (1, 'John');  
UPDATE Students SET name = 'Mike' WHERE id = 1;
```

### DCL (Data Control Language)

- Controls access to database



- Commands: GRANT, REVOKE

**Example:**

```
GRANT SELECT ON Students TO user1;  
REVOKE DELETE ON Students FROM user2;
```

## 7. String Functions

**Common String Functions:**

1. **LENGTH()**: Returns string length
2. **UPPER()**: Converts to uppercase
3. **LOWER()**: Converts to lowercase
4. **TRIM()**: Removes leading/trailing spaces
5. **CONCAT()**: Combines strings
6. **SUBSTRING()**: Extracts part of string

**Examples:**

```
SELECT  
  LENGTH('Hello') as str_length,  
  UPPER('hello') as upper_case,  
  LOWER('HELLO') as lower_case,  
  TRIM(' hello ') as trimmed,  
  CONCAT('Hello', ' World') as concatenated,  
  SUBSTRING('Hello World', 1, 5) as substring;
```

## 8. Two String Functions (Detailed)

### SUBSTRING()

**Syntax:** SUBSTRING(string, start, length) **Example:**

```
SELECT SUBSTRING('Database', 1, 4) as result;  
-- Output: 'Data'
```

### CONCAT()

**Syntax:** CONCAT(string1, string2, ...) **Example:**

```
SELECT CONCAT('Hello', ' ', 'World') as greeting;  
-- Output: 'Hello World'
```

**Practice Question:** Write query to display employee names in format "FirstName\_LastName" using string functions.

**Solution:**

```
SELECT CONCAT(first_name, '_', last_name) as full_name  
FROM Employees;
```

## 9. Aggregate Functions

### COUNT()

- Counts number of rows **Example:**

```
SELECT COUNT(*) as total_students FROM Students;
```

### AVG()

- Calculates average value **Example:**

```
SELECT AVG(marks) as average_marks FROM Results;
```

### Other Aggregate Functions:

- SUM(): Calculates sum
- MAX(): Finds maximum value
- MIN(): Finds minimum value

## 10. Views in SQL

### Definition

- Virtual table based on result of SQL query
- Doesn't store data physically

## Advantages:

1. **Security:** Restrict access to specific columns
2. **Simplicity:** Hide complex queries
3. **Consistency:** Provide consistent interface
4. **Logical Data Independence:** Can change underlying tables without affecting applications

## Example:

```
CREATE VIEW HighScorers AS
SELECT name, marks
FROM Students
WHERE marks > 80;

SELECT * FROM HighScorers;
```

# 11. NULL in SQL

## Definition

- Represents missing or unknown data
- Not same as zero or empty string

## Important Properties:

1. **Comparison:** NULL = NULL returns NULL (not TRUE)
2. **Arithmetic:** Any operation with NULL returns NULL
3. **Logical:** NULL in boolean expressions is treated as UNKNOWN

## Handling NULL:

```
-- Check for NULL
SELECT * FROM Students WHERE phone IS NULL;

-- Check for NOT NULL
SELECT * FROM Students WHERE phone IS NOT NULL;

-- Handle NULL with COALESCE
SELECT name, COALESCE(phone, 'No Phone') as contact
FROM Students;
```

**Practice Question:** Write query to find employees without email addresses.

**Solution:**

```
SELECT emp_name
FROM Employees
WHERE email IS NULL;
```

## Exam Tips:

1. Always mention syntax with examples
2. Use proper SQL case conventions (keywords in uppercase)
3. Draw ER diagrams for relationship questions
4. Explain real-world applications of concepts
5. Practice writing error-free SQL queries
6. Understand difference between TRUNCATE, DELETE and DROP
7. Remember NULL handling in conditions (use IS NULL, not = NULL)

### **Common Mistakes to Avoid:**

- Using = NULL instead of IS NULL
- Forgetting semicolons in SQL statements
- Confusing different join types
- Not specifying all required columns in INSERT
- Missing FOREIGN KEY constraints in relationship questions

## **Question 12: SQL Queries on Supplier–Parts Database**

### **Database Schema Analysis**

#### **Tables Structure:**

- **Supplier (S#, sname, status, city)**
  - S#: Supplier ID (Primary Key)
  - sname: Supplier Name
  - status: Supplier Status
  - city: Supplier City
- **Parts (P#, pname, color, weight, city)**
  - P#: Part ID (Primary Key)
  - pname: Part Name
  - color: Part Color
  - weight: Part Weight
  - city: Part City
- **SP (S#, P#, quantity)**
  - S#: Supplier ID (Foreign Key)

- P#: Part ID (Foreign Key)
- quantity: Supply Quantity
- Composite Primary Key (S#, P#)

## Detailed SQL Queries with Explanations

### A. Find name of supplier for city = 'Delhi'

```
SELECT sname  
FROM Supplier  
WHERE city = 'Delhi';
```

**Explanation:** Simple SELECT with WHERE clause to filter suppliers from Delhi.

### B. Find suppliers whose name start with 'AB'

```
SELECT sname  
FROM Supplier  
WHERE sname LIKE 'AB%';
```

**Explanation:** Uses LIKE operator with wildcard '%' to find names starting with 'AB'.

### C. Find all suppliers whose status is 10, 20 or 30

```
SELECT sname  
FROM Supplier  
WHERE status IN (10, 20, 30);
```

**Alternative using OR:**

```
SELECT sname  
FROM Supplier  
WHERE status = 10 OR status = 20 OR status = 30;
```

**Explanation:** IN operator simplifies multiple OR conditions.

**D. Find total number of city of all suppliers**

```
SELECT COUNT(DISTINCT city) as total_cities  
FROM Supplier;
```

**Explanation:** COUNT with DISTINCT to count unique cities, avoiding duplicates.

**E. Find S# of supplier who supplies 'red' part**



```
SELECT DISTINCT SP.S#  
FROM SP  
JOIN Parts ON SP.P# = Parts.P#  
WHERE Parts.color = 'red';
```

**Explanation:** JOIN between SP and Parts tables to find suppliers of red parts.

### **F. Count number of supplier who supplies 'red' part**

```
SELECT COUNT(DISTINCT SP.S#) as red_part_suppliers  
FROM SP  
JOIN Parts ON SP.P# = Parts.P#  
WHERE Parts.color = 'red';
```

**Explanation:** Counts distinct suppliers to avoid duplicate counting.

### **G. Sort the supplier table by sname**

```
SELECT *  
FROM Supplier  
ORDER BY sname;
```

**Explanation:** ORDER BY clause for ascending sort (default).

## H. Delete records in supplier table whose status is 40

```
DELETE FROM Supplier  
WHERE status = 40;
```

**Important Note:** In exam, mention that DELETE should be used cautiously as it removes data permanently.

## I. Add one field in supplier table

```
ALTER TABLE Supplier  
ADD phone VARCHAR(15);
```

**Explanation:** ALTER TABLE with ADD to include new column.

## J. Find name of parts whose color is 'red'

```
SELECT pname  
FROM Parts  
WHERE color = 'red';
```

**Explanation:** Simple selection from Parts table.

## K. Find parts whose weight is less than 10 kg

```
SELECT pname  
FROM Parts  
WHERE weight < 10;
```

**Explanation:** Numerical comparison in WHERE clause.

### **L. Find all parts whose weight is from 10 to 20 kg**

```
SELECT pname  
FROM Parts  
WHERE weight BETWEEN 10 AND 20;
```

**Alternative:**

```
SELECT pname  
FROM Parts  
WHERE weight >= 10 AND weight <= 20;
```

**Explanation:** BETWEEN operator for range queries.

### **M. Find average weight of all parts**

```
SELECT AVG(weight) as average_weight  
FROM Parts;
```

**Explanation:** AVG aggregate function for average calculation.

**N. Find S# of supplier who supply part 'p2'**

```
SELECT S#  
FROM SP  
WHERE P# = 'p2';
```

**Explanation:** Direct query on SP table for part 'p2'.

**O. Find the name of the supplier who supplies maximum parts**

```
SELECT s.sname  
FROM Supplier s  
JOIN (  
    SELECT S#, COUNT(P#) as part_count  
    FROM SP  
    GROUP BY S#  
    ORDER BY part_count DESC  
    LIMIT 1  
) max_supplier ON s.S# = max_supplier.S#;
```

**Explanation:** Subquery to find supplier with maximum part count, then

join to get name.

### P. Sort the parts table by pname

```
SELECT *  
FROM Parts  
ORDER BY pname;
```

**Explanation:** Alphabetical sorting of parts.

### Q. Delete records in the parts table whose color is 'blue'

```
DELETE FROM Parts  
WHERE color = 'blue';
```

**Exam Tip:** Mention referential integrity – ensure no foreign key constraints violated.

### R. Drop one field in the parts table

```
ALTER TABLE Parts  
DROP COLUMN city;
```

**Explanation:** ALTER TABLE with DROP COLUMN to remove field.

# Practice Question

**Scenario:** A university database has tables:

- Students (student\_id, name, department, city)
- Courses (course\_id, course\_name, credits)
- Enrollments (student\_id, course\_id, grade)

**Write queries for:**

1. Find students from 'Computer Science' department
2. Count number of courses with more than 3 credits
3. Find students enrolled in 'Database Management' course
4. Add a new column 'email' to Students table

# Practice Solutions

```

-- 1. Find students from 'Computer Science' department
SELECT name
FROM Students
WHERE department = 'Computer Science';

-- 2. Count number of courses with more than 3 credits
SELECT COUNT(*)
FROM Courses
WHERE credits > 3;

-- 3. Find students enrolled in 'Database Management' course
SELECT s.name
FROM Students s
JOIN Enrollments e ON s.student_id = e.student_id
JOIN Courses c ON e.course_id = c.course_id
WHERE c.course_name = 'Database Management';

-- 4. Add a new column 'email' to Students table
ALTER TABLE Students
ADD email VARCHAR(100);

```

## Exam Tips for SQL Questions

### Common Mistakes to Avoid:

1. **Forgetting JOIN conditions** - leads to Cartesian products
2. **Missing DISTINCT** when counting unique entities
3. **Incorrect use of single vs double quotes** - Use single quotes for string literals
4. **Case sensitivity** in string comparisons
5. **Forgetting GROUP BY** with aggregate functions

### Writing Style in Exams:

- Write clean, formatted SQL code
- Use meaningful aliases for tables and columns
- Comment complex queries to explain logic
- Show both main method and alternatives if possible
- Mention assumptions about data types and constraints

### **Important Concepts to Highlight:**

- **JOIN types** and when to use each
- **Aggregate functions** with GROUP BY
- **Subqueries vs JOINs** performance considerations
- **Data modification** operations and their implications
- **Constraint violations** and error handling

### **Expected Marks Distribution:**

- Basic SELECT queries: 1-2 marks each
- JOIN operations: 3-4 marks each
- Complex queries with subqueries/aggregates: 4-5 marks each
- DDL operations: 2-3 marks each
- Overall understanding and explanation: 3-4 marks

**Pro Tip:** Always test your queries mentally with sample data to ensure they work correctly!

Here's a detailed exam-focused answer for Questions 13 and 14 from Unit 4:

## **Questions 13 & 14: Advanced SQL Queries**



# Question 13: Student Exam Database

## Database Schema Analysis

### Tables Structure:

- **Student (rollno, name, branch)**
  - rollno: Student Roll Number (Primary Key)
  - name: Student Name
  - branch: Student Branch
- **Exam (rollno, subject\_code, obtained\_marks, paper\_code)**
  - rollno: Student Roll Number (Foreign Key)
  - subject\_code: Subject Code
  - obtained\_marks: Marks Obtained
  - paper\_code: Paper Code (Foreign Key)
- **Papers (paper\_code, paper\_setter\_name, university)**
  - paper\_code: Paper Code (Primary Key)
  - paper\_setter\_name: Name of Paper Setter
  - university: University Name

## Detailed SQL Queries with Explanations

**A. Display name of student who got first class in subject '130703'**

```
SELECT s.name  
FROM Student s  
JOIN Exam e ON s.rollno = e.rollno  
WHERE e.subject_code = '130703'  
AND e.obtained_marks >= 60;
```

**Explanation:** Assuming first class means 60+ marks. JOIN between Student and Exam tables with marks condition.

### **A(ii). Display name of all students with their total marks**

```
SELECT s.name, SUM(e.obtained_marks) as total_marks  
FROM Student s  
JOIN Exam e ON s.rollno = e.rollno  
GROUP BY s.rollno, s.name;
```

**Explanation:** Uses SUM aggregate with GROUP BY to calculate total marks per student.

### **B. Display list number of student in each university**

```
SELECT p.university, COUNT(DISTINCT s.rollno) as student_count  
FROM Student s  
JOIN Exam e ON s.rollno = e.rollno  
JOIN Papers p ON e.paper_code = p.paper_code  
GROUP BY p.university;
```

**Explanation:** Triple JOIN to connect Student-Exam-Papers and count students per university.

### C. Display list of student who has not given any exam

```
SELECT s.name  
FROM Student s  
LEFT JOIN Exam e ON s.rollno = e.rollno  
WHERE e.rollno IS NULL;
```

**Explanation:** LEFT JOIN with NULL check to find students without exam records.

## Question 14: Car Insurance Database

### Database Schema Analysis

#### Tables Structure:

- **Person (ss#, name, address)**
  - ss#: Social Security Number (Primary Key)
  - name: Person Name

- address: Person Address
- **Car (license, year, model)**
  - license: License Number (Primary Key)
  - year: Manufacturing Year
  - model: Car Model
- **Accident (date, driver, damage\_amount)**
  - date: Accident Date
  - driver: Driver involved (references Person)
  - damage\_amount: Damage Cost
- **Owns (ss#, license)**
  - ss#: Social Security Number (Foreign Key)
  - license: License Number (Foreign Key)
  - Composite Primary Key (ss#, license)
- **Log (license, date, driver)**
  - license: License Number (Foreign Key)
  - date: Log Date
  - driver: Driver Name

## **Detailed SQL Queries with Explanations**

**A. Find the total number of people whose cars were involved in accidents in 2009**

```
SELECT COUNT(DISTINCT o.ss#) as total_people  
FROM Owns o  
JOIN Accident a ON o.license = a.driver  
WHERE EXTRACT(YEAR FROM a.date) = 2009;
```

**Alternative using LIKE:**

```
SELECT COUNT(DISTINCT o.ss#) as total_people  
FROM Owns o  
JOIN Accident a ON o.license = a.driver  
WHERE a.date LIKE '2009%';
```

**Explanation:** JOIN between Owns and Accident, filtering by year 2009.

**B. Find the number of accidents in which the cars belonging to "S.Sudarshan"**

```
SELECT COUNT(*) as accident_count  
FROM Accident a  
JOIN Owns o ON a.driver = o.license  
JOIN Person p ON o.ss# = p.ss#  
WHERE p.name = 'S.Sudarshan';
```

**Explanation:** Triple JOIN to connect Accident-Owns-Person and count accidents for specific person.

### C. Add a new customer to the database

```
INSERT INTO Person (ss#, name, address)  
VALUES ('123-45-6789', 'John Doe', '123 Main St, City');
```

**Explanation:** Basic INSERT statement to add new person record.

### D. Add a new accident recorded for the Santro belonging to "KORTH"

```
INSERT INTO Accident (date, driver, damage_amount)  
SELECT CURRENT_DATE, c.license, 5000  
FROM Car c  
JOIN Owns o ON c.license = o.license  
JOIN Person p ON o.ss# = p.ss#  
WHERE c.model = 'Santro' AND p.name = 'KORTH';
```

**Explanation:** Uses subquery with JOIN to find the correct license for KORTH's Santro.

## Advanced Query Techniques Demonstrated

### Complex JOIN Operations

```
-- Multiple table JOIN with aggregation
SELECT p.university, AVG(e.obtained_marks) as avg_marks
FROM Papers p
JOIN Exam e ON p.paper_code = e.paper_code
GROUP BY p.university
HAVING AVG(e.obtained_marks) > 50;
```

## Subquery Applications

```
-- Find students with above average marks
SELECT s.name, e.obtained_marks
FROM Student s
JOIN Exam e ON s.rollno = e.rollno
WHERE e.obtained_marks > (
    SELECT AVG(obtained_marks)
    FROM Exam
);
```

## Date Operations

```
-- Find accidents in last 30 days
SELECT *
FROM Accident
WHERE date >= CURRENT_DATE - INTERVAL 30 DAY;
```

## Practice Questions

### Practice Question 13A:

**Scenario:** Find the university that has the highest average marks across all exams.

**Solution:**

```
SELECT p.university, AVG(e.obtained_marks) as avg_marks  
FROM Papers p  
JOIN Exam e ON p.paper_code = e.paper_code  
GROUP BY p.university  
ORDER BY avg_marks DESC  
LIMIT 1;
```

### Practice Question 14A:

**Scenario:** Find the person who owns the most expensive car (based on accident damage amounts).

**Solution:**

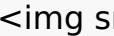
```
SELECT p.name, MAX(a.damage_amount) as max_damage  
FROM Person p  
JOIN Owns o ON p.ss# = o.ss#  
JOIN Accident a ON o.license = a.driver  
GROUP BY p.ss#, p.name  
ORDER BY max_damage DESC  
LIMIT 1;
```



## For Complex Queries:

1. **Break down the problem** - Identify required tables and relationships
2. **Start with FROM/JOIN** - Build the table connections first
3. **Add WHERE conditions** - Apply filters
4. **Include SELECT columns** - Choose what to display
5. **Add GROUP BY/HAVING** - For aggregate operations
6. **Finalize with ORDER BY** - For sorting

## Sample Exam Answer Structure:

1. Problem Analysis:
  - Tables required: Student, Exam, Papers
  - Relationships: Student  Papers
  - Conditions: university-based counting
2. SQL Query:  
[Write clean, formatted SQL]
3. Explanation:
  - JOIN logic used
  - Aggregate functions applied
  - Filter conditions
  - Expected output format

## Common Pitfalls & Solutions:

### Pitfall 1: Incorrect JOIN conditions

```
-- WRONG: Missing JOIN condition
SELECT * FROM Student, Exam, Papers;

-- CORRECT: Proper JOIN with conditions
SELECT *
FROM Student s
JOIN Exam e ON s.rollno = e.rollno
JOIN Papers p ON e.paper_code = p.paper_code;
```

## Pitfall 2: GROUP BY errors

```
-- WRONG: Non-aggregated column not in GROUP BY
SELECT s.name, AVG(e.obtained_marks)
FROM Student s JOIN Exam e ON s.rollno = e.rollno;

-- CORRECT: All non-aggregated columns in GROUP BY
SELECT s.name, AVG(e.obtained_marks)
FROM Student s JOIN Exam e ON s.rollno = e.rollno
GROUP BY s.rollno, s.name;
```

## Pitfall 3: Subquery in wrong context

```
-- WRONG: Multiple rows from subquery
SELECT name FROM Student WHERE rollno = (
    SELECT rollno FROM Exam WHERE obtained_marks > 80
);

-- CORRECT: Use IN for multiple values
SELECT name FROM Student WHERE rollno IN (
    SELECT rollno FROM Exam WHERE obtained_marks > 80
);
```

## Marking Scheme Insights

### Typical Distribution:

- **Correct SQL Syntax:** 30%
- **Proper JOIN Logic:** 25%
- **Aggregate Functions:** 20%
- **Query Efficiency:** 15%
- **Explanation Quality:** 10%

### Pro Tips for Maximum Marks:

1. **Always use table aliases** for better readability
2. **Include comments** for complex logic
3. **Show multiple approaches** if time permits
4. **Mention assumptions** about data and relationships
5. **Test edge cases** mentally (NULL values, empty results)

### Final Exam Advice:

"Practice writing SQL queries by hand regularly. Focus on understanding the logic behind JOIN operations and aggregate functions. In the exam,

read each question carefully to identify all required conditions and table relationships before writing your solution."

## Questions 15–20: Advanced SQL Implementation

### Question 15: Employee Database Queries

#### Database Schema

- Employee (employee-name, street, city)
- Works (employee-name, company-name, salary)
- Company (company-name, city)
- Manages (employee-name, manager-name)

#### SQL Queries:

**A. Find name of all employees who work for State Bank**

```
SELECT employee-name  
FROM Works  
WHERE company-name = 'State Bank';
```

**B. Find names and cities of residence of all employees who work for State Bank**

```
SELECT e.employee-name, e.city
FROM Employee e
JOIN Works w ON e.employee-name = w.employee-name
WHERE w.company-name = 'State Bank';
```

**B(ii). Find all employees who do not work for State Bank**

```
SELECT employee-name
FROM Works
WHERE company-name != 'State Bank';
```

**C. Find employees who earn more than every employee of UCO Bank**

```
SELECT employee-name
FROM Works
WHERE salary > ALL (
    SELECT salary
    FROM Works
    WHERE company-name = 'UCO Bank'
);
```

**Alternative using MAX:**

```
SELECT employee-name
FROM Works
WHERE salary > (
    SELECT MAX(salary)
    FROM Works
    WHERE company-name = 'UCO Bank'
);
```

## Question 16: Student Marks Management

### Database Schema

- Student (Rollno, Name, Age, Sex, City)
- Student\_marks (Rollno, Sub1, Sub2, Sub3, Total, Average)

### SQL Queries:

#### A. Calculate and store total and average marks

```
-- Update existing records
UPDATE Student_marks
SET Total = Sub1 + Sub2 + Sub3,
    Average = (Sub1 + Sub2 + Sub3) / 3;

-- For new inserts, use computed columns or triggers
```

#### B. Display students with >60 marks in Sub1

```
SELECT s.Name  
FROM Student s  
JOIN Student_marks m ON s.Rollno = m.Rollno  
WHERE m.Sub1 > 60;
```

### C. Display students with total and average marks

```
SELECT s.Name, m.Total, m.Average  
FROM Student s  
JOIN Student_marks m ON s.Rollno = m.Rollno;
```

### D. Display students with equal marks in Sub2

```
SELECT s1.Name, s2.Name, s1.Sub2 as Common_Marks  
FROM Student_marks s1  
JOIN Student_marks s2 ON s1.Sub2 = s2.Sub2 AND s1.Rollno != s2.Rollno  
JOIN Student st1 ON s1.Rollno = st1.Rollno  
JOIN Student st2 ON s2.Rollno = st2.Rollno;
```

## Question 17: Student Table Implementation

### A. Create table and insert records

```
CREATE TABLE Student (  
    stud_no INT PRIMARY KEY,  
    stud_name VARCHAR(50),  
    sub1 INT,  
    sub2 INT,  
    totalmark INT,  
    percentage DECIMAL(5,2)  
);
```

*-- Insert 5 records*

```
INSERT INTO Student VALUES  
(101, 'Amit', 85, 90, 175, 87.5),  
(102, 'Priya', 78, 82, 160, 80.0),  
(103, 'Rahul', 92, 88, 180, 90.0),  
(104, 'Neha', 65, 70, 135, 67.5),  
(105, 'Karan', 88, 85, 173, 86.5);
```

*-- Display data*

```
SELECT * FROM Student;
```

## B. Calculate totals and create view



```
-- Update calculations
UPDATE Student
SET totalmark = sub1 + sub2,
    percentage = (sub1 + sub2) / 2;

-- Create view with ascending order
CREATE VIEW Student_Results AS
SELECT * FROM Student
ORDER BY totalmark ASC;

-- Display view
SELECT * FROM Student_Results;
```

### C. Update marks and recalculate

```
-- Update sub1 mark
UPDATE Student
SET sub1 = 50
WHERE stud_no = 111;

-- Recalculate totals
UPDATE Student
SET totalmark = sub1 + sub2,
    percentage = (sub1 + sub2) / 2
WHERE stud_no = 111;
```

## Question 18: Employee Queries

### Database Schema

**Employee** (emp\_no, emp\_name, department, city, salary)

## SQL Queries:

### A. Complex condition query

```
SELECT *  
FROM Employee  
WHERE emp_no < 100  
      AND salary > 25000  
      AND department = 'Account';
```

### B. Count and sum operations

```
SELECT  
      COUNT(*) as total_employees,  
      SUM(salary) as total_salary  
FROM Employee;
```

### C. Delete employee with minimum salary

```
DELETE FROM Employee  
WHERE salary = (SELECT MIN(salary) FROM Employee);
```

**Safer approach (avoid multiple deletions):**

```
DELETE FROM Employee
WHERE emp_no = (
  SELECT emp_no FROM Employee
  ORDER BY salary ASC
  LIMIT 1
);
```

## Question 19: EMP-DEPT Table Queries

### Database Schema

- EMP(empno, ename, jobtitle, managerno, hiredate, sal, comm, deptno)
- DEPT(deptno, dname, loc)

### SQL Queries:

#### A. Salary > 3000 in department 20

```
SELECT ename, sal
FROM EMP
WHERE sal > 3000 AND deptno = 20;
```

#### B. Employees without commission

```
SELECT ename  
FROM EMP  
WHERE comm IS NULL OR comm = 0;
```

### C. Count distinct job titles

```
SELECT COUNT(DISTINCT jobtitle) as job_count  
FROM EMP;
```

### D. Total salary per job category

```
SELECT jobtitle, SUM(sal) as total_salary  
FROM EMP  
GROUP BY jobtitle;
```

### E. Employee count per department

```
SELECT d.dname, COUNT(e.empno) as employee_count  
FROM DEPT d  
LEFT JOIN EMP e ON d.deptno = e.deptno  
GROUP BY d.deptno, d.dname;
```

#### F. Employees with no manager

```
SELECT ename  
FROM EMP  
WHERE managerno IS NULL;
```

#### G. Salary range query

```
SELECT ename, sal  
FROM EMP  
WHERE sal BETWEEN 1500 AND 3500;
```

## Question 20: Advanced EMP-DEPT Queries

### Part A:

#### A(i). Employees in departments 10,20,30

```
SELECT ename  
FROM EMP  
WHERE deptno IN (10, 20, 30);
```

**A(ii). Names starting with 'A' (case-insensitive)**

```
SELECT ename  
FROM EMP  
WHERE UPPER(ename) LIKE 'A%';
```

**B. Employees with department names**

```
SELECT e.ename, d.dname  
FROM EMP e  
JOIN DEPT d ON e.deptno = d.deptno;
```

**C. Employees managed by KING**

```
SELECT e.ename  
FROM EMP e  
JOIN EMP m ON e.managerno = m.empno  
WHERE m.ename = 'KING';
```

#### D. Employees in Smith's department

```
SELECT e.ename  
FROM EMP e  
WHERE e.deptno = (  
    SELECT deptno FROM EMP WHERE ename = 'SMITH'  
);
```

#### E. Employees earning more than Allen

```
SELECT ename, sal  
FROM EMP  
WHERE sal > (SELECT sal FROM EMP WHERE ename = 'ALLEN');
```

#### F. Maximum salary earners per department

```
SELECT d.dname, e.ename, e.sal
FROM EMP e
JOIN DEPT d ON e.deptno = d.deptno
WHERE (e.deptno, e.sal) IN (
    SELECT deptno, MAX(sal)
    FROM EMP
    GROUP BY deptno
);
```

## Part B: T1 and T2 Tables

### C. Display rows with salary > 5000

```
SELECT * FROM T1 WHERE Salary > 5000;
```

### D. Find deptno for ename='syham'

```
SELECT t2.Deptno
FROM T1 t1
JOIN T2 t2 ON t1.Empno = t2.Empno
WHERE t1.Ename = 'syham';
```

### E. Add deptname column



```
ALTER TABLE T2 ADD deptname VARCHAR(30);
```

## F. Update designation

```
UPDATE T1  
SET Designation = 'senior clerk'  
WHERE Ename = 'ram';
```

## F(v). Total salary of all rows

```
SELECT SUM(Salary) as total_salary FROM T1;
```

## G. Display joined data

```
SELECT t1.Empno, t1.Ename, t2.Deptno, t2.deptname  
FROM T1 t1  
LEFT JOIN T2 t2 ON t1.Empno = t2.Empno;
```

## H. Drop table T1

```
DROP TABLE T1;
```

## Exam Tips for Advanced SQL

### Performance Optimization:

1. Use **EXISTS** instead of **IN** for large subqueries
2. Create **indexes** on frequently searched columns
3. **\*\*Avoid SELECT \*\*\*** – specify only needed columns
4. Use **JOIN** instead of **subqueries** when possible

### Common Mistakes:

```
-- WRONG: Using = with NULL
```

```
WHERE comm = NULL;
```

```
-- CORRECT: Using IS NULL
```

```
WHERE comm IS NULL;
```

```
-- WRONG: Missing GROUP BY columns
```

```
SELECT deptno, ename, AVG(sal) FROM EMP;
```

```
-- CORRECT: Include non-aggregated columns in GROUP BY
```

```
SELECT deptno, ename, AVG(sal)
```

```
FROM EMP
```

```
GROUP BY deptno, ename;
```

### Transaction Control:

```
BEGIN TRANSACTION;  
UPDATE Accounts SET balance = balance - 100 WHERE acc_no =  
UPDATE Accounts SET balance = balance + 100 WHERE acc_no =  
COMMIT;  
-- Use ROLLBACK in case of errors
```

### Advanced Functions for Exams:

- **Window Functions:** RANK(), DENSE\_RANK(), ROW\_NUMBER()
- **String Functions:** CONCAT(), SUBSTRING(), REPLACE()
- **Date Functions:** DATEADD(), DATEDIFF(), GETDATE()

**Final Tip:** Practice writing complex JOIN queries and understand the difference between IN, EXISTS, and JOIN operations for optimal performance in exams. Here's the comprehensive answer for Question 21 and the PL/SQL concepts:

## Question 21: Student Management System Queries

### Database Schema Analysis

#### Tables Structure:

- **Student (RollNo, Name, Age, Sex, City)**
  - RollNo: Student Roll Number (Primary Key)
  - Name: Student Name
  - Age: Student Age

- Sex: Student Gender (M/F)
- City: Student City
- **Student\_marks (RollNo, Sub1, Sub2, Sub3, Total, Average)**
  - RollNo: Student Roll Number (Foreign Key)
  - Sub1: Subject 1 Marks
  - Sub2: Subject 2 Marks
  - Sub3: Subject 3 Marks
  - Total: Total Marks
  - Average: Average Marks

## Detailed SQL Queries with Explanations

### I. Display name and city of students with total marks > 225

```
SELECT s.Name, s.City  
FROM Student s  
JOIN Student_marks m ON s.RollNo = m.RollNo  
WHERE m.Total > 225;
```

**Explanation:** Simple JOIN with WHERE condition on total marks.

### J. Display students with >60 marks in each subject

```
SELECT s.Name  
FROM Student s  
JOIN Student_marks m ON s.RollNo = m.RollNo  
WHERE m.Sub1 > 60 AND m.Sub2 > 60 AND m.Sub3 > 60;
```

**Alternative using comparison:**

```
SELECT s.Name  
FROM Student s  
JOIN Student_marks m ON s.RollNo = m.RollNo  
WHERE LEAST(m.Sub1, m.Sub2, m.Sub3) > 60;
```

**Explanation:** Checks all three subjects exceed 60 marks.

**K. Display cities with more than 10 students**

```
SELECT City, COUNT(*) as student_count  
FROM Student  
GROUP BY City  
HAVING COUNT(*) > 10;
```

**Explanation:** Uses GROUP BY with HAVING clause for aggregate condition.

**L. Display unique pairs of male and female students**

```
SELECT m.Name as Male_Student, f.Name as Female_Student
FROM Student m
CROSS JOIN Student f
WHERE m.Sex = 'M' AND f.Sex = 'F'
LIMIT 10; -- To avoid too many combinations
```

**Alternative with row numbering:**

```
SELECT
  m.Name as Male_Student,
  f.Name as Female_Student
FROM (
  SELECT Name, ROW_NUMBER() OVER () as rn
  FROM Student
  WHERE Sex = 'M'
) m
JOIN (
  SELECT Name, ROW_NUMBER() OVER () as rn
  FROM Student
  WHERE Sex = 'F'
) f ON m.rn = f.rn;
```

**Explanation:** Creates pairs of male and female students using CROSS JOIN or row numbering.

# PL/SQL Concepts

## 1. Advantages of PL/SQL

## **Definition**

PL/SQL (Procedural Language/Structured Query Language) is Oracle's procedural extension to SQL that adds programming capabilities to database operations.

## **Key Advantages:**

### **1. Block Structure**

- Organized code in logical blocks (DECLARE, BEGIN, EXCEPTION, END)
- Better code organization and maintenance

### **2. Procedural Capabilities**

- Variables, constants, and data types
- Conditional statements (IF-THEN-ELSE)
- Looping constructs (FOR, WHILE)
- Exception handling

### **3. Better Performance**

- Reduces network traffic by executing multiple SQL statements in single block
- Compilation and storage in database

### **4. Error Handling**

- Comprehensive exception handling mechanism
- User-defined exceptions

### **5. Integration with SQL**

- Seamless integration of SQL with procedural statements
- Support for cursors and transactions

## 6. Portability

- Runs on any platform where Oracle runs
- Platform-independent code

## 2. COMMIT and ROLLBACK Commands

### COMMIT

- Makes all changes permanent in the database
- Ends the current transaction
- Releases transaction locks

#### Syntax:

```
COMMIT;
```

#### Example:

```
BEGIN  
  UPDATE Accounts SET balance = balance - 100 WHERE acc_no = 1  
  UPDATE Accounts SET balance = balance + 100 WHERE acc_no = 2  
  COMMIT; -- Makes both updates permanent  
END;
```

### ROLLBACK

- Undoes all changes made in the current transaction



- Restores database to state before transaction began
- Can rollback to savepoints

#### Syntax:

```
ROLLBACK; -- Rollback entire transaction  
ROLLBACK TO savepoint_name; -- Rollback to specific savepoint
```

#### Example:

```
BEGIN  
  SAVEPOINT sp1;  
  UPDATE Employees SET salary = salary + 5000;  
  
  -- If error occurs  
  IF SQL%NOTFOUND THEN  
    ROLLBACK TO sp1; -- Rollback to savepoint  
  ELSE  
    COMMIT;  
  END IF;  
END;
```

## 3. Cursors in PL/SQL

### Definition

Cursors are database objects used to retrieve and manipulate multiple rows returned by SQL queries.

### Types of Cursors:

## 1. Implicit Cursors

- Automatically created by Oracle for DML statements
- Attributes: SQL%FOUND, SQL%NOTFOUND, SQL%ROWCOUNT

### Example:

```
BEGIN  
  UPDATE Employees SET salary = salary * 1.1 WHERE dept_id =  
  
  IF SQL%FOUND THEN  
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(SQL%ROWCOUNT || ' employees up  
END IF;  
END;
```

## 2. Explicit Cursors

- Programmer-defined for complex result sets
- More control over data retrieval

### Example:

```

DECLARE
  CURSOR emp_cursor IS
    SELECT employee_id, name, salary FROM Employees WHERE
    emp_rec emp_cursor%ROWTYPE;
BEGIN
  OPEN emp_cursor;
  LOOP
    FETCH emp_cursor INTO emp_rec;
    EXIT WHEN emp_cursor%NOTFOUND;
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(emp_rec.name || ' - ' || emp_rec.sala
  END LOOP;
  CLOSE emp_cursor;
END;

```

### 3. Parameterized Cursors

- Accept parameters for dynamic queries

**Example:**

```

DECLARE
  CURSOR dept_cursor(p_dept_id NUMBER) IS
    SELECT * FROM Employees WHERE dept_id = p_dept_id;
BEGIN
  FOR emp_rec IN dept_cursor(10) LOOP
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(emp_rec.name);
  END LOOP;
END;

```

### 4. REF Cursors

- Dynamic cursors that can be associated with different queries

- Used for returning result sets from stored procedures

## **4. Database Triggers in PL/SQL**

### **Definition**

Triggers are stored programs that automatically execute when specified database events occur.

### **Trigger Components:**

1. **Triggering Event:** INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE
2. **Trigger Time:** BEFORE or AFTER
3. **Trigger Level:** ROW level or STATEMENT level
4. **Trigger Condition:** WHEN clause

### **Types of Triggers:**

#### **1. DML Triggers**

- Fire on INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE operations

**Example: Audit trigger**

```

CREATE OR REPLACE TRIGGER audit_employee_changes
BEFORE UPDATE OR DELETE ON Employees
FOR EACH ROW
BEGIN
  IF UPDATING THEN
    INSERT INTO audit_table
    VALUES ('UPDATE', :OLD.employee_id, SYSDATE, USER);
  ELSIF DELETING THEN
    INSERT INTO audit_table
    VALUES ('DELETE', :OLD.employee_id, SYSDATE, USER);
  END IF;
END;

```

## 2. DDL Triggers

- Fire on DDL statements (CREATE, ALTER, DROP)

**Example:**

```

CREATE OR REPLACE TRIGGER prevent_drop_table
BEFORE DROP ON DATABASE
BEGIN
  RAISE_APPLICATION_ERROR(-20001, 'Table drops not allowed');
END;

```

## 3. Database Event Triggers

- Fire on database events (LOGON, LOGOFF, STARTUP, SHUTDOWN)

**Example: Logon trigger**

```
CREATE OR REPLACE TRIGGER logon_trigger  
AFTER LOGON ON DATABASE  
BEGIN  
  INSERT INTO login_audit VALUES (USER, SYSDATE);  
END;
```

### Trigger Example: Auto-calculate total marks

```
CREATE OR REPLACE TRIGGER calculate_student_marks  
BEFORE INSERT OR UPDATE ON Student_marks  
FOR EACH ROW  
BEGIN  
  :NEW.Total := :NEW.Sub1 + :NEW.Sub2 + :NEW.Sub3;  
  :NEW.Average := (:NEW.Sub1 + :NEW.Sub2 + :NEW.Sub3) / 3;  
END;
```

## Practice Questions & Solutions

**Practice Question 1: Write a PL/SQL block to find employee with highest salary**

**DECLARE**

v\_emp\_name Employees.name%TYPE;

v\_max\_salary Employees.salary%TYPE;

**BEGIN**

**SELECT** name, salary **INTO** v\_emp\_name, v\_max\_salary

**FROM** Employees

**WHERE** salary = (**SELECT MAX**(salary) **FROM** Employees);

DBMS\_OUTPUT.PUT\_LINE('Highest paid employee: ' || v\_emp\_name);

DBMS\_OUTPUT.PUT\_LINE('Salary: ' || v\_max\_salary);

**EXCEPTION**

**WHEN** NO\_DATA\_FOUND **THEN**

DBMS\_OUTPUT.PUT\_LINE('No employees found');

**WHEN** TOO\_MANY\_ROWS **THEN**

DBMS\_OUTPUT.PUT\_LINE('Multiple employees with same salary');

**END;**

**Practice Question 2: Create a trigger to maintain department employee count**

```

CREATE OR REPLACE TRIGGER maintain_dept_count
AFTER INSERT OR DELETE OR UPDATE OF dept_id ON Emplo
FOR EACH ROW
BEGIN
    -- For INSERT
    IF INSERTING THEN
        UPDATE Departments
        SET emp_count = emp_count + 1
        WHERE dept_id = :NEW.dept_id;

    -- For DELETE
    ELSIF DELETING THEN
        UPDATE Departments
        SET emp_count = emp_count - 1
        WHERE dept_id = :OLD.dept_id;

    -- For UPDATE (department change)
    ELSIF UPDATING AND :OLD.dept_id != :NEW.dept_id THEN
        UPDATE Departments SET emp_count = emp_count - 1
        WHERE dept_id = :OLD.dept_id;

        UPDATE Departments SET emp_count = emp_count + 1
        WHERE dept_id = :NEW.dept_id;
    END IF;
END;

```

## Exam Tips for PL/SQL

### Common Mistakes to Avoid:

1. **Forgetting exception handling** in production code
2. **Not closing cursors** explicitly
3. **Using SELECT without INTO** in PL/SQL
4. **Mutating table errors** in triggers
5. **Infinite loops** in procedural code



## **Writing Style in Exams:**

- Always include exception handling section
- Use meaningful variable names
- Comment complex logic
- Show both successful and error scenarios
- Mention performance considerations

## **Important PL/SQL Features to Remember:**

- **%TYPE** and **%ROWTYPE** for variable declaration
- **BULK COLLECT** for better performance
- **FORALL** for bulk DML operations
- **Autonomous transactions** for independent commits
- **Package specifications and bodies**

## **Marking Scheme for PL/SQL Questions:**

- **Correct Syntax:** 25%
- **Logic Implementation:** 30%
- **Exception Handling:** 15%
- **Code Efficiency:** 15%
- **Explanation Quality:** 15%

**Final Tip:** Practice writing PL/SQL blocks with different scenarios – data validation, complex calculations, error handling, and database triggers. Understand when to use cursors versus bulk operations for optimal performance.