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1) What should be a resulting value of a view function?

A web response (HTML) to the browser

2) Which QuerySet function can you use to sort the results according to some criteria?

order_by function. e.g. order_by('owner') to sort by ownerfield and order_by('-owner') sorts in the reverse order.

3) What is a transaction?

It is a sequence of executions of SQL-statements that is atomic with respect to recovery.

4) Which QuerySet function can you use to retrieve the object matching certain criteria?

filter function to set particular conditions and also, exclude function to exclude objects matching specific conditions.

eg. c = Car.objects. filter (owner = 'John')

retrieves the Car object which has 'John' as its owner.

c = Car.objects. filter (owner = 'John')

excludes the Car object which has 'John' as its owner.