

Day 4: Pandas Basics – Assignment (40 Marks)

You've learned how to create tables (DataFrames), inspect them, check their structure, and compute summaries with aggregation. This assignment tests your grasp with different question types—fill-in-the-blank, matching, true/false, short answers, and hands-on coding based on real-life scenarios. Show all steps and answers clearly.

Section A: Fill in the Blanks $(8 \times 1 = 8 \text{ Marks})$

pd.DataFrame(...) creates a ______ (pandas object that stores table data).
 df.head(n) shows the first ___ rows of the DataFrame.
 df.shape returns a tuple (___,___) representing rows and columns.
 df.columns lists the _____ names.
 df.dtypes shows each column's _____.
 To compute summary stats like sum or mean on your table, you use df.___().
 df.groupby('col') first _____ the rows by the values in col.

8. After grouping, you call <code>.agg({'col':'sum'})</code> to _____ the values in that column.

Section B: Match the Columns ($6 \times 1 = 6$ Marks)

Match **Column A** with the best description in **Column B**. Write the letter (a–f) next to each number (9–14).

Column A	Column B
9. df.head()	a. Removes rows with missing values
10. df.dropna()	b. Shows column names
11. df.columns	c. Computes summary statistics like sum, mean, max
12. df.agg()	d. Shows the first few rows
13. df.groupby('col')	e. Shows data type of each column
14. df.dtypes	f. Splits the DataFrame into groups based on one column

Section C: True or False $(6 \times 1 = 6 \text{ Marks})$

Write **T** for true, **F** for false:

- 15. df.shape returns (rows, columns).
- 16. df.tail() shows the first 5 rows by default.
- 17. After df.groupby('city'), you can call agg() to summarize each city's data.
- 18. df.fillna(0) removes all rows with missing values.
- 19. df.describe() gives count, mean, min, max for numeric columns.
- 20. df.info() shows row count, column names, and data types.

Section D: Short-Answer Theory ($5 \times 2 = 10 \text{ Marks}$)

Answer in 1-2 sentences each.

- 21. What is a DataFrame?
- 22. Why do we use df.head() before any analysis?
- 23. Explain why checking df.dtypes is important.
- 24. How does df.groupby() help when you have categories?
- 25. When would you use df.agg() instead of individual .sum() or .mean() calls?

Section E: Practical Coding (Real-Life Scenarios) ($2 \times 5 = 10$ Marks)

E1: Weekly Milk Sales (5 Marks)

A dairy shop records litres of milk sold each day:

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csharp
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[10, 12, 9, 11, 13, 8, 14]
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• Tasks:

- 1. Create a DataFrame with columns day (Mon, Tue, ..., Sun) and litres.
- 2. Display the first 3 rows.
- 3. Print the DataFrame's shape, columns, and dtypes.

Show your code and its output.

E2: Monthly Expenses Summary (5 Marks)

You track your January expenses:

category	amount (₹)
rent	15 000
food	8 000
utilities	2 000
transport	3 000

Tasks:

- 1. Create a DataFrame with this data.
- 2. Use a single pandas command to compute **total**, **average**, **maximum**, and **minimum** expense.
- 3. Print the results clearly.

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The 90-Minute Coding Rule

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This rule helps you power through complex coding tasks (like your pandas assignment) in one solid, deep-work session. Here's how it works:

1. Set a Clear Intention (5 minutes)

- Pick one goal: "Finish Section A-D of the pandas assignment."
- Write it down on paper or a sticky note.
- Remove distractions: silence phone, close email tabs, clear desk.

2. Deep-Work Block (80 minutes)

Your brain does best in ~90-minute rhythms. We'll use 80 minutes of focused coding, divided into mini-phases:

Phase	Duration	What to Do
A. Plan & Warm-Up	5 min	Read instructions; open your Python editor
B. Section A	10 min	Fill in the blanks (8 Q's)
C. Section B	10 min	Match the columns (6 Q's)
D. Section C	10 min	True/False (6 Q's)
E. Section D	15 min	Short theory answers (5 Q's)
F. Section E1	20 min	Code "Weekly Milk Sales" (5 marks)
G. Section E2	20 min	Code "Monthly Expenses Summary" (5 marks)

3. Reflection & Wrap-Up (5 minutes)

- **Review** your answers and code.
- Fix any typos or logic errors.

Save and submit your work.

4. Take a Break (at 90 minutes)

- Walk, stretch, get water.
- You've earned it!

Why This Works

- 1. **Biological Peak:** Our brains cycle about every 90 min—from alert to tired. Use the first 80 min when you're sharp.
- 2. **Single-Task Focus:** By sticking to one assignment, you avoid "context switching" (jumping between tasks), which kills productivity.
- 3. **Micro-Phase Planning:** Breaking 80 min into 7 clear steps keeps you motivated—each mini-goal feels achievable.
- 4. **Built-In Review:** The final 5 min reflection catches small mistakes before they count against you.
- 5. **Energy Management:** A proper break prevents burnout and resets your focus for the next task.

Detailed Roadmap Example

Time	Task	Tip
0–5 min	Prepare : Read assignment, open editor	Keep your intention note visible.
5–15 min	Section A: Fill in the blanks (8 Q's)	Work quickly—you know these definitions well.
15-25 min	Section B: Match columns (6 Q's)	Trust your first instinct on pairs.
25-35 min	Section C: True/False (6 Q's)	Answer directly—no overthinking.
35-50 min	Section D: Theory (5 Q's)	One or two clear sentences each.
50-70 min	Section E1: Weekly Milk Sales (5 m)	Write code step-by-step; test after each line.

70-90 min	Section E2: Monthly Expenses Summary	Use .agg() once for all stats; print clearly.
90 min	Break!	Step away and celebrate your progress.

Follow this 90-Minute Coding Rule, and you'll finish the assignment in one focused burst—no stress, no distractions, just clear progress. Good luck, Sagar!



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