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Day 2/30 - Data Engineering Challenge

Difficulty Level: Easy

Today, we're building on yesterday's fundamentals and pushing a bit further! Let's test your SQL, Python, ETL transformations, and data modeling concepts

SQL Challenge - Day 2/30

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🚀 Concept Focus: Window Functions & Ranking

📌 Topic: Using ROW_NUMBER() to rank employee salaries

? What will be the output of this SQL query?

Employee Salary Ranking Query

```
✓ SELECT name, salary,  
       ROW_NUMBER() OVER (PARTITION BY department ORDER BY salary DESC) as rank  
FROM employees;
```

- ☒ A) Assigns a rank to each employee within a department
- ☐ B) Counts total employees
- ☐ C) Generates unique numbers across all employees
- ☐ D) SQL Error

💡 Hint: Window functions allow row ranking within partitions, useful for leaderboard-style queries.

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 Concept Focus: Dictionary Operations & Mutability

 Topic: Understanding how Python dictionaries behave when assigned to another variable


? What will be the output of this Python code?

✕ Dictionary Modification ▾

```
1 dict_1 = {'a': 1, 'b': 2}
2 dict_2 = dict_1
3 dict_2['c'] = 3
4 print(dict_1)
5
6
7
```

? What will be the output?

- ☒ A) {'a': 1, 'b': 2}
- ☒ B) {'a': 1, 'b': 2, 'c': 3}
- ☒ C) {'c': 3}
- ☒ D) Error

 Hint: Dictionaries, like lists, are mutable and passed by reference. Changes in dict_2 affect dict_1.

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📌 Concept Focus: Data Cleaning & Transformation

🔍 Topic: Identifying and handling duplicate records in an ETL pipeline

? What is the best way to remove duplicates from a dataset before loading it into a data warehouse?

- Ⓐ A) Use DISTINCT in SQL queries
- Ⓑ B) Apply a GROUP BY operation with aggregation
- Ⓒ C) Deduplicate at the source system before ingestion
- Ⓓ D) All of the above

💡 Hint: Different use cases need different deduplication strategies!

🔍 Drop your answer below!

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📌 Concept Focus: Many-to-Many Relationships

🔍 Topic: How do you properly model a many-to-many relationship in a relational database?

? Which approach correctly models a many-to-many relationship between students and courses?

- Ⓐ A) Adding a course_id column in the students table
- Ⓑ B) Adding a student_id column in the courses table
- Ⓒ C) Creating a student_courses junction table
- Ⓓ D) Using only foreign keys without a separate table

💡 Hint: Think about how one student can enroll in multiple courses & vice versa!

🔍 Drop your answer below!

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