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**SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**  
**October, 2013 Examination**

**Course Code:** DAM 461

**Time:** 3hrs

**Course Title:** Statistical Database System

**Course Credit Unit:** 3

**Instruction:** Answer any five (5) questions. Each question carries 14 marks

- 1a. Define Database. (5 Marks)
- 1b. Define Database Management Systems. (5 Marks)
- 1c. List four (4) functions of a current generation of Database Management System. (4 Marks)
- 2a. List and explain five (5) characteristics of database approach. (5 Marks)
- 2b. Define the following terms describing their roles. (2 Marks Each)
- Database Administrator
  - Database Designer
  - End user
- 2c. List implications of database approach. (3 Marks)
- 3a. Give five (5) advantages of database management systems. (5 Marks)
- 3b. Define Data Model. (5 Marks)
- 3c. List 3 categories of Data Structures (1 Mark each)
- 4a. Define Data Independence. (5 Marks)
- 4b. What is a decision tree? (5 Marks)
- 4c. What is Partitioning? (4 Marks)
- 5a. Using a diagram describe a Schema. (14 Marks)

- 6a. Define data architecture (5 Marks)
- 6b. Define each of the three levels of three schema architecture. (2 Marks each)
- 6c. list three specialized servers (3 Marks)
- 7a. There are two levels of data independence list and explain. (10 Marks)
- 7b. List the two categories of database management systems language. (4 Marks)