amazon

Data Analyst interview Questions (2025)

🔷 **SQL Questions (1–7)**

1. Find customers who purchased more than 3 times in the last month.

SELECT customer_id, COUNT(*) AS purchase_count

FROM orders

WHERE order_date >= DATEADD(month, -1, GETDATE())

GROUP BY customer_id

HAVING COUNT(*) > 3;

2. Write a query to find the second highest salary.

SELECT MAX(salary)

FROM employees

WHERE salary < (SELECT MAX(salary) FROM employees);

3. What is the difference between RANK(), DENSE_RANK(), and ROW_NUMBER()?

- RANK(): Skips numbers after ties.
- DENSE_RANK(): No gaps in ranking.
- ROW_NUMBER(): Unique sequential number regardless of ties.

4. Find duplicate records in a table.

SELECT customer_id, COUNT(*)

FROM customers

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GROUP BY customer_id
HAVING COUNT(*) > 1;
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5. What's the difference between WHERE and HAVING?

- WHERE: Filters before aggregation.

- HAVING: Filters after aggregation.

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6. Get the average order value for each customer.

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SELECT customer_id, AVG(order_amount) AS avg_value
FROM orders
GROUP BY customer_id;
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7. How do you optimize a slow SQL query?

- Create indexes

- Avoid SELECT *

- Use EXPLAIN PLAN

- Limit subqueries

- Partition large tables

🐍 Python & Pandas Questions (8–12)

8. Drop missing values from a DataFrame.

```
df.dropna(inplace=True)
```

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9. Group by and calculate total sales by region.

```
df.groupby("Region")["Sales"].sum()
```

10. Find outliers using the IQR method.

```
Q1 = df['amount'].quantile(0.25)

Q3 = df['amount'].quantile(0.75)

IQR = Q3 - Q1

outliers = df[(df['amount'] < Q1 - 1.5*IQR) | (df['amount'] > Q3 + 1.5*IQR)]
```

11. Merge two DataFrames.

```
pd.merge(df1, df2, on='customer_id', how='inner')
```

12. How do you handle large datasets in Python?

- Use dask or modin for parallel processing
- Load data in chunks with read_csv(chunksize=10000)
- Optimize data types (e.g., convert object to category)

📊 Excel/Power BI Questions (13–15)

13. What Excel functions do you use in analysis?

- VLOOKUP, INDEX-MATCH
- IF, IFS, SUMIFS, COUNTIFS
- Pivot Tables, Charts, Slicers

14. Difference between Calculated Column and Measure in Power BI?

- Column: Calculated row-by-row and stored.
- Measure: Calculated at query time (more efficient for aggregations).

15. What are slicers and filters in Power BI?

- Slicers: Visual tools for filtering.

- Filters: Apply filtering at report, page, or visual level.

📈 **Business Case & Product Questions (16–19)**

16. What metrics would you track for Amazon delivery performance?

- On-Time Delivery Rate

- Average Delivery Time

- Return Rate

- Customer Satisfaction Score

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17. Design a dashboard to monitor sales performance.

Metrics:

- Total Sales, Profit

- Orders by Region/Category

- Top-Selling Products

- Filters: Time, Region, Category

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18. How would you reduce cart abandonment on Amazon?

- Analyze drop-off steps in checkout funnel

- A/B test different UX changes

- Use ML model to predict high-risk customers

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19. How would you evaluate if a new feature increased sales?

- Use A/B Testing

- Pre/post analysis of KPIs

- Control for seasonality and external factors

🧪 A/B Testing Questions (20–21)

20. Explain p-value in A/B testing.

- Probability of seeing the observed difference (or more extreme) under the null hypothesis.

- A low p-value (e.g. < 0.05) suggests the difference is statistically significant.

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21. How would you calculate statistical significance in Python?

```
from scipy.stats import ttest_ind

t_stat, p_val = ttest_ind(group_A, group_B)
```

💼 Behavioral (Leadership Principles) (22–25)

22. Tell me about a time you used data to solve a business problem.

In my previous project, I used Power BI to identify why return rates were high in one region. After root-cause analysis, we changed the vendor, reducing returns by 30%.

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23. Describe a time when you had to dive deep.

I noticed a discrepancy in weekly revenue numbers. I traced it to a duplicate data load and wrote a validation script to catch it before dashboard refresh.

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24. Tell me about a time you took ownership.

When a data pipeline broke, even though I wasn't the owner, I debugged it and restored the process to avoid dashboard downtime.

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25. Have you ever disagreed with your manager about a decision?

Yes, we disagreed on the metric to use for campaign success. I backed my point with data and showed how conversion rate was a more accurate metric than just clicks.

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