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**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
2020/2021 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**MAIN EXAMINATIONS
YEAR TWO SEMESTER ONE EXAMINATIONS**

**FOR THE DEGREE OF
BACHELORS OF SCIENCE
(INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY)**

COURSE CODE: BIT 212

COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO DATABASES

DATE: 18/06/2021

TIME: 2.00 P.M. – 4.00 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) [30 MARKS]

- a) What is the difference between a Database system and DBMS? [2 Marks]
- b) What is data independence and why is it important? [3 Marks]
- c) Explain TWO limitations of File-based Systems. [4 Marks]
- d) A schema defined for Employee Management System is:

Employee: EmpID, Name, Address, Department, Designation, Salary
Department: DepartID, DepartName, HeadID

- i. State the Entities present within the Employee Management System. [2 Marks]
- ii. State two primary keys that would be appropriate for the relations stated in (i) above. [2 Marks]
- iii. Explain how you would enforce entity integrity and referential integrity in the database above. [4 Marks]
- iv. Write SQL statement for the following:
 - I. Retrieve the details of employee who gets the maximum salary. [4marks]
 - II. List names of all employee who earn more than KSH. 200,000 [4 Marks]
 - III. Give the name of the employee who heads the department where employee with EmpID 3 works. [5 Marks]

QUESTION TWO [20 MARKS]

- a) What do you understand by the term concurrency control as used in transaction management? [2 Marks]
- b) What is the difference between a shared lock and exclusive lock? [2 Marks]
- c) Discuss two main concurrency control techniques that allow transactions to execute safely in parallel subject to certain constraints. [6 Marks]
- d)
 - I) what is a deadlock as applied to database transactions? [2 Marks]
 - II) Explain **THREE** deadlock control techniques? [6 Marks]
 - III) Which of the above deadlock control techniques would you recommend in the event:
 - i. The probability of a deadlock occurring is high? [1 Mark]
 - ii. The probability of a deadlock occurring is low? [1 Mark]

QUESTION THREE [20 MARKS]

- a) What is meant by the term data abstraction as used in databases? [2 Marks]
- b) Discuss **THREE** Levels of data abstraction. [6 Marks]
- c) Explain the two types of data independence in databases [4 Marks]
- d) Explain your understanding of the following E-R Model Basic Concepts
- i. Entity sets [2 Marks]
 - ii. Relationship sets [2 Marks]
 - iii. Attributes. [2 Marks]
 - iv. Multi-valued Attribute [2 Marks]

QUESTION FOUR [20 MARKS]

- a) Discuss **FIVE** components of the database system environment [10 Marks]
- b) Explain **FIVE** advantages of Database Approach [10 Marks]

QUESTION FIVE [20 MARKS]

- a) Consider the following database table and answer the questions that follow:

Table – Worker

WORKER_ID	FIRST_NAME	LAST_NAME	SALARY	JOINING_DATE	DEPARTMENT
001	Monika	Arora	100000	2014-02-20 09:00:00	HR
002	Niharika	Verma	80000	2014-06-11 09:00:00	Admin
003	Vishal	Singhal	300000	2014-02-20 09:00:00	HR
004	Amitabh	Singh	500000	2014-02-20 09:00:00	Admin
005	Vivek	Bhati	500000	2014-06-11 09:00:00	Admin
006	Vipul	Diwan	200000	2014-06-11 09:00:00	Account
007	Satish	Kumar	75000	2014-01-20 09:00:00	Account
008	Geetika	Chauhan	90000	2014-04-11 09:00:00	Admin

- i) From the table, give an example of a tuple and an attribute value. [2 Marks]
- ii) What is the data type of the attribute 'JOINING_DATE'? [2 Marks]
- b) Write an SQL query to create the table shown above. [3 Marks]
- c) Implement a Query to insert the first-row data into worker table. [4 Marks]
- d) Write an SQL query to fetch "FIRST_NAME" from Worker table using the alias name as <WORKER_NAME>. [3 Marks]
- e) Write an SQL query to fetch "FIRST_NAME" from Worker table in upper case. [3 Marks]
- f) Write an SQL query to fetch unique values of DEPARTMENT from Worker table. [3 Marks]