

EC3119 DATABASE

TEST MARKING SCHEME

SECTION A (20 Marks)

Answer only One (1) Question

Question 1

a) Describe the limitation of early file-based system. (5 Marks)

Answer

Limitation of file Based system

- Separation and isolation of data
- Duplication of data
- Data dependence
- Incompatible file formats
- Fixed queries of application program

(Each point = 1 marks)

b) List out the **five (5)** advantages of database system. (5 Marks)

Answer

Advantages of Database System (any five only)

- Control of data redundancy
- Data consistency
- More information from the same amount of data
- Sharing of data
- Improved data integrity
- Improved security
- Enforcement of standards
- Economy of scale
- Balance conflicting requirements
- Improved data accessibility and responsiveness
- Increase productivity
- Improved maintenance through data independence
- Increased concurrency
- Improved backup and recovery services

(Each point = 1 marks)

c) Explain the use of cardinality in ER model.

(6 Marks)

Answer

Cardinality

- The number of entity type, which is involved in a relationship. (2 m)
- One-to-One (1:1) (1m)
- One-to-Many (1:M) (1m)
- Many-to-Many (M:N) (2m)

d) Describe the entity integrity. (4 Marks)

Entity Integrity:

- Each instance of an entity must have a unique primary key value. (1m)
- No part of primary key may be null. (1m)
- Each entity will have a unique identity. (1m)
- Foreign key values can properly refer to primary key values. (1m)

Question 2

a) Describe database security. Discuss the roles of the data administrator and database administrator.

(4+4=8 Marks)

Answer

Database security

- Mechanisms that protect the database against intentional or accidental threats. (2m)
- Focus on hardware, software, people and data. (2m)

Roles

- Data administrator: management and control of corporate data (2m)
- Database administrator: management and control of physical realization of a database system. (2m)

b) Why we need normalization? Explain the difference between functional dependency and transitive dependency.

(6+6 Marks)

Answer

Normalization:

- Accurate representation of the data, relationships and constraints. (2m)
- To group attributes into relations. (1m)
- To minimize data redundancy. (1m)
- To reduce file storage space required by base relations. (1m)
- To manage update anomalies. (1m)

Functional dependency:

- Describes relationship between attributes in a relation. (1m)
- If each value of A in R is associated with exactly one value of B in R, B is functionally dependent on A. (2m)

Transitive Dependency:

- $A \rightarrow B$ and $B \rightarrow C$, then C is transitively dependent on A via B where A, B and C are attributes of a relation. (3m)

Question 3

a) Describe the conceptual database design. Discuss the differences between the primary key and the foreign key.

(4+4 Marks)

Answer

Conceptual database design

- The process of constructing a model of the data used in an organization independent of all physical considerations. (2m)
- Focus on ER model. (2m)

Difference

The primary key is the candidate key that is selected to identify tuples uniquely within a relation (2m).

A foreign key is an attribute or set of attributes within one relation that matches the candidate key of some (possibly the same) relation (2m).

- b) Why database planning needed? Explain the process of logical design and physical design. (4+8 Marks)

Answer

Database Planning: (any four 1X4=4 m)

- To create the mission statement and mission objectives for the database system. (1m)
- To integrate the overall information system strategy of the organization. (1m)
- To provide the way of data collection methodology. (1m)
- To provide the specific format. (1m)
- To identify the necessary documentation. (1m)
- To provide the way of implementation. (1m)

Logical Design:

- Create table on the basis of ER diagram. (1m)
- Check table structure using normalization. (1m)
- Check that the tables support user transactions. (1m)
- Check integrity constraints. (1m)

Physical Design:

- Translate the logical database design for target DBMS. (1m)
- Choose file organizations and indexes. (1m)
- Design user views and security mechanism. (1m)
- Monitor and tune the operational system. (1m)

SECTION B (30 Marks)

Answer all the following questions.

The following tables form part of a database held in a relational DBMS.

Student (Student_ID, Name, Address, Phone)
Subject (Subject_ID, Subject_Name)
Test (Test_ID, Test_Name, Full_Marks)
Mark (Subject_ID, Test_ID, Student_ID, Obtain_Marks)

where

- Student contains student details and Student_ID is the primary key.
- Subject contains subject details and Subject_ID is the primary key.
- Test contains details of the marking scheme and the Test_ID is the primary key.
- Mark contains marks detail obtained by student and the primary key comprises Subject_ID, Test_ID, Student_ID.

Construct an SQL statement to answer the following queries.

- a) List full details of all students.

(2 Marks)

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SELECT *FROM Student;
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- b) Delete contains of Test table.

(2 Marks)

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DELETE FROM Test;
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- c) Insert the following record into **Test** table.

Test_ID	Test_Name	Full_Marks
T1	Assignment I	10
T2	Assignment II	20
T3	Test	10

(6 Marks)

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INSERT INTO Test VALUES ('T1','Assignment I',10); (2m)
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INSERT INTO Test VALUES ('T2','Assignment II',20); (2m)
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INSERT INTO Test VALUES ('T3','Test',10); (2m)
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- d) List all Student_ID and Obtain_Marks who obtained more than **five (5)** marks in T1 test with Subject_ID equals **DB**, in descending order of Obtain_Marks.

(6 Marks)

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SELECT Student_ID, Obtain_Marks FROM Mark WHERE Obtain_Marks > 5 and Test_ID='T1' and Subject_ID='DB' order by Obtain_Marks desc ;
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- e) How many students receive exactly **ten (10)** marks in **T1** test of Subject_ID **DB**?

(4 Marks)

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SELECT COUNT(*) FROM Mark WHERE Test_ID='T1' and Subject_ID='DB' and  
Obtain_Marks = 10 ;
```

- f) List the name and phone number of student whose name starts from 'S'? (2 Marks)

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SELECT Name, Phone FROM Student WHERE Name like 'S%'
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- g) Display the student_ID and total marks obtained by student in all the subject in the order of obtained marks from highest to lowest.

(8 Marks)

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SELECT Student_ID, SUM(Obtain_Marks) as TotalMarks FROM Mark GROUP BY  
Student_ID order by Total_Marks DESC;
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