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**FOURTH SEMESTER B.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION
APRIL/MAY 2015**

(UG-CCSS)

Core Course—Computer Science

CS 4B 07—FUNDAMENTALS OF DATABASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

(2012 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

I. Answer all *twelve* questions :

1. The DBMS software together with data is called a _____.
2. Duplication of data in a database is called _____.
3. The ability to modify a schema definition in one level without affecting the schema definition in the next higher level is called _____.
4. The collection of all entities of a particular entity type in the database at any point in time called _____.
5. _____ specifies the predefined set of possible values an attribute can take.
6. The maximum number of relationship instances that an entity can participate in a binary relationship determines its _____.
7. _____ option in a DROP command enables us to remove the database schema and all its tables, domains and other elements.
8. The cardinality of the resultant relation of a Cartesian product operation on two relations with cardinality of 5 and 6 each is _____.
9. The operator used for string pattern matching in SQL is _____.
10. The aggregate function used to find the total number of records of a table is _____.
11. The command used to delete a table is _____.
12. _____ represents a logical unit of a database processing that access and updates various data items in a database.

(12 × ¼ = 3 weightage)

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II. Answer all *nine* questions :

- 13 What is physical data independence ?
- 14 Distinguish between strong and weak entity sets.
- 15 What do you mean by a view ?
- 16 Name any *four* column constraints.
- 17 Compare DDL and DML.
- 18 Write the syntax of ALTER TABLE command.
- 19 Explain about the UNION operation.
- 20 What is a lock? Name the type of locks used in concurrency control.
- 21 Explain lossless join decomposition.

(9 × 1 = 9 weight)

III. Answer any *five* questions :

- 22 Describe the characteristics of a database approach.
- 23 Explain about various aggregate functions available in SQL.
- 24 Write short notes on granting and revoking privileges.
- 25 Define an integrity constraint. What is the role of a foreign key in maintaining integrity ?
- 26 What are the types of locks ? Explain them in brief.
- 27 Differentiate between DBMS and OODBMS.
- 28 Distinguish between serial schedule and serializable schedule.

(5 × 2 = 10 weight)

IV. Answer any *two* questions :

29. (a) Briefly explain the architecture of a DBMS.
(b) How relational calculus differs from relational algebra ? Explain with suitable examples.
30. Draw an ER diagram for a library database system. Identify the appropriate entities, attributes and relationships.
31. (a) Briefly explain about main concepts used in object oriented databases.
(b) Distinguish between lock-based protocols and timestamp-based protocols.

(2 × 4 = 8 weight)