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APJ ABDUL KALAM TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY
THIRD SEMESTER MCA DEGREE EXAMINATION, DECEMBER 2018

Course Code: RLMCA205

Course Name: DATABASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

Max. Marks: 60

Duration: 3 Hours

PART A

Answer all questions, each carries 3 marks.

Marks

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| 1 | With the help of a diagram explain the different levels of data abstraction? | (3) |
| 2 | What is Theta join operation. Define natural join operation giving an example. | (3) |
| 3 | Distinguish between HAVING and WHERE clause in SQL with example? | (3) |
| 4 | Write down the general form of schema definition in SQL? Give an example. | (3) |
| 5 | Define BCNF? Why is it rarely used than 3NF? | (3) |
| 6 | Which are the main axioms of functional dependencies? | (3) |
| 7 | What is starvation in concurrent transaction execution? | (3) |
| 8 | Describe the importance of timestamps in concurrency control? How timestamps are created? | (3) |

PART B

Answer six questions, one full question from each module and carries 6 marks.

Module I

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| 9 | Write briefly on any six advantages of database approach over conventional file based approach. | (6) |
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| 10 | How specialization differs from generalization? Explain with the help of an E-R diagram? | (6) |
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Module II

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| 11 | What is the need for <i>outer join</i> operation in relational algebra. Explain various outer join operations. | (6) |
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| 12 | Write on any six fundamental operations in relational algebra, giving examples. | (6) |
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Module III

- 13 List and explain the various components of SQL language? (6)

OR

- 14 Illustrate Union, Intersection and Difference operations in SQL. How are they done with nested subquery. Give examples. (6)

Module IV

- 15 Consider the schema $R = (A, B, C, D, E)$ together with the functional dependencies: (6)

$A \rightarrow C$

$A, B \rightarrow D$

$C, D \rightarrow E$

Suppose we decompose R into $R_1 = (A, B, C, D)$ and $R_2 = (A, D, E)$ Prove that this decomposition is a losslessjoin decomposition.

OR

- 16 Consider the following table *staff(name, dept, dept_loc)*. Whether the above table is in 3NF? If not, state all anomalies of it and change to 3NF? (6)

name	dept	dept_loc
smith	402	100
jones	401	200
turner	400	200
king	402	100
olson	401	200

Module V

- 17 What is conflict serializability? Explain how to determine whether a schedule is conflict serializable or not. (6)

OR

- 18 Write on various possible states of transactions and ACID properties? (6)

Module VI

- 19 “Frequent Pattern Tree Algorithm uses association rules”. Justify the statement? (6)

OR

- 20 Distinguish between data mining and data warehousing. (6)
