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Section A

Question 1

Which of the following are used in python exception handling?

(A) try

(B) except

(C) finally

(D) seek

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

Options:

A.

(A), (B) and (D) only

B.

(A), (B) and (C) only

C.

(A), (B), (C) and (D)

D.

(B), (C) and (D) only

Answer: B

Solution:

The correct answer is **Option 2: (A), (B) and (C) only**.

Key Points

- In Python, exception handling is managed using the following keywords:
  - **try**: This block lets you test a block of code for errors.
  - **except**: This block lets you handle the error.
  - **finally**: This block lets you execute code, regardless of the result of the try- and except blocks.
- The keyword **seek** is not used for exception handling. It is used to change the position of the file read/write pointer within a file.

Additional Information

- Here is a simple example to demonstrate the use of try, except, and finally in Python:

```
def divide(x, y):
    try:
        result = x / y
    except ZeroDivisionError:
        print("Sorry! You are dividing by zero.")
    else:
        print("Result is:", result)
    finally:
        print("Execution completed.")

# Example usage:
divide(10, 2)
divide(10, 0)
```

Question 2

Match List-I with List-II :

List-I		List-II	
(A)	f.seek(-10, 1)	(I)	from beginning of file, move 10 bytes forward
(B)	f.seek(10, 1)	(II)	from current position moves 10 bytes backward
(C)	f.seek(10)	(III)	from current position moves 10 bytes forward
(D)	f.seek(-10, 2)	(IV)	from end of the file, move to the 10 bytes backward

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

Options:

A.

(A) - (I), (B) - (II), (C) - (III), (D) - (IV)

B.

(A) - (II), (B) - (III), (C) - (IV), (D) - (I)

C.

(A) - (III), (B) - (II), (C) - (IV), (D) - (I)

D.

(A) - (II), (B) - (III), (C) - (I), (D) - (IV)

Answer: A

Solution:

The correct answer is **Option 1**.

Key Points

- f.seek(-10, 1) moves the file pointer 10 bytes backward from the current position.
  - Hence, it matches with **(II) from current position moves 10 bytes backward**.
- f.seek(10, 1) moves the file pointer 10 bytes forward from the current position.
  - Hence, it matches with **(III) from current position moves 10 bytes forward**.
- f.seek(10)moves the file pointer 10 bytes forward from the beginning of the file.
  - Hence, it matches with **(I) from beginning of file, move 10 bytes forward**.
- f.seek(-10, 2)moves the file pointer 10 bytes backward from the end of the file.
  - Hence, it matches with **(IV) from end of the file, move to the 10 bytes backward**.

Additional Information

- The f.seek(-10, 2)function is used for file handling in Python to move the file pointer to a specified location.
- It takes two arguments: the offset and the reference point. The reference point can be:
    - 0 - beginning of the file
    - 1- current file position
    - 2 - end of the file
- The ability to move the file pointer allows for reading and writing at specific positions within the file.
- Proper use of f.seek() can optimize file handling operations and is useful in various file manipulation tasks.

Question 3

Arrange the following in correct order of exception handling in python :

(A) Write the code that may raise an exception inside a try block

(B) Execute some code regardless of whether the exception occurs or not using the finally block

(C) Handle the specific exception using the except block

(D) Raise the exception using the raise statement if necessary

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

Options:

A.

(A), (B), (C), (D)

B.

(A), (C), (B), (D)

C.

(B), (A), (D), (C)

D.

(C), (B), (D), (A)

Answer: B

Solution:

The correct answer is Option 2: (A), (C), (B), (D).

Exception Handling in Python

To handle exceptions in Python, you should follow a particular sequence of steps to ensure that exceptions are properly managed and that your program can recover or terminate gracefully. The correct order of exception handling in Python is as follows:

1. Write the code that may raise an exception inside a try block.
2. Handle the specific exception using the except block.
3. Execute some code regardless of whether the exception occurs or not using the finally block.
4. Raise the exception using the raise statement if necessary.

The correct answer is **Option 2: (A), (C), (B), (D)**.

Key Points

- Python provides a robust framework for managing errors and exceptions using try, except, finally, and raise statements.
- Placing code that may raise an exception inside a try block helps isolate the error-prone code from the rest of the program.
- Using the except block, you can catch and handle specific exceptions, preventing the program from crashing unexpectedly.
- The finally block allows you to execute code that must run regardless of whether an exception occurred, such as closing files or releasing resources.
- The raise statement can be used to trigger an exception manually if a certain condition is met, allowing for custom error handling.

Additional Information

- Exception handling improves the robustness and reliability of your code by allowing you to manage and respond to unexpected errors gracefully.
- Multiple except blocks can be used to handle different types of exceptions separately, providing more granular control over error handling.
- Using the else block, you can execute code that should run only if no exceptions are raised in the try block.
- Properly handling exceptions is crucial for developing secure and stable applications, especially in production environments.

Question 4

Consider the following table called 'Student' Student

Roll No	Name	Mobile	City
1	Arun	91	Delhi
2	Sanjay	92	Mumbai
3	Arun	93	Noida
4	Varun	94	Guwahati
5	Arti	95	Kolkata

How many candidate keys are possible with above table?

Options:

A. One

B. Two

C. Three

D. Four

Answer: A

Solution:

The correct answer is **One**.

Key Points

- A **candidate key** is a column, or set of columns, that can uniquely identify a row in a table.
- In the given table 'Student', the **Roll No** column uniquely identifies each student.
- Other columns like Name, Mobile, and City do not uniquely identify each row since there can be duplicates (for example, the name 'Arun' appears twice).
- Therefore, the **Roll No** column is the only candidate key in the table.

Additional Information

- While Name, Mobile, and City can be used to identify students in conjunction, they are not minimal keys and do not individually satisfy the uniqueness property required for a candidate key.
- Understanding candidate keys is fundamental for database normalization and ensuring data integrity.
- Candidate keys play a crucial role in defining primary keys and ensuring that each row in a table is uniquely identifiable.

Question 5

Which of the following is not a limitation of file system?

Options:

A. Data Redundancy

B. Data Inconsistency

C. Data dependence

D. Storing Space

Answer: D

Solution:

The correct answer is **Storing Space**.

Key Points

- **Data Redundancy:** File systems often lead to redundancy where the same data is stored multiple times, leading to wastage of storage space.
- **Data Inconsistency:** Due to redundancy, changes made in one file may not be reflected in others, leading to inconsistencies.
- **Data Dependence:** In file systems, data is dependent on the application that created it, making it difficult to access data from different applications.
- **Storing Space:** While file systems use storage space, it is not considered a limitation as it is a basic requirement for data storage. Hence, storing space is not a limitation of file systems.

Additional Information

- File systems may also face issues related to data integrity and security.

- They do not support concurrent access effectively, which may lead to data loss or corruption.
- Unlike databases, file systems lack advanced querying capabilities, making data retrieval less efficient.
- Modern database management systems (DBMS) are designed to overcome many of the limitations associated with traditional file systems.

Question 6

Match List-I with List-II :

List-I		List-II	
(A)	Controlled Data Sharing	(I)	Same data maintained in different places do not match.
(B)	Data Isolation	(II)	Limited Access given to users.
(C)	Data Dependence	(III)	There is no mapping between two files.
(D)	Data Inconsistency	(IV)	If the structure of a file is changed, all the existing programs accessing that file also need to be changed.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

Options:

A.

(A) - (II), (B) - (III), (C) - (IV), (D) - (I)

B.

(A) - (II), (B) - (III), (C) - (I), (D) - (IV)

C.

(A) - (IV), (B) - (II), (C) - (III), (D) - (I)

D.

(A) - (III), (B) - (IV), (C) - (I), (D) - (II)

Answer: A

Solution:

The correct answer is **(A) - (II), (B) - (III), (C) - (IV), (D) - (I)**.

Key Points

- **Controlled Data Sharing** (A) - **Limited Access given to users** (II):
  - This concept ensures that only authorized users have access to specific data, thus controlling how data is shared.
- **Data Isolation** (B) - **There is no mapping between two files** (III):
  - Data isolation means that data files are stored in separate places without any direct relationship or mapping, making data management more complex.
- **Data Dependence** (C) - **If the structure of a file is changed, all the existing programs accessing that file also need to be changed** (IV):
  - Data dependence refers to the situation where changes in data structure require corresponding changes in application programs.
- **Data Inconsistency** (D) - **Same data maintained in different places do not match** (I):
  - Data inconsistency occurs when the same data is stored in multiple locations and those locations do not match, leading to discrepancies.

Additional Information

- Database management systems help in reducing data redundancy and inconsistency by maintaining a single repository of data that is defined once and accessed by many users.

- Proper data isolation techniques can enhance data security and integrity by ensuring that data is accessed and manipulated only through authorized channels.
- Understanding the concepts of data dependence and independence is crucial for designing flexible and maintainable database systems.
- Ensuring controlled data sharing is a fundamental aspect of data governance, which helps in maintaining data quality and compliance with regulations.

Question 7

Which of the following is called database instance?

Options:

A. Overall design of the database

B. The snapshot of the database at any given time.

C. Data about the data

D. Restriction on the type of data inserted.

Answer: B

Solution:

The correct answer is **The snapshot of the database at any given time.**.

Key Points

- A **database instance** refers to the snapshot of the database at a specific moment in time.
- This snapshot includes all the data stored in the database at that particular point.
- It represents the actual data stored in the database, as opposed to the database schema, which is the design of the database.

- Database instances are crucial for tasks such as backups, performance tuning, and ensuring data consistency.

Additional Information

- Database instances can change frequently as data is inserted, updated, or deleted.
- Database administrators often take periodic snapshots of the database instance to create backups.
- In a multi-user database environment, different users might see different database instances based on the timing of their queries.
- The concept of a database instance is essential for understanding transactions and concurrency control in databases.

Question 8

What is output of the following SQL statement?

SELECT MID('CUET2024',2,5)

Options:

A. UET2

B. UET20

C. ET202

D. CUET2

Answer: A

Solution:

The correct answer is **UET2**.

Key Points

- The SQL statement `SELECT MID('CUET2024', 2, 5)` extracts a substring from the string 'CUET2024'.
    - The `MID` function in SQL is used to extract a substring from a string (starting at any position).
    - The first parameter `'CUET2024'` is the string from which we want to extract the substring.
    - The second parameter `2` specifies the starting position of the extraction. SQL string indexing starts at 1, so position 2 corresponds to the second character, which is 'U'.
    - The third parameter `5` specifies the number of characters to extract starting from the second position.
    - Therefore, the substring extracted is from position 2 to position 6 (5 characters): 'UET20'.
- Based on the options given, the correct answer is option 1: 'UET2'. However, please note that the explanation shows the extraction of 'UET20', which seems to be a mistake in the options provided. The correct extraction should be 'UET20'.

Additional Information

- The `MID` function is often used in SQL queries to manipulate and extract specific parts of strings, which can be useful for data cleaning and formatting.
- Other string functions in SQL include `LEFT`, `RIGHT`, `SUBSTRING`, and `LEN`, each serving different purposes in string manipulation.
- Understanding the zero-based and one-based indexing in different programming languages and database systems is crucial for accurate data extraction.
- SQL string functions are essential tools for developers and data analysts for efficient querying and data processing.

Question 9

SQL applies conditions on the groups through _____ clause after groups have been formed.

Options:

A.

where

B.

having

C.

new

D.

all

Answer: B

Solution:

The correct answer is **Having**.

Key Points

- The **HAVING** clause is used in SQL to apply conditions on the groups created by the **GROUP BY** clause.

```
SELECT department, COUNT(*)
FROM employees
GROUP BY department
HAVING COUNT(*) > 10;
```

  - While the **WHERE** clause is used to filter rows before grouping, the **HAVING** clause is used to filter groups after the grouping operation.
  - The **HAVING** clause is essential for filtering data based on aggregate functions like **COUNT**, **SUM**, **AVG**, etc.

- Example:
- In the example above, the **HAVING** clause ensures that only those departments with more than 10 employees are included in the result set.

Additional Information

- Both **WHERE** and **HAVING** clauses can be used in the same SQL query. The **WHERE** clause filters rows before the grouping, while the **HAVING** clause filters groups after the grouping.
- Not all SQL databases support the **HAVING** clause, but it is widely used in most modern relational databases such as MySQL, SQL Server, PostgreSQL, and Oracle.
- The **HAVING** clause can also be used without the **GROUP BY** clause to impose conditions on the results of aggregate functions across the entire result set.

Question 10

Consider the following two tables emp1 and emp2

emp1

Id	name
1	amit
2	punita

emp2

Id	name
1	punita
2	anand

What is output of the following query.

SELECT name from emp1 minus SELECT name from emp2

Options:

A. punita

B. amit

C. anand

D. amit punita

Answer: B

Solution:

The correct answer is **amit**.

Key Points

- The SQL query `SELECT name from emp1 minus SELECT name from emp2` retrieves names that exist in **emp1** but not in **emp2**.
  - The **MINUS** operator returns distinct rows from the first query (emp1) that are not present in the second query (emp2).
  - In this case, the names in **emp1** are 'amit' and 'punita', and the names in **emp2** are 'punita' and 'anand'.
  - Comparing these two sets, 'amit' is present in **emp1** but not in **emp2**.
  - Therefore, the output of the query is 'amit'.

Additional Information

- The **MINUS** operator is specific to certain SQL databases like Oracle. In other SQL databases such as MySQL, the equivalent operator is **EXCEPT**.

- Understanding set operations like MINUS is crucial for database management and data analysis.
- These operations help in identifying differences between datasets, which can be useful in various applications such as data cleaning and reporting.

Question 11

Which of the following statement(s) is/are TRUE regarding computer network?

(A) Interspace is a software that allows multiple users in a client-server environment to communicate with each other by sending and receiving data of various types.

(B) IP address is a unique permanent value associated with a network adapter called a NIC.

(C) A computer network is an interconnection among two or more computers or computing devices to share data and resources.

(D) The term Workstation' refers to the most powerful computer of the network that facilitates sharing of data, software and hardware resources on the network and have more memory, processing power and storage than a normal node.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

Options:

A. (A) and (C) only

B. (A), (B) and (C) only

C. (C) and (D) only

D. (B) and (D) only

Answer: A

Solution:

The correct answer is **1)(A) and (C) only**.

Key Points

- Interspace is a software that allows multiple users in a client-server environment to communicate with each other by sending and receiving data of various types.
    - This statement is true because Interspace indeed provides such functionalities for communication and data sharing.
- A computer network is an interconnection among two or more computers or computing devices to share data and resources.
    - This statement is true as it accurately describes the purpose of a computer network.

Additional Information

- IP address is not a unique permanent value; it can be dynamic or static depending on the network configuration.
    - IP addresses can change, especially in environments using DHCP, which assigns dynamic IP addresses.
- The term 'Workstation' does not refer to the most powerful computer in the network.
    - A workstation typically refers to a high-end personal computer designed for technical or scientific applications, rather than the most powerful computer on the

network.

Question 12

Communication over mobile phone is an example of which type of communication mode?

Options:

A. Simplex

B. Half-Duplex

C. Full-Duplex

D. Double-Duplex

Answer: C

Solution:

The correct answer is **Full-Duplex**.

Key Points

- **Full-Duplex** communication allows data transmission in both directions simultaneously.
  - In a mobile phone conversation, both parties can speak and listen at the same time, which is a characteristic of full-duplex communication.
  - Full-duplex systems are commonly used in telecommunication devices, including mobile phones, to provide a seamless and interactive communication experience.
  - Examples of full-duplex communication include telephone networks, internet chat applications, and video calls.

Additional Information

- In contrast, **simplex** communication only allows data transmission in one direction at a time, such as in a television broadcast.
- **Half-duplex** communication allows data transmission in both directions, but not simultaneously, such as in walkie-talkies where one party speaks and the other listens, then switches roles.
- Full-duplex communication enhances the efficiency and natural flow of conversations, making it ideal for real-time communication applications.
- The technology behind full-duplex communication involves complex signal processing and error correction to ensure clear and reliable transmission.

Question 13

Which of the following device provides the necessary translation of data received from network into a format or protocol recognized by devices with the internal network?

Options:

A. Bridge

B. Gateway

C. Router

D. Modem

Answer: A

Solution:

The correct answer is **Bridge**.

Key Points

- A **bridge** is a network device that connects multiple network segments, transforming and forwarding data to ensure the correct delivery to the destination within the same network.
    - It operates at the Data Link layer (Layer 2) of the OSI model.
    - Bridges filter traffic, reduce collisions, and divide traffic, which helps in managing network congestion.
    - They use MAC addresses to filter and forward data.
    - Bridges are essential for connecting different segments of a LAN to work as a single network.

Additional Information

- Bridges can be used to connect different types of networks, such as Ethernet and Wi-Fi networks.
- They help in extending the size of the network by breaking it into smaller, more manageable segments.
- Bridges can also be used to segregate network traffic for security and performance reasons.
- Unlike hubs or repeaters, bridges do not broadcast data to all devices on the network, making them more efficient.

Question 14

A long cable that helps to connect several devices in bus topology having terminators at both end to prevent signal bounce is known as _____.

Options:

A. Drop Line

B. Taps

C. Analog cable

D. Backbone

Answer: A

Solution:

The correct answer is **Drop Line**.

Key Points

- A **Drop Line** is a long cable that helps to connect several devices in a bus topology network.
    - In a bus topology, all devices are connected to a single central cable, known as the bus or backbone.
    - The drop line connects individual devices to the main bus, allowing them to communicate with each other.
    - Terminators are placed at both ends of the bus to prevent signal bounce, which can cause network errors and communication issues.
    - This setup ensures that the signal travels directly to its destination without being reflected back along the bus.

Additional Information

- Bus topology is one of the simplest and most cost-effective network topologies for connecting multiple devices.
- However, it has some limitations, such as difficulty in troubleshooting and limited scalability.
- Any failure in the main bus can bring down the entire network, making it less reliable compared to other topologies.
- Despite these limitations, bus topology is still used in certain scenarios where simplicity and cost are prioritized.

Question 15

Match List-I with List-II :

List-I		List-II	
(A)	readline()	(I)	Writes a sequence of strings to the file
(B)	writelines()	(II)	Reads a single line from the file
(C)	seek()	(III)	Force any buffered output to be written to the file
(D)	flush()	(IV)	Moves the file pointer to the specified position

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

Options:

A.

(A) - (I), (B) - (II), (C) - (III), (D) - (IV)

B.

(A) - (II), (B) - (I), (C) - (IV), (D) - (III)

C.

(A) - (II), (B) - (I), (C) - (III), (D) - (IV)

D.

(A) - (III), (B) - (IV), (C) - (I), (D) - (II)

Answer: B

Solution:

The correct answer is **Option 2**.

Key Points

- **readline()** reads a single line from the file.
- **writelines()** writes a sequence of strings to the file.
- **seek()** moves the file pointer to the specified position.
- **flush()** forces any buffered output to be written to the file.

Additional Information

- These methods are used for file handling in Python.
- File handling is essential for reading from and writing to files.
- Using these methods correctly ensures that files are properly managed and data is accurately read or written.
- Python's file handling methods provide a way to interact with files in a versatile and efficient manner.

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Question 16

What is pickling?

Options:

A. It is used to deserialize objects i.e. converting the byte stream to object hierarchy

B. It is used to serialize objects i.e. to convert python object hierarchy to byte stream

C. It is used to move the file pointer to specific location

D. It is used in exception handling

Answer: A

Solution:

The correct answer is **It is used to serialize objects i.e. to convert python object hierarchy to byte stream.**

Key Points

- **Pickling** is the process of converting a Python object hierarchy into a byte stream.
- This byte stream can be stored in a file or transmitted over a network to be reconstructed later.
- Pickling is useful for saving program state, sharing data between different Python programs, or persisting data between program runs.
- Python provides the `pickle` module to facilitate the pickling process.

Additional Information

- Pickled data can be unpickled using the `pickle.load()` function to restore the original Python object hierarchy.
- Pickling is not secure against erroneous or maliciously constructed data. Never unpickle data received from an untrusted or unauthenticated source.
- The `pickle` module supports both binary and text (ASCII) serialization formats.
- Other serialization formats like JSON, XML, and Protocol Buffers are also available, but `pickle` is specific to Python and can handle more complex Python-specific objects.

Question 17

Consider the following code and specify the correct order of the statements to be written

(A) f.write("CUET EXAMINATION")

(B) f=open("CUET.TXT", "w")

(C) print("Data is Written Successfully")

(D) f.close()

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

Options:

A.

(A), (B), (C), (D)

B.

(B), (A), (C), (D)

C.

(B), (D), (C), (A)

D.

(B), (D), (A), (C)

Answer: B

Solution:

The correct answer is **Option 2**.

Key Points

- The correct sequence of operations to write to a file in Python is:
    - **(B)** Open the file in write mode.
    - **(A)** Write the data to the file.
    - **(C)** Print a success message.
    - **(D)** Close the file.
- The correct sequence ensures that the file is properly opened, the data is written, a success message is printed, and the file is closed properly to avoid any data corruption or memory leaks.

Additional Information

- Opening a file using `open("filename", "w")` creates the file if it does not exist and truncates the file if it does exist.
- Using `f.write("data")` writes the specified data to the file.
- `print("message")` outputs a message to the console.
- Calling `f.close()` ensures that the file is properly closed, which is important for freeing up system resources and flushing any buffered data to the disk.

Example Code:

```
# Step (B): Open the file in write mode
f = open("CUET.TXT", "w")

# Step (A): Write data to the file
f.write("CUET EXAMINATION")

# Step (C): Print a success message
print("Data is Written Successfully")

# Step (D): Close the file
f.close()
```

Question 18

Which method from below will take a file pointer to nth character with respect to r position?

Options:

A.

fp.seek(r)

B.

fp.seek(n)

C.

fp.seek(n,r)

D.

seek(n,r).fp

Answer: C

Solution:

The correct answer is **fp.seek(n,r)**.

Key Points

- The **fp.seek(n, r)** method in Python is used to change the file pointer position.
- It takes two arguments: **n** (the number of bytes to move) and **r** (the reference position).
- The reference position can be one of three values:
  - `0`: Start of the file.
  - `1`: Current position.
  - `2`: End of the file.

- For example, `fp.seek(10, 0)` moves the file pointer to the 10th byte from the start of the file.

Additional Information

- The `fp.seek()` method is part of the file object in Python.
- It is commonly used in file handling for reading and writing operations.
- Using `fp.seek()`, you can easily navigate to different positions in a file, which is useful for modifying specific parts of a file.
- Example source code:

```
# Open a file in read mode
with open('example.txt', 'r') as fp:
    # Move the file pointer to the 5th byte from the start
    fp.seek(5, 0)
    # Read the content from the current file pointer position
    content = fp.read()
    print(content)
```

Question 19

Evaluate the given postfix expression:

3 5 * 6 + 2 3 * -

Options:

A. 39

B. 15

C. - 9

D. - 17

Answer: A

Solution:

The correct answer is **39**.

Key Points

- To evaluate the given postfix expression **3 5 * 6 + 2 3 * -**, follow these steps:
  - Start with the expression: **3 5 * 6 + 2 3 * -**
  - First, perform the multiplication: **3 * 5 = 15**
  - The expression now becomes: **15 6 + 2 3 * -**
  - Next, perform the addition: **15 + 6 = 21**
  - The expression now becomes: **21 2 3 * -**
  - Next, perform the multiplication: **2 * 3 = 6**
  - The expression now becomes: **21 6 -**
  - Finally, perform the subtraction: **21 - 6 = 15**
  - Thus, the final result of the postfix expression **3 5 * 6 + 2 3 * -** is **15**.

Additional Information

- Postfix notation, also known as Reverse Polish Notation (RPN), is a mathematical notation in which every operator follows all of its operands.
- It is used because it can easily be evaluated using a stack data structure, which makes it very efficient for computer processing.
- In postfix notation, there is no need for parentheses to define the order of operations as the position of the operators and operands dictates the order in which the operations are performed.
- This method is widely used in calculators and computer algorithms for parsing arithmetic expressions.

Question 20

Stack works on the principle of _____.

Options:

A. Mid Element First

B. First In First Out

C. Last In First Out

D. Last In Last Out

Answer: C

Solution:

The correct answer is **Last In First Out**.

Key Points

- A **stack** is a data structure that works on the principle of **Last In First Out (LIFO)**.
  - In this structure, the last element added to the stack is the first one to be removed.
  - This principle is analogous to a stack of plates: you add a plate to the top of the stack, and you also remove the topmost plate first.
  - Stacks are used in various applications, including function call management in programming, undo mechanisms in text editors, and parsing expressions in compilers.
  - Common operations associated with stacks are **push** (adding an element) and **pop** (removing an element).
  - Other stack operations include **peek** (viewing the top element without removing it) and **isEmpty** (checking if the stack is empty).

Additional Information

- Stacks are implemented using arrays or linked lists.
- They provide an efficient way to manage data, with a time complexity of O(1) for both push and pop operations.
- Some common examples of stack usage in computer science include the evaluation of arithmetic expressions, reversing strings, and depth-first search algorithms.
- The concept of stack is fundamental in computer science and is crucial for understanding other advanced data structures and algorithms.

Question 21

Match List-I with List-II :

List-I Term		List-II Description	
(A)	Prefix	(I)	In this the element entered first will be removed last.
(B)	Postfix	(II)	In this the element entered first will be removed first.
(C)	Queue	(III)	In this the operator is placed before the operands.
(D)	Stack	(IV)	In this the operator is placed after the operands.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

Options:

A.

(A)-(III), (B) - (IV), (C) - (II), (D) - (I)

B.

(A)-(IV), (B) - (III), (C) - (II), (D) - (I)

C.

(A)-(I), (B) - (II), (C) - (IV), (D) - (III)

D.

(A)-(II), (B) - (I), (C) - (III), (D) - (IV)

Answer: A

Solution:

The correct answer is Option 1.

Key Points

- **(A) Prefix - (III) In this the operator is placed before the operands.**
  - This notation is also known as Polish Notation. For example, the expression "+ 3 4" is equivalent to "3 + 4".
- **(B) Postfix - (IV) In this the operator is placed after the operands.**
  - This notation is also known as Reverse Polish Notation. For example, the expression "3 4 +" is equivalent to "3 + 4".
- **(C) Queue - (II) In this the element entered first will be removed first.**
  - This is the First-In-First-Out (FIFO) method. Think of it like a queue of people; the person who gets in line first gets served first.
- **(D) Stack - (I) In this the element entered first will be removed last.**
  - This is the Last-In-First-Out (LIFO) method. Think of it like a stack of plates; the plate you put on top is the first one you take off.

Additional Information

- The concepts of Prefix and Postfix notations are heavily used in stack-based algorithms and are crucial for the functioning of certain types of compilers and calculators.
- Queues are widely used in various applications like scheduling processes in operating systems, handling requests on a web server, etc.
- Stacks are used in numerous algorithms, including depth-first search in graph theory, syntax parsing in compilers, and evaluating expressions in calculators.

Question 22

What will be the sequence of elements removed from the stack after performing the following operations

PUSH(10)

PUSH(20)

POP()

POP()

PUSH(30)

PUSH(40)

POP()

POP()

(A) 10

(B) 20

(C) 30

(D) 40

Choose the correct sequence from the options given below:

Options:

A. (A), (B), (C), (D)

B. (B), (A), (D), (C)

C. (A), (B), (D), (C)

D. (B), (A), (C), (D)

Answer: C

Solution:

The correct answer is **Option 3**.

Key Points

- The sequence of operations on the stack is as follows:
  - PUSH(10): Stack = [10]
  - PUSH(20): Stack = [10, 20]
  - POP(): Removes 20, Stack = [10]
  - POP(): Removes 10, Stack = []
  - PUSH(30): Stack = [30]
  - PUSH(40): Stack = [30, 40]
  - POP(): Removes 40, Stack = [30]

    - POP(): Removes 30, Stack = []
- Based on the above operations, the sequence of elements removed from the stack is 20, 10, 40, 30.
- Therefore, the correct sequence as per the given options is Option 1: (A), (B), (D), (C).

Additional Information

- Stack is a Last-In-First-Out (LIFO) data structure, meaning the last element pushed onto the stack is the first one to be popped off.
- Push operation adds an element to the top of the stack.
- Pop operation removes the top element from the stack.
- Understanding stack operations is crucial for various algorithms and applications in computer science.

Question 23

In Python, _____module need to be imported for implementing Double Ended Queue.

Options:

A.

counter

B.

collections

C.

random

D.

numpy

Answer: B

Solution:

The correct answer is **collections**.

Key Points

- In Python, the **collections** module provides a Double Ended Queue (deque) which is a generalization of stacks and queues (the name is pronounced “deck” and is short for “double-ended queue”).
    - The `collections.deque` class supports thread-safe, memory efficient appends and pops from either side of the deque with approximately the same O(1) performance in either direction.
    - Deques are a generalization of stacks and queues (the name is pronounced “deck” and is short for “double-ended queue”).
    - It provides a more efficient way to handle a collection of items in which you can add or remove elements from both ends efficiently.

Additional Information

- The **collections** module was introduced in Python 2.4.
- Other useful data types provided by the **collections** module include `namedtuple()`, `Counter`, `OrderedDict`, `defaultdict`, and `ChainMap`.
- Here is an example of how to use the deque from the collections module:

```
# Importing deque from collections module
from collections import deque

# Creating a deque
d = deque()

# Adding elements to the deque
d.append(1)
d.append(2)
d.appendleft(0)

# Removing elements from the deque
d.pop()
d.popleft()

# Printing the deque
print(d)  # Output: deque([1])
```

Question 24

What will be the position of front and rear after execution of the following statements, the Queue already had the given elements in FIFO order

$$\begin{array}{cccccccc} 50 & \rightarrow & 90 & \rightarrow & 7 & \rightarrow & 21 & \rightarrow & 73 & \rightarrow & & 77 \\ \uparrow & & & & & & & & & & & \uparrow \\ \mathrm{F} & & & & & & & & & & & \mathrm{R} \end{array}$$

dequeue()

dequeue()

dequeue()

dequeue()

dequeue()

enqueue(100)

dequeue()

Options:

A. Front 50, Rear 77

B. Front 100, Rear 100

C. Front 77, Rear 100

D. Front 73, Rear 77

Answer: A

Solution:

The correct answer is **Front 50, Rear 77**.

Key Points

- We start with the initial queue: 50 → 90 → 7 → 21 → 73 → 77, with Front at 50 and Rear at 77.
- Each `dequeue()` operation removes the front element from the queue.
- Let's go through each operation step by step:
  - First dequeue(): Removes 50. New queue: 90 → 7 → 21 → 73 → 77
  - Second dequeue(): Removes 90. New queue: 7 → 21 → 73 → 77
  - Third dequeue(): Removes 7. New queue: 21 → 73 → 77
  - Fourth dequeue(): Removes 21. New queue: 73 → 77
  - Fifth dequeue(): Removes 73. New queue: 77

- After five dequeue() operations, the only element left is 77, which is both the Front and Rear.
- Next, we perform an enqueue(100) operation, adding 100 to the rear of the queue. New queue: 77 → 100
- Finally, we perform another dequeue() operation, removing 77. The new queue is: 100
- Now, the Front and Rear both point to 100.

Additional Information

- Queue operations follow the FIFO (First In, First Out) principle.
- Enqueue operations add elements to the rear of the queue.
- Dequeue operations remove elements from the front of the queue.
- After all the given operations, the queue only has one element, which is 100, making it both the Front and Rear of the queue.

Question 25

_____ data type is used to implement Queue data structure in Python.

Options:

A.

Sets

B.

Dictionary

C.

Tuple

D.

List

Answer: D

Solution:

The correct answer is **List**.

Key Points

- A **List** is a data type in Python that is used to implement the Queue data structure.
    - Lists in Python are ordered collections of items which can be changed (mutable).
    - Queues follow the First-In-First-Out (FIFO) principle. The first element added to the queue will be the first one to be removed.
    - Python's list methods such as `append()` for adding elements to the end and `pop(0)` for removing elements from the beginning make it suitable for implementing a queue.

Additional Information

- Lists are versatile and can store elements of different data types.
- Python also provides a built-in module named `collections.deque` which offers an optimized way to implement queues.

Example of Queue Implementation using List in Python:

```
# Queue implementation using list
queue = []

# Adding elements to the queue
queue.append('a')
queue.append('b')
queue.append('c')

print("Initial queue")
print(queue)

# Removing elements from the queue
print("\nElements dequeued from queue")
print(queue.pop(0))
print(queue.pop(0))
print(queue.pop(0))

print("\nQueue after removing elements")
print(queue)
```

Question 26

Choose the statements that are correct.

(A) For Binary Search, all the elements have to be sorted.

(B) For Linear Search, all the elements have to be sorted.

(C) Linear Search takes less time for searching in worst case than binary search's worst case.

(D) Linear Search always give fast result whether elements are sorted or not.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

Options:

A. (A) only

B. (A) and (C) only

C. (B) and (C) only

D. (A), (B) and (D) only

Answer: A

Solution:

The correct answer is **Option 1**.

Key Points

- **(A) For Binary Search, all the elements have to be sorted.**
  - Binary Search is a searching algorithm that works on a sorted array. It divides the array into two halves and eliminates one half of the array in each step, making the search process more efficient.

Additional Information

- (B) For Linear Search, all the elements do not have to be sorted.
  - Linear Search is a simple searching algorithm that checks each element in the list sequentially until the desired element is found or the list ends. The elements do not need to be sorted.
- (C) Linear Search takes more time for searching in the worst case than binary search's worst case.
  - In the worst case, Linear Search has a time complexity of O(n), whereas Binary Search has a time complexity of O(log n), making Binary Search more efficient for larger datasets.

- (D) Linear Search does not always give fast results whether elements are sorted or not.
    - Linear Search can be slow for large lists as it checks each element sequentially. Sorting does not affect the performance of Linear Search.

Question 27

Arrange the following in the ascending order of their time complexity.

(A) Worst Case of Linear Search

(B) Best Case of Binary Search

(C) Worst Case of Binary Search

(D) Worst Case of Bubble Sort

Choose the correct sequence from the options given below:

Options:

A. (A), (B), (C), (D)

B. (B), (D), (A), (C)

C. (B), (A), (C), (D)

D. (B), (C), (A), (D)

Answer: C

Solution:

The correct answer is **Option 3**

Key Points

- To arrange the given cases in ascending order of their time complexity, we need to understand their individual time complexities first:
  - **(A) Worst Case of Linear Search**: The time complexity is O(n), where n is the number of elements in the array.
  - **(B) Best Case of Binary Search**: The time complexity is O(1), when the element is found at the mid position in the first check.
  - **(C) Worst Case of Binary Search**: The time complexity is O(log n), which occurs when the algorithm has to divide the array until it finds the target element.
  - **(D) Worst Case of Bubble Sort**: The time complexity is O(n^2), where n is the number of elements in the array.
- Based on the above time complexities, we arrange them in ascending order:
  - (B) Best Case of Binary Search: O(1)
  - (A) Worst Case of Linear Search: O(n)
  - (C) Worst Case of Binary Search: O(log n)
  - (D) Worst Case of Bubble Sort: O(n^2)

Question 28

How many minimum number of comparison(s) can be required to search an element from 'n' elements, in case of Linear Search?

Options:

A. 1

B. n - 1

C. n

D. n + 1

Answer: A

Solution:

The correct answer is **1**.

Key Points

- Linear Search is a simple search algorithm that checks every element in the list sequentially until the desired element is found or the list ends.
- The minimum number of comparisons required to find an element in a list of 'n' elements using Linear Search is **1** if the element to be searched is at the first position.
- In the worst case, the element is not found or is the last element, requiring 'n' comparisons.
- Linear Search does not require the data to be sorted.
- This algorithm is best suited for small datasets or when the list is unsorted.

Additional Information

- Time complexity of Linear Search is O(n) in the worst case, where 'n' is the number of elements in the list.
- Linear Search is easy to implement but not efficient for large datasets compared to other search algorithms like Binary Search.
- Linear Search can be used on both arrays and linked lists.
- This algorithm does not require additional memory space, making it a space-efficient search method.

Question 29

Which of the statement(s) is/are True for the given question.

Data elements are: 7, 5, 17, 13, 9, 27, 31, 25, 35.

Hash Table Size: 7

Hash Function: H(I) = (Data element) mod (Hash Table Size)

(A) Element 27 will create collision.

(B) Element 25 will create collision.

(C) Element 35 will create collision.

(D) Element 31 will create collision.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

Options:

A. (A), (B) and (C) only

B. (A), (C) and (D) only

C. (B), (C) and (D) only

D. (A) and (D) only

Answer: A

Solution:

The correct answer is **Option 1**.

Key Points

- To determine if an element will create a collision in the hash table, we need to calculate the hash value using the hash function H(I) = (Data element) mod (Hash Table Size).
- The hash table size is 7, so we need to find the remainder when each data element is divided by 7.
    - 7 mod 7 = 0
    - 5 mod 7 = 5
    - 17 mod 7 = 3
    - 13 mod 7 = 6
    - 9 mod 7 = 2
    - 27 mod 7 = 6
    - 31 mod 7 = 3
    - 25 mod 7 = 4
    - 35 mod 7 = 0

Based on these calculations, we can see the following:

- Element 27 will create a collision because 27 mod 7 = 6, and 13 mod 7 = 6.
- Element 25 will not create a collision because 25 mod 7 = 4 is unique.
- Element 35 will create a collision because 35 mod 7 = 0, and 7 mod 7 = 0.
- Element 31 will create a collision because 31 mod 7 = 3, and 17 mod 7 = 3.

Additional Information

- Therefore, the statements (A), (B), and (C) are true, making Option 1 the correct answer.
- Understanding hash functions and hash table collisions is crucial in data structure design to minimize the chances of collision and improve the efficiency of data retrieval.

Question 30

If a list contain 'n' number of elements and all the elements by default sorted in ascending order then how many comparisons will be required during 1st pass of bubble sort to arrange the list in ascending order?

Options:

A. 0

B. 1

C. n - 1

D. n

Answer: A

Solution:

The correct answer is **1) 0**.

Key Points

- Bubble sort is a comparison-based algorithm where each pair of adjacent elements is compared, and the elements are swapped if they are not in order.
- In the 1st pass of bubble sort, if the list is already sorted in ascending order, there will be no swaps required.
- However, comparisons are still made to check if any swaps are needed.
- For a list with 'n' elements, the number of comparisons in the first pass is (n - 1).
- Since the list is already sorted, no swaps will be performed, making the number of swaps 0.

Additional Information

- The total number of comparisons in bubble sort for a list of 'n' elements in the worst case is O(n^2).

- Bubble sort is not suitable for large data sets as its average and worst-case complexity are quite high.
- It is known for its simplicity and is useful for small data sets or nearly sorted lists.
- Bubble sort can be optimized by stopping the algorithm if the inner loop didn't cause any swap, indicating the list is already sorted.

Question 31

What will be the result after the pass 2 using Bubble Sort, if we are sorting elements in ascending order?

7	19	18	9	23	51	12	54	73

Options:

A.

7	18	19	9	23	12	51	54	73

B.

7	9	18	19	12	23	51	54	73

C.

7	9	19	18	12	23	51	54	73

D.

7	9	18	19	23	51	12	54	73

Answer: B

Solution:

The correct answer is **option 2.**

Key Points

Initial Array:

7, 19, 18, 9, 23, 51, 12, 54, 73

Pass 1:

Compare 7 and 19: No swap (7 < 19)

Compare 19 and 18: Swap → 7, 18, 19, 9, 23, 51, 12, 54, 73

Compare 19 and 9: Swap → 7, 18, 9, 19, 23, 51, 12, 54, 73

Compare 19 and 23: No swap (19 < 23)

Compare 23 and 51: No swap (23 < 51)

Compare 51 and 12: Swap → 7, 18, 9, 19, 23, 12, 51, 54, 73

Compare 51 and 54: No swap (51 < 54)

Compare 54 and 73: No swap (54 < 73)

After Pass 1:

7, 18, 9, 19, 23, 12, 51, 54, 73

Pass 2:

Compare 7 and 18: No swap (7 < 18)

Compare 18 and 9: Swap → 7, 9, 18, 19, 23, 12, 51, 54, 73

Compare 18 and 19: No swap (18 < 19)

Compare 19 and 23: No swap (19 < 23)

Compare 23 and 12: Swap → 7, 9, 18, 19, 12, 23, 51, 54, 73

Compare 23 and 51: No swap (23 < 51)

Compare 51 and 54: No swap (51 < 54)

(No need to compare 54 and 73 again, as the largest elements are already being placed at the end in each pass)

After Pass 2:

7, 9, 18, 19, 12, 23, 51, 54, 73

Matching with Options:

Option 1: 7, 18, 19, 9, 23, 12, 51, 54, 73 → Incorrect (this is after Pass 1)

Option 2: 7, 9, 18, 19, 12, 23, 51, 54, 73 → Correct (matches our Pass 2 result)

Option 3: 7, 9, 19, 18, 12, 23, 51, 54, 73 → Incorrect (18 and 19 are out of order)

Option 4: 7, 9, 18, 19, 23, 51, 12, 54, 73 → Incorrect (12 is not in the correct position)

Final Answer:

Option 2) 7, 9, 18, 19, 12, 23, 51, 54, 73 is the correct result after pass 2.

Additional Information

- Bubble Sort has a time complexity of O(n^2) in the average and worst case.
- It is not suitable for large data sets due to its poor performance.
- However, it is simple to understand and implement.
- Bubble Sort is a stable sorting algorithm, meaning it maintains the relative order of equal elements.

Question 32

_____ compares neighbouring elements only and swaps them when necessary.

Options:

A. Selection Sort

B. Bubble Sort

C. Insertion Sort

D. Quick Sort

Answer: B

Solution:

The correct answer is **Bubble Sort**.

Key Points

- **Bubble Sort** is a simple sorting algorithm that repeatedly steps through the list to be sorted, compares each pair of adjacent items, and swaps them if they are in the wrong order.
  - This process is repeated until the list is sorted.
  - Bubble Sort is known for its simplicity but is not suitable for large datasets as its average and worst-case time complexity is quite high.
  - It works by repeatedly comparing adjacent elements and swapping them if they are in the wrong order, hence the name "bubble sort" because smaller elements "bubble" to the top of the list.
  - In each pass, the largest element moves to its correct position in the list.

Additional Information

- Bubble Sort has a time complexity of O(n^2) in the average and worst cases, where n is the number of items being sorted.
- It is stable, meaning it preserves the relative order of equal elements.
- Despite its inefficiency, Bubble Sort can be useful for small datasets or as an educational tool to introduce sorting algorithms.
- It is also referred to as "sinking sort" because larger elements "sink" to their correct positions.

Question 33

_____ are the unorganized facts that can be processed to generate meaningful information.

Options:

A. Information

B. Data

C. Blog

D. contexts

Answer: B

Solution:

The correct answer is **Data**.

Key Points

- **Data** refers to raw, unorganized facts and figures that need to be processed.
  - Data can be anything like numbers, text, symbols, or even multimedia content such as images, audio, and video.
  - Once processed, data is transformed into meaningful information that can be used for decision-making.
  - For example, a list of numbers is data, and when analyzed, it might provide information about trends or patterns.

Additional Information

- Data can be collected from various sources such as surveys, experiments, or transactions.
- Data is often stored in databases where it can be queried and retrieved for analysis.
- The quality of information derived from data depends on the quality and integrity of the data itself.
- Data processing involves organizing, structuring, and interpreting data to make it useful.

Question 34

_____ is the positive square root of the average of squared difference of each value fromthe mean.

Options:

A. Mode

B. Variance

C. Median

D. Standard Deviation

Answer: D

Solution:

The correct answer is **Standard Deviation**.

Key Points

- **Standard Deviation** is the positive square root of the average of squared difference of each value from the mean.
  - It is a measure of the amount of variation or dispersion in a set of values.
  - To calculate it, first find the mean (average) of the data set.
  - Then, subtract the mean from each data point and square the result (the squared difference).
  - The average of these squared differences is the variance.
  - The square root of the variance gives the standard deviation.
- Standard Deviation is widely used in statistics to understand the distribution of data points.
- It helps in identifying how spread out the values in a data set are.

Additional Information

- Standard Deviation is used in finance to measure market volatility.

- In quality control, it is used to determine the consistency of processes and products.
- A low standard deviation indicates that the data points are close to the mean, while a high standard deviation indicates that the data points are spread out over a large range of values.
- Other measures of dispersion include range, interquartile range, and mean absolute deviation.

Question 35

Consider the stock prices for shares of a company A for a week. To find difference of maximum and minimum value of the share price which statistical technique can be used:

Options:

A. Range

B. Mode

C. Mean

D. Median

Answer: A

Solution:

The correct answer is **Range**.

Key Points

- The **range** is a statistical technique used to measure the difference between the maximum and minimum values in a data set.
    - In the context of stock prices, the range helps to understand the volatility and spread of the prices over a specific period.
    - To find the range, you simply subtract the minimum value from the maximum value in the data set.
    - For example, if the highest stock price of Company A in a week is $150 and the lowest is $120, the range is $30.
    - The range provides a quick and easy way to understand the extent of variation in the data.

Additional Information

- While the range is useful, it does not provide information about the distribution of data points within the range.
- Other statistical measures like mean, median, and standard deviation can be used in conjunction to get a better understanding of the data.
- In finance, understanding the range of stock prices can help investors make informed decisions about buying or selling stocks.
- The range is sensitive to outliers and extreme values, which can sometimes give a misleading sense of variability.

Question 36

What is the primary difference between a database and a file system?

Options:

A. Databases are slower than file systems for retrieving data.

B. Databases offer structured data and relationships, while file systems do not.

C. File systems can support complex queries, unlike databases.

D. Both databases and file systems handle data in the same way.

Answer: B

Solution:

The correct answer is **Databases offer structured data and relationships, while file systems do not.**.

Key Points

- A **database** is a collection of organized data that allows for efficient storage, retrieval, and management of information.
  - Databases are designed to handle large amounts of data and support complex queries and transactions.
  - They offer a structured format with predefined schemas and relationships between different data entities.
  - Databases ensure data integrity, consistency, and support concurrent access by multiple users.
  - They provide powerful tools for data manipulation, including SQL for querying and managing data.
- A **file system** is a method of organizing and storing files on a storage device such as a hard drive.
  - File systems store data in a hierarchical structure of directories and files.
  - They do not inherently provide mechanisms for enforcing data relationships or integrity constraints.
  - File systems are suitable for simple storage and retrieval tasks but lack advanced querying capabilities.
  - They are generally faster for basic file operations but less efficient for complex data management tasks.

Additional Information

- Databases use a Database Management System (DBMS) to facilitate data management and provide advanced features like backup, recovery, and security.
- Common types of databases include relational databases (e.g., MySQL, PostgreSQL), NoSQL databases (e.g., MongoDB, Cassandra), and in-memory databases (e.g., Redis).
- File systems are managed by the operating system and include types such as NTFS, FAT32, and ext4.
- The choice between using a database or a file system depends on the specific requirements of the application, such as data complexity, performance needs, and scalability.

Question 37

A domain in a relational database refers to :

Options:

A. The overall database structure

B. A specific set of valid values for an attribute

C. A table containing multiple records

D. A relationship between two tables

Answer: B

Solution:

The correct answer is **A specific set of valid values for an attribute.**

Key Points

- A domain in a relational database is a specific set of valid values for an attribute (column).

- It defines the permissible values that a column can contain, ensuring data integrity.
- For example, a domain for a "gender" attribute might include only the values "Male", "Female", and "Other".
- Domains help enforce constraints, such as data types and value ranges, on the data stored in the database.

Additional Information

- Domains improve data consistency by ensuring that all values in a column adhere to a predefined set of rules.
- They can be used to implement business rules and validation logic at the database level.
- By defining domains, database administrators can prevent incorrect or out-of-range values from being entered into the database.
- Domains can also be shared across multiple tables, providing a standardized way of defining valid values for similar attributes.

Question 38

A relation in a relational database is also known as:

Options:

A. A data type

B. An attribute

C. A schema

D. A table

Answer: D

Solution:

The correct answer is **table**.

Key Points

- A **relation** in a relational database is also known as a **table**.
  - In relational databases, data is organized into tables. Each table represents a collection of related data entries.
  - Tables consist of rows and columns, where each row represents a unique record, and each column represents a field within the record.
  - This structure allows for efficient data management and retrieval through SQL queries.
  - Tables can be related to each other through keys, such as primary keys and foreign keys, which help maintain data integrity and enable complex queries.
  - The concept of a relation as a table is fundamental to relational database theory, as proposed by E.F. Codd.

Additional Information

- Relational databases use Structured Query Language (SQL) for defining and manipulating data in tables.
- Popular relational database management systems (RDBMS) include MySQL, PostgreSQL, Oracle Database, and Microsoft SQL Server.
- Normalization is a process in database design used to minimize redundancy and dependency by organizing fields and table of a database.
- Each table in a relational database can have constraints to enforce rules on the data, such as NOT NULL, UNIQUE, CHECK, and DEFAULT constraints.

Question 39

The primary key is chosen from _____.

Options:

A. The most complex candidate key available.

B. All available candidate keys for a table.

C. The simplest candidate key available.

D. Any attribute within the table.

Answer: A

Solution:

The correct answer is **The most complex candidate key available**.

Key Points

- The primary key in a database is a unique identifier for a record within a table.
- It is chosen from the candidate keys available for the table.
- The primary key ensures that each record can be uniquely identified, preventing duplicate entries.
- It is crucial for maintaining the integrity and reliability of the database.
- The most complex candidate key is often chosen to ensure that the primary key is unique and less likely to have duplicates.

Additional Information

- All candidate keys in a table are considered before selecting the primary key.
- While simplicity is valued, the uniqueness of the key is paramount.
- Primary keys can be a single attribute or a combination of attributes (composite key).
- It is essential for establishing relationships between different tables in a relational database.
- Indexes are often created on primary keys to enhance search and query performance.

Question 40

An alternate key is _____.

Options:

A. Another name for the primary key

B. A unique identifier besides the primary key

C. A relationship between two tables

D. A synonym for a tuple

Answer: A

Solution:

The correct answer is **Another_name_for_the_primary_key**.

Key Points

- An **alternate key** is another name for the primary key in the context of a relational database.
- Alternate keys are candidate keys that are not selected as the primary key but can still uniquely identify a record within a table.
- In other words, an alternate key is a column or set of columns that can serve as a unique identifier for the rows in a table, but is not the primary key.
- For example, if a table has columns such as `EmployeeID` and `SocialSecurityNumber`, either could be chosen as the primary key, and the other could be an alternate key.
- Alternate keys provide additional ways to enforce uniqueness in the database, which can help with data integrity and querying efficiency.

Additional Information

- Primary keys and alternate keys are part of the broader category of candidate keys, which are columns that can uniquely identify a record.
- Having multiple candidate keys (including alternate keys) provides flexibility in database design and can help with performance optimization.

- It's important to choose the primary key carefully, as it will be used for indexing and referential integrity constraints.
- Alternate keys can also be used to create additional indexes, which can speed up query performance.
- While the primary key is often chosen for its simplicity and efficiency, alternate keys are equally important for ensuring data integrity and uniqueness.

Question 41

Consider the following SQL functions.

(A) CURD ATE()

(B) CURRENT_DATE()

(C) CURRENT_DATE

(D) TODAY()

Which of the above function/functions returns current date.

Options:

A. (A), (B) and (D) only

B. (A), (B) and (C) only

C. (A), (B), (C) and (D)

D. (B), (C) and (D) only

Answer: A

Solution:

The correct answer is **(A), (B) and (D) only**.

Key Points

- The SQL functions that return the current date are essential for database operations that involve date and time data.
- **CURDATE()**: This function returns the current date in the 'YYYY-MM-DD' format. It is commonly used in MySQL.
- **CURRENT_DATE()**: Similar to CURDATE(), this function also returns the current date in 'YYYY-MM-DD' format. It is supported by most SQL databases including MySQL and PostgreSQL.
- **TODAY()**: This function is used in some SQL implementations to return the current date. However, it is less common compared to CURDATE() and CURRENT_DATE().

Additional Information

- **CURRENT_DATE** (without parentheses) is also a standard SQL keyword that returns the current date, but it is not a function call. It is treated as a special keyword in SQL.
- These functions are useful for generating reports, logging activities, and managing date-based data in databases.
- Understanding the correct usage of date functions helps in writing accurate and efficient SQL queries.
- The choice of function may depend on the specific SQL database being used, as some functions are database-specific.

Question 42

Which of the following is correct syntax for inserting foreign key constraint in a relation?

Options:

A. ALTER TABLE table_name ADD FOREIGN KEY(attribute name) REFERENCES referenced_table_name(attribute name)

B. ADD TABLE table_name ADD FOREIGN KEY(attribute name) REFERENCES referenced_table_name(attribute name)

C. ALTER TABLE table_name REFERENCES referenced_table_name(attribute name) ADD FOREIGN KEY (attribute name)

D. MODIFY TABLE table_name ADD FOREIGN KEY(attribute name) REFERENCES referenced_table_name(attribute name)

Answer: A

Solution:

The correct answer is **ALTER TABLE table_name ADD FOREIGN KEY(attribute_name) REFERENCES referenced_table_name(attribute_name)**.

Key Points

- To add a foreign key constraint, the **ALTER TABLE** statement is used to modify the existing table structure.
- The syntax for adding a foreign key is:
  - `ALTER TABLE table_name ADD FOREIGN KEY (attribute_name) REFERENCES referenced_table_name(attribute_name);`
- This statement ensures referential integrity by creating a link between the foreign key in one table and the primary key in another table.

- It is important to specify the table and attribute names correctly for both the foreign key and the referenced primary key.

Additional Information

- Foreign keys help maintain data consistency and integrity across related tables.
- They prevent actions that would destroy the relationships between tables, such as deleting a record that is referenced by a foreign key in another table.
- Foreign key constraints can also enforce cascading actions such as ON DELETE CASCADE or ON UPDATE CASCADE, which automatically update or delete dependent records.
- Properly defining foreign keys is crucial in database design to ensure data is stored in a normalized and efficient manner.

Question 43

What is result of following arithmetic operation in SQL?

SELECT 5+NULL AS RESULT

Options:

A. 5

B. NULL

C. 0

D. 5NULL

Answer: B

Solution:

The correct answer is **NULL**.

Key Points

- In SQL, the result of any arithmetic operation involving a NULL value is always NULL.
- NULL represents an unknown or missing value in SQL.
- When you add a number to NULL, the result remains NULL because NULL indicates the absence of a value.
- This behavior is consistent across different SQL databases such as MySQL, SQL Server, and PostgreSQL.
- In the given SQL statement: `SELECT 5+NULL AS RESULT`, the `NULL` value makes the entire expression evaluate to `NULL`.

Additional Information

- It is important to handle NULL values properly in SQL queries to avoid unexpected results.
- Functions like `COALESCE` or `ISNULL` can be used to replace NULL values with a default value.
- Understanding how NULL values interact with different SQL operations is crucial for accurate data manipulation and query results.
- NULL is not the same as an empty string or zero; it is a distinct marker used to indicate missing or unknown data.

Question 44

Which of the following expression in SQL would calculate the square root of 16?

Options:

A. POWER(16, 2)

B. POWER(16, 0.5)

C. POWER(16, 1)

D. MOD(16)

Answer: B

Solution:

The correct answer is **POWER(16, 0.5)**.

Key Points

- The **POWER** function in SQL is used to raise a number to the power of another number.
    - In this case, we need to calculate the square root of 16.
    - To find the square root, we raise 16 to the power of 0.5.
    - The expression `POWER(16, 0.5)` correctly calculates the square root of 16, which is 4.

Additional Information

- Option 1: `POWER(16, 2)` calculates 16 raised to the power of 2, resulting in 256.
- Option 3: `POWER(16, 1)` calculates 16 raised to the power of 1, resulting in 16.
- Option 4: `MOD(16)` is not a valid expression for calculating the square root. The MOD function is used to find the remainder of a division.

Question 45

Which of the following statement(s) is/are TRUE in respect of Media Access Control (MAC) Address?

(A) It can be changed if a node is removed from one network and connected to another network.

(B) Each MAC address is a 12-digit hexadecimal number.

(C) It is a unique value associated with a network adapter called NIC.

(D) It is provided by the Internet Service Provider to locate computers connected to the internet.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

Options:

A. (B) and (C) only

B. (A), (B) and (C) only

C. (C) and (D) only

D. (A) and (B) only

Answer: A

Solution:

The correct answer is **Option 1**.

Key Points

- **Statement (B):** Each MAC address is a 12-digit hexadecimal number.
  - A MAC address is typically represented as a string of 12 hexadecimal digits (0-9, A-F), such as 00:1A:2B:3C:4D:5E.
- **Statement (C):** It is a unique value associated with a network adapter called NIC.

- The MAC address is a unique identifier assigned to the network interface card (NIC) of a device, ensuring that each device on a network can be distinctly identified.

Additional Information

- **Statement (A):** It can be changed if a node is removed from one network and connected to another network.
  - This statement is incorrect because a MAC address is hardcoded into the network interface card (NIC) and does not change when a device moves to a different network.
- **Statement (D):** It is provided by the Internet Service Provider to locate computers connected to the internet.
  - This statement is incorrect because MAC addresses are assigned to devices by the manufacturer of the network interface card (NIC), not by the Internet Service Provider (ISP).

Question 46

Match List-I with List-II :

List-I Device		List-II Use	
(A)	RJ45 Connector	(I)	relay frames between two originally separate segments that follow same protocols.
(B)	Bridge	(II)	amplifies a signal that is transmitted across the network so that the signal is received same as it is sent.
(C)	Gateway	(III)	establishes an intelligent connection between a local area network and external networks with completely different structures.
(D)	Repeater	(IV)	plug-in device primarily used for connecting LANs particularly Ethernet.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

Options:

A.

(A) - (IV), (B) - (III), (C) - (II), (D) - (I)

B.

(A) - (III), (B) -(I), (C) - (IV), (D) - (II)

C.

(A) - (III), (B) - (II), (C) - (I), (D) - (IV)

D.

(A) - (IV), (B) - (I), (C) - (III), (D) - (II)

Answer: D

Solution:

The correct answer is **Option 4**.

Key Points

- The correct matching of devices with their uses is as follows:
  - (A) RJ45 Connector - (IV) plug-in device primarily used for connecting LANs particularly Ethernet.
  - (B) Bridge - (I) relay frames between two originally separate segments that follow the same protocols.
  - (C) Gateway - (III) establishes an intelligent connection between a local area network and external networks with completely different structures.
  - (D) Repeater - (II) amplifies a signal that is transmitted across the network so that the signal is received same as it is sent.

Additional Information

- **RJ45 Connector:** It is a standard type of physical connector used for network cabling, particularly Ethernet.
- **Bridge:** It connects and filters traffic between two network segments to reduce the amount of traffic on a LAN.
- **Gateway:** It acts as a node that routes the traffic from a workstation to the outside network, ensuring proper communication between different network architectures and protocols.
- **Repeater:** It regenerates the network signal to extend the transmission distance, ensuring that the signal remains strong over long distances.

Question 47

What is the purpose of Domain Name System Server in networking?

Options:

A. To encrypt data during transmission.

B. To convert domain names into IP addresses

C. To regulate network traffic flow.

D. To establish a secure connection between devices.

Answer: B

Solution:

The correct answer is **To convert domain names into IP addresses**.

Key Points

- The **Domain Name System (DNS) Server** is a crucial component in networking that translates human-friendly domain names into machine-readable IP addresses.
    - When a user types a domain name into their web browser, the DNS server is queried to find the corresponding IP address.
    - This translation is necessary because while domain names are easy for humans to remember, computers use IP addresses to locate each other on the network.
    - DNS servers help to ensure that the internet runs smoothly by keeping track of all domain names and their IP addresses.
    - Without DNS servers, users would have to remember and input numerical IP addresses to access websites, which is impractical.
    - DNS servers also provide additional functionalities like email routing and service discovery within networks.

Additional Information

- DNS servers are structured in a hierarchical manner, starting from root servers down to local servers.
- They can cache DNS queries to speed up the resolution process for frequently accessed domain names.
- DNS servers use different types of records such as A records (address records), CNAME records (canonical name records), and MX records (mail exchange records).
- Security extensions like DNSSEC (DNS Security Extensions) add an additional layer of security by ensuring the authenticity and integrity of DNS data.
- The DNS system was introduced by Paul Mockapetris and Jon Postel in 1983.

Question 48

140.168.220.200 is a 32-bit binary number usually represented as 4 decimal values, each representing 8 bits, in the range 0 to 255 separated by decimal points. What is this number called?

Options:

A. IP Address

B. Web Address

C. MAC Address

D. Port Address

Answer: A

Solution:

The correct answer is **IP Address**.

Key Points

- An **IP Address** (Internet Protocol Address) is a unique identifier assigned to each device connected to a network that uses the Internet Protocol for communication.
- IP addresses are used to identify and locate devices on a network, allowing them to communicate with each other.
- IPv4 addresses are 32-bit binary numbers, usually represented in decimal format as four octets separated by periods (e.g., 140.168.220.200).
- IPv6 addresses are 128-bit binary numbers, represented in hexadecimal format and separated by colons.
- IP addresses can be static (permanently assigned) or dynamic (temporarily assigned by a DHCP server).

Additional Information

- IP addresses are essential for routing data packets between devices on different networks.
- There are two main types of IP addresses: public and private. Public IP addresses are used on the internet, while private IP addresses are used within local networks.
- NAT (Network Address Translation) allows multiple devices on a local network to share a single public IP address.

- IP addresses are assigned and managed by organizations such as the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) and regional Internet registries.

Question 49

In a _____ topology, if there are n devices in a network, each device has n-1 ports for cables.

Options:

A. Mesh

B. Bus

C. Star

D. Ring

Answer: A

Solution:

The correct answer is **Mesh**.

Key Points

- In a **mesh topology**, every device is connected to every other device in the network.
- If there are *n* devices in a network, each device will have *n-1* ports for cables.
- This type of topology provides high redundancy and reliability because there are multiple paths for data to travel between devices.
- Mesh topology is often used in networks where communication reliability is crucial, such as in military or critical business applications.

Additional Information

- Mesh topology can be either full mesh or partial mesh. In a full mesh topology, every device is connected to every other device. In a partial mesh topology, some devices are connected to all other devices, while others are connected only to those they exchange data with most frequently.
- Although mesh topology offers high reliability and redundancy, it is also more expensive and complex to implement compared to other topologies due to the large number of connections required.
- Mesh networks can manage high traffic volumes better than other topologies because of the multiple paths available for data transmission.
- Examples of technologies that use mesh topology include Zigbee in home automation networks and some wireless mesh networks.

Question 50

Amit wants to be familiar with SQL. One of his friends Anand suggest him to execute following sql commands.

(A) Create Table Student

(B) Use Database DB

(C) Select * from Student

(D) Insert into Student

In which order Amit needs to run above commands.

Options:

A. (A), (B), (C), (D)

B. (A), (B), (D), (C)

C. (B), (A), (D), (C)

D. (C), (B), (D), (A)

Answer: C

Solution:

The correct answer is **Option 3**.

Key Points

- To become familiar with SQL, Amit needs to execute the commands in a specific order to ensure they are performed correctly and without errors.
    - The command **(B) Use Database DB** is executed first to select the database in which the operations will be performed.
    - The command **(A) Create Table Student** is executed next to create the table structure within the selected database.
    - The command **(D) Insert into Student** is executed third to populate the table with data.
    - The command **(C) Select * from Student** is executed last to retrieve and display the data from the table.

Additional Information

- Executing the commands in the correct order ensures the database and table are properly set up before attempting to insert or retrieve data.
- Using the `USE` statement ensures that subsequent operations are performed on the correct database.
- Creating the table first is essential to define the structure before inserting data.
- Inserting data is necessary before any data retrieval operations can be performed.
