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COURSE CODE: SCS 212

COURSE TITLE: DATABASE SYSTEMS

EXAM VENUE: STREAM: BEd. Arts

DATE: EXAM SESSION:

TIME: 2.00 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Answer Question 1 (Compulsory) and ANY other two questions**
- 2. Candidates are advised not to write on the question paper**
- 3. Candidates must hand in their answer booklets to the invigilator while in the examination room**

QUESTION ONE – 30 MARKS [COMPULSORY]

- a) Define the following concepts with respect to Database Systems;
- i) Database (2 Marks)
 - ii) File Based System (2 Marks)
 - iii) Query (2 Marks)
- b) Explain the components of Database Management System (DBMS). (10 Marks)
- c) Outline six steps you would follow to design and create a good Database. (6 Marks)
- d) Define the following sub-divisions of the relational data model;
- i) Tuple (1Mark)
 - ii) Cardinality (1Mark)
 - iii) Relation (1Mark)
 - iv) Relationship (1Mark)
- e) Identify and briefly discuss the ACID properties of a typical Database Transaction (4 Marks)

QUESTION TWO – 20 MARKS

- a) i) Define the term “Schema” as used in Database System” (2 Marks)
- ii) Discuss three advantages and three disadvantages of DBMS (6 Marks)
- b) Describe three types of Databases (6 marks)
- c) Discuss three main mechanisms for enforcing security in Databases (6 Marks)

QUESTION THREE – 20 MARKS

- a) Identify two properties that a primary key must possess. (2 Marks)
- b) Explain the benefits of the object-oriented data modeling (6 Marks)
- c) Define the following attributes in relational database design;
- i. Multi-valued attribute (2 Marks)
 - ii. Composite attribute (2 Marks)
 - iii. Derived attribute (2Marks)
- d) Briefly explain the following concepts
- i) Physical Database Design (3 Marks)
 - ii) Logical design (3 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR – 20 MARKS

- a) Define the term transaction as used in database management systems and using relevant example elucidate on ACID properties of transactions. [10 Marks]
- b) Describe FIVE types of keys used database systems. [10 Marks]

QUESTION FIVE- 20 MARKS

- a) Explain any THREE basis on which databases are classified. [6 Marks]
- b) Discuss THREE levels of database schema architecture. [6 Marks]
- c) Write SQL statements to implement the following.
- i. Create a table. [2 Marks]
 - ii. Select all information in the table. [2 Marks]
 - iii. Delete a table. [2 Marks]
 - iv. Order records in a table. [2 Marks]