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VASAVI COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING (*Autonomous*), HYDERABAD
B.E. (CBCS) VI-Semester Advanced Supplementary Examinations, July-2019

Introduction to Databases
(Open Elective-VII)

Time: 3 hours

Max. Marks: 70

Note: Answer ALL questions in Part-A and any FIVE from Part-B

Part-A (10 × 2=20 Marks)

1. What is the role of DBA in a data base environment?
2. How data inconsistency problem can be avoided in database systems?
3. Why is a primary key required?
4. Differentiate weak and strong entity sets with an example.
5. Why do we need Normalization?
6. What are insertion, deletion, and update anomalies?
7. What is a serial schedule? Give an example.
8. Define a transaction. Give an example.
9. What is the purpose of a database system?
10. List the properties of a transaction.

Part-B (5 × 10=50 Marks)

11. a) Construct an E-R diagram for a Tiny College with almost all components and explain. [6]
- b) With a neat diagram describe the overall architecture of a Database. [4]
12. a) What is SQL? How SQL functions fit into DDL and DML? Explain in detail. [5]
- b) Explain the different operations in Relational Algebra with the help of an example. [5]
13. a) Compute the closure of the following set of functional dependencies for a relation schema $R=(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H)$, and $F= (AB \rightarrow C, BD \rightarrow EF, AD \rightarrow G, A \rightarrow H)$ [5]
- b) List and explain the inference rules of functional dependencies. [5]
14. a) Discuss about conflict serializability with an example. [6]
- b) During its execution, a transaction passes through several states, until it finally commits or aborts. List all possible sequences of states through which a transaction may pass. Explain why each state transition may occur. [4]
15. a) Explain about various constraints used in ER-model. [5]
- b) List and explain common data types available in SQL. [5]

- 16. a) Write the algorithm to compute the closure of attribute sets. Consider the following set of functional dependencies for the relation $R = (A, B, C, G, H, I)$ and find the closure for the attribute set (AG). [5]

$$F = \{A \rightarrow B, A \rightarrow C, CG \rightarrow H, CG \rightarrow I, B \rightarrow H\}$$

- b) Discuss about transaction recovery techniques. [5]
- 17. Answer any *two* of the following:
 - a) Discuss various data manipulation functions and aggregate functions in SQL. [5]
 - b) What are the steps involved in the conversion to second normal form? Explain with an example. [5]
 - c) What is NULL? What is its importance? How are these values handled in relational model? [5]
