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Question 1: Multiple Choice

(10 marks)

- 1. You are managing the database systems. You need to ensure that the user AMY can preview and add data of the SALES table. What SQL statement sequence will you use?
 - a) GRANT DELETE ON SALES TO AMY
 - b) GRANT SELECT ON SALES TO ALL
 - c) GRANT SELECT, INSERT ON SALES TO AMY
 - d) GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON SALES TO AMY
- 2. Which of the following statements correctly describe the **locking mechanism**?
 - a) An S-Lock prevents other transactions from reading the locked data.
 - b) An X-Lock prevents other transactions from reading or writing to the locked data.
 - c) Multiple transactions can have S-lock on the same data item.
 - d) Either b & c.
- 3. Which of the following statements is **TRUE** concerning **triggers**?
 - a) A stored procedure that activates (executes) when data is added, edited, or deleted from a table.
 - b) An object assigned to a column which defines how data can be added.
 - c) A set of transaction SQL statements designed to perform a set task similar to a macro.
 - d) An object assigned to a column which defines a value to be used if nothing is entered.
- 4. Which of the following best describe the **COMMIT TRANSACTION** command?
 - a) the database should be in a consistent state
 - b) signals successful end of transaction
 - c) all the updates can be made permanent
 - d) All of these
- 5. The main organisational aim for implementing a data warehouse is to provide?
 - a) Larger scale transaction processing
 - b) Decision support
 - c) Storing large volumes of data
 - d) Cheaper ways of handling transactions
- 6. All of the following are responsibilities of database administration, **except** _____
 - a. Installing and upgrading DBMS
 - b. DBMS performance monitoring
 - c. Backup and recovery
 - d. Sets data policies, procedures, standards

- 7. Which of the following functionalities achieves **OLAP** cube structure?
 - a) multidimensional
 - b) shared
 - c) information
 - d) collection
- 8. Witch of the following statements is **TRUE** about **Fact Table**?
 - a) Consists of the numeric measurement of interest to the business analysts
 - b) Quantifies data described by the Dimension Tables
 - c) Compound primary key, one segment for each dimension.
 - d) Contains mostly textual elements used to describe the dimensions
- 9. Which of the following statements is **NOT TRUE** about Differential Backup?
 - a) Differential backup records all the changes made to a database since the last full backup was performed.
 - b) Differential backup records the entire database.
 - c) The differential backup gets a little bigger each time it's performed.
 - d) A full/differential backup strategy provides a faster backup than full alone. .
- 10. If data replication is permitted in a distributed database _____
 - a. copies of tables can be located at the sites that most heavily use them
 - b. one site must contain a copy of every table
 - c. the maximum number of copies that can be made of any one table is equal to half the number of computers (sites) on the network
 - d. distributed joins are never necessary

Question 2: Answer Four (4) Questions only

(24 marks)

- a) Appraise the use of **triggers** and **check constraints** in a database application. Use examples to illustrate your answer.
- b) Assess the need for two roles **DBA** and **DA** in database administration. Propose some reasons to justify you answer.
- c) Explain how **data warehouse** systems have several distinct characteristics that differentiate them from **operational (database) systems**.
- d) Explain why concurrency control is important.
- e) What are the advantages and disadvantages of data replication in a distributed database?

Question 3: Answer Four (4) Questions only

(6 marks)

The following table contains two transactions, **Trans1** and **Trans2** which run concurrently on **Bal-X**:

Time	Trans-1	Trans-2	Bal-X
T1	Begin Transaction		200
T2	Read(Bal-X)	Begin Transaction	200
T3	Bal-X = Bal-X + 100	Read(Bal-X)	200
T4	Write(Bal-X)	Bal-X = Bal-X + 10	300
T5	Commit	Write(Bal-X)	210
T6		Commit	210

- 1. **Detect** the problem in the table above by analysing the transactions.
- 2. **Solve** the problem found by applying the **locking technique**.

Question 4: (10 marks)

Rentals

Rental Id	Start Rental	End Rental	Apartment No	Client ID
1	1-Jul-02	31-Ogos-04	PG4	CR76
2	1-Sep-02	1-Sep-04	PG16	CR76
3	1-Sep-02	10-Jun-04	PG4	CR56
4	10-Okt-02	1-Dis-05	PG36	CR56
5	1-Jan-02	10-Ogos-02	PG16	CR56

Apartments

Apartment No	Apartment Address	Rental	Owner ID
PG4	6 Lorong Setia, KL	350	CO40
PG16	5 Desa Nilam, KL	450	CO93
PG36	2, Jalan Matahari, KL	375	CO93

Consider a database containing the tables above and answer the following questions:

- a) Create **InsertApartment** stored procedure to add new **Apartment**, consider all business required.
- b) Create the **InsertRental** trigger to prevent reserving an apartment at the same time.

I wish you great success