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DATABASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Paper : IT 402

Full Marks : 100

Time : Three hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

Answer any five questions.

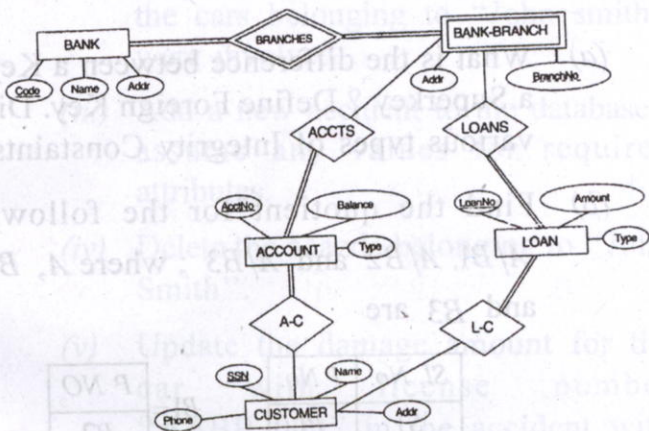
1. (a) Explain the desirable properties of a transaction. 10
- (b) What is a schedule ? Define the concepts of recoverable, cascadeless, and strict schedules, and compare them in terms of their recoverability. 10
2. (a) Compare binary locks to exclusive / shared locks. Why is the later type of locks preferable ? 10

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- (b) Describe the wait-die and wound-wait protocols for deadlock prevention. 10
3. (a) What is data redundancy? What are the disadvantages of having redundancy within a database? How redundancy can be reduced? 10
- (b) Discuss the main categories of data model. 10
4. (a) What is participation role? When is it necessary to use role names in the description of relationship types, explain with an example. 5
- (b) Consider the ER diagram shown in the figure below for part of a Bank Database. Each bank can have multiple branches and each branch can have multiple accounts and loans. 6
- (i) List the entity types in the ER diagram.

(ii) Is there a weak entity type ? If so, give its name, partial key, and identifying relationship.

(iii) What constraints do the partial key and identifying relationship of the weak entity type specify in this diagram ?



(c) What are the enhancements that distinguish EER model from ER model ? 9

5. (a) Discuss the purpose of Boyce-Codd normal form and describe how BCNF differs from and is stronger than 3NF. Illustrate your answer with an example. 10

- (b) What is lossless join property of a decomposition ? Why is it important ? 5
- (c) Given below are two sets of FDs for a relation $R(A,B,C,D,E)$. Are they equivalent ? 5
- $$F = \{A \rightarrow C, AC \rightarrow D, E \rightarrow AD, E \rightarrow B\}$$
- $$G = \{A \rightarrow CD, E \rightarrow AB\}$$
6. (a) What is the difference between a Key and a Superkey ? Define Foreign Key. Discuss various types of Integrity Constraints. 10
- (b) Find the quotient for the following :
 $A/B_1, A/B_2$ and A/B_3 ; where A, B_1, B_2 and B_3 are 10

Sl. No.	P No.
S1	P1
S1	P2
S1	P3
S1	P4
S2	P1
S2	P2
S3	P2
S4	P2
S4	P4

A =

P NO
P2

B1 =

P NO
P2
P4

B2 =

P NO
P1
P2
P4

B3 =

7. (a) Consider the Insurance database of figure below, where the primary keys are underlined. Construct the following SQL queries for this relational database. 10

(i) Find the total number of people who owned cars that were involved in accidents in 1989.

(ii) Find the number of accidents in which the cars belonging to "John smith" were involved.

(iii) Add a new accident to the database ; assume any values for required attributes.

(iv) Delete the Mazda belonging to "John Smith".

(v) Update the damage amount for the car with license number "AABB2000" in the accident with report number "AR2197" to \$3000.

person (driver_id#, name, address)

car (license, model, year)

accident (report_number, date, location)

owns (driver_id#, license)

participated (driver_id, car,

report_number, damage_amount)

(b) Explain how the GROUP BY clause works.
 What is the difference between HAVING
 and WHERE clause ? 10