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First Semester M.Tech. Degree Examination, December 2011
Advances in DBMS

Time: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks:100

Note: Answer any FIVE full questions.

1. a. What do you mean by NULL value problem in DBMS? Discuss the various reasons that lead to the occurrence of NULL values in relations. Give two examples. (10 Marks)
 b. What is an object identifier? What primary characteristics should an OID possess? What are its advantages and disadvantages? (10 Marks)
2. a. What is the difference between persistent and transient objects? How is persistence handled in typical OO database systems? Give an example. (10 Marks)
 b. Discuss structured and unstructured complex objects. Give the differences. (10 Marks)
3. a. What are the differences and similarities between objects and literals in the ODMG object model? Give examples. (10 Marks)
 b. Give the steps involved in mapping from EER to ODL. (10 Marks)
4. a. Discuss the inheritance and overloading of functions in SQL. (06 Marks)
 b. Discuss the design and implementation issues for active databases. (07 Marks)
 c. Discuss the multimedia database concepts. (07 Marks)
5. a. What are the functions that need to be provided by distributed databases in addition to those of centralized DBMS? (10 Marks)
 b. What is fragmentation? Discuss data fragmentation in distributed database design. (10 Marks)
6. a. Explain the different types of distributed database systems. (08 Marks)
 b. Discuss the query processing in distributed databases. (12 Marks)
7. a. Discuss the steps involved in building a data warehouse. (10 Marks)
 b. Explain the association rules and Apriori algorithm, in detail. (10 Marks)
8. a. What are classification rules? How are decision trees related to them? Explain with examples. (06 Marks)
 b. What are the characteristics of data in GIS? What are constraints present in GIS? (07 Marks)
 c. List all the characteristics of biological data. (07 Marks)

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