

Time: One hour

1. Designing databases efficiently benefits from a diverse toolkit of tools and techniques.

(a) *Simple attribute, composite attribute, multi-valued attribute and derived attribute* are some of the types of attribute that used in database modelling. Give brief description for two of the above given attribute types with suitable examples. [20 marks]

(b) Briefly describe the differences between *specialisation* and *generalisation* in an Enhanced Entity Relationship (EER) diagram with suitable examples. [20 marks]

(c) Consider a database system for a BASEBALL organisation. The data requirements are summarised as follows:

The personnel involved in the league include players, coaches, managers, and umpires. Every person is identified by a unique personnel id. They are also described by their first and last names along with the date and place of birth. Players are further described by other attributes such as their batting orientation (left, right, or switch) and have a lifetime batting average. Within the players group is a subset of players called pitchers. Pitchers have a lifetime ERA (earned run average) associated with them. Teams are uniquely identified by their names. Teams are also described by the city in which they are located and the division and league in which they play. Teams have one manager, a number of coaches, and a number of players. Games are played between two teams, with one designated as the home team and the other the visiting team on a particular date. The score (runs, hits, and errors) is recorded for each team. The team with the most runs is declared the winner of the game. With each finished game, a winning pitcher and a losing pitcher are recorded. In case there is a save awarded, the save pitcher is also recorded. With each finished game, the number of hits (singles, doubles, triples, and home runs) obtained by each player is also recorded.

Draw an EER diagram for the BASEBALL database. If you need to make any assumptions, include them in your answer. [60 marks]

2. Organisations now rely on the database as the cornerstone of their information systems, bringing about fundamental changes in their operational methodologies.

(a) Define what are *fourth* and *fifth* normal forms. [20 marks]

(b) Answer the following questions based on the following table:

SUBJECT	LECTURER	SEMESTER
Computer	Anshika	Semester 1
Computer	John	Semester 1
Math	John	Semester 1
Math	Akash	Semester 2
Chemistry	Praveen	Semester 1

i. The above table is not in *fifth normal form*. Explain briefly, why? [15 marks]

ii. Normalise the above table into *fifth normal form* relations. [15 marks]

(c) State what is meant by the *concurrent execution* of database transactions in a multi-user system. Discuss why concurrency control is needed. [15 marks]

(d) A transaction passes through several states during its execution. List and describe all possible states of a transaction. [15 marks]

(e) Define the *ACID* properties in the context of database transactions. Explain why these properties are important for maintaining data integrity and consistency. [20 marks]