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## University Examinations 2023/2024

SECOND YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DIPLOMA IN  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

### CIT 2312: INTRODUCTION TO DATABASE SYSTEM

DATE: APRIL 2024

TIME: 1 1/2 HOURS

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#### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Answer Question ONE, and any other TWO
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#### QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a. Define the following terms as used in ER Modeling (4 marks)
    - i. Key attribute
    - ii. Weak entity
    - iii. Relationship
    - iv. Domain
  - b. Differentiate the following as used in Database Systems.
    - i. Simple attribute and composite attribute (2 marks)
    - ii. Database and Relation (2 marks)
    - iii. Entity integrity and validity integrity (2 marks)
  - c. Describe the people as a component of database systems. (4 marks)
  - d. Identify two disadvantages of a Database Systems (2 marks)
  - e. Outline the importance of normalizing tables in Databases. (2 marks)
  - f. Describe three goals of securing database systems. (6 marks)
  - g. Write MySql statement to create a database and a table. (4 marks)
  - h. Write MySql statement to delete a table from a database. (2 marks)
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## QUESTION TWO (15 MARKS)

- a. Explain the following database models.
- i) Network model (2 marks)
  - ii) Relational model (2 marks)
- b. Using MySQL statements create the table below. (2 marks)

Employee Table

Employee ID	Employee Name	Department	Salary
E07	Joseph Njuguna	Human Resource	70000
E09	Mercy Kathambi	Finance	100000

- i. Write MySQL statement to display all the records in the table. (1 mark)
  - ii. Write MySQL statement to change the Employee Name for E07 to Joses Njuguna. (2 marks)
- c. Explain three types of relationships as used in database systems. Give an example in each. (6 marks)

## QUESTION THREE. (15 MARKS)

- a. Briefly describe two problems associated with traditional file processing. (4 marks)
- b. Explain three application areas of database systems. (6 marks)
- c. Consider the following for a lecture-course.

Lecturer = (lecturer\_id, name, age, department)

Course = (course\_id, course\_name, course\_room)

Lectures = (lecturer\_id, course\_id, lecture\_date)

Write MySQL statements you will use to;

- (i) Create the lecturer Table, course table and lectures table enforcing referential integrity constraints. (5 marks)

#### QUESTION FOUR (15 MARKS)

- a. Explain two aggregate functions used in database systems (4mks)
- b. Explain the basic structure of a SQL expression consisting of three clauses: select, from, and where clauses. (5 marks)
- c) Using examples describe the following data manipulation language statement.
- i. Update (2 marks)
  - ii. Delete (2 marks)
  - iii. Insert into (2 marks)