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**FACULTY OF SCIENCES  
APRIL, 2019 EXAMINATION**

**Course Code:** CIT843  
**Course Title:** Introduction to Database Management System  
**Course Credit** Unit: 2  
**Time Allowed:** 2 Hours  
**Instruction:** Answer Question 1 and any other three questions

**Question 1**

- (a) State two merits and demerits of Traditional Mainframe Architecture (6 marks)
- (b) What are the three features that could be used to describe metadata (3 marks)
- (c) What do you understand by Foreign Key Domain? (3 marks)
- (d) Enumerate four limitation of file-based system (4 marks)
- (e) Briefly discuss the following: (6 marks)
  - (i) Values Are Atomic
  - (ii) The Sequence of Columns is Insignificant
  - (iii) File and Printer Server
- (f) Explain "Non-repeatable read" in SQL transaction (3 marks)

**Question 2**

- (a) Critically explain the roles of database administration in Database Security System? (6 marks)
- (b) Describe the four main rules that Authorization should take into account? (9 marks)

**Question 3**

- (a) Briefly describe four kinds of action queries (6 marks)
- (b) Write down the twelve (12) steps required in creating Append Query? (9 marks)

**Question 4**

- (a) Discuss the concept of Open Database Connectivity (ODBC) (10 marks)
- (b) State five advantages of a Database Management System (DBMS) (5 marks)

**Question 5**

- (a) Data integrity is enforced in the relational model by **entity** and **referential** integrity rules. Critically compare Entity Integrity and Referential Integrity (8 marks)
- (b) Explain the concept of generalization hierarchy in relation to database management(7 marks)