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B. Sc. Degree program - Level 05

Open Book Test 2009/2010

CSU 3278: Database Management Systems

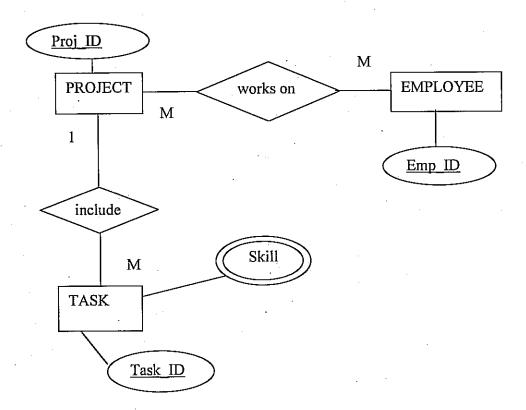
Duration: One and half hours

Date 01.03.2010

Time: 4.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

Answer ALL Questions.

1. Based on the E-R diagram below, answer the following questions. In each case, give reasons or an appropriate example to support your answer:



- i. How many projects can an employee work on?
- ii. How else might the attribute Skill be modelled?
- iii. Is it possible to attach attributes to the *includes* relationship? If yes, give an example; if no, explain the reason.
- iv. For a project that a particular employee is working on, is it possible to identify which tasks are included in that project the employee is undertaking? Explain your answer.

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2. A system is to be developed to support the operation of a firm that specializes in providing reviews of published books. Develop an Entity Relationship diagram for the system based on the following description:

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