

SQL Queries Interview Questions

The given below SQL interview questions requires some data for explanation of SQL queries. You can refer the following data tables for examples.

Table - StudentDetails

StudId	Name	EnrollmentNo	DateOfJoining
11	Nick Panchal	1234567	01/02/2019
21	Yash Panchal	2468101	15/03/2017
31	Gyan Rathod	3689245	27/05/2018

Table - StudentStipend

StudId	Project	Stipend
11	P1	80000
21	P2	10000
31	P1	120000

Write an SQL query to insert a new student detail in StudentDetails table.

Ans. We can use the **INSERT** query to insert data into SQL database table.

```
INSERT INTO StudentDetails (StudId, Name, EnrollmentNo, DateOfJoining)
Values ('51', 'Ashish Patel', '2468653', '09/03/2019');
```

Write an SQL query to select a specific student detail in StudentDetails table.

Ans. We can use the **SELECT** query to select data from the SQL database table.

```
SELECT * FROM StudentDetails WHERE Studid = '31';
```

Write an SQL query to update a project detail in StudentStipend table.

Ans. We can use the **UPDATE** query to update data into the SQL database table.

```
UPDATE StudentStipend SET Project = 'P3' WHERE Studid = '31';
```

Write an SQL query to drop a StudentStipend table with its structure.

Ans. We can use the **DROP** query to drop the SQL database table.

```
DROP TABLE StudentStipend;
```

Write an SQL query to delete only StudentDetails table data.

Ans. We can use the **TRUNCATE** query to delete data from the SQL database table.

```
TRUNCATE TABLE StudentDetails;
```

Write an SQL query to fetch student names having stipend greater than or equal to 50000 and less than or equal 100000.

Ans. Here, we can use **BETWEEN** in the 'where' clause to return the StudId of the student with stipend satisfying the required criteria and then use it as subquery to find the Name of the student from StudentDetails table.

```
SELECT Name
  FROM StudentDetails
 WHERE StudId IN
  (SELECT StudId FROM StudentStipend
 WHERE Stipain BETWEEN 50000 AND 100000);
```

Write a query to fetch student names and stipend records. Return student details even if the stipend record is not present for the student.

Ans. Here, we can use left join with StudentDetail table on the left side.

```
SELECT St.Name, S.Stipend
  FROM StudentDetails as St LEFT JOIN StudentStipend as S
 ON St.StudId = S.StudId;
```

Write an SQL query to fetch all student records from StudentDetails table who have a stipend record in StudentStipend table.

Ans. We can do the required operation using **EXISTS** clause in the SQL query.

```
SELECT * FROM StudentDetails as St
 WHERE EXISTS
  (SELECT * FROM StudentStipend as S WHERE St.StudId = S.StudId);
```

Write an SQL query to fetch the number of students working in project 'P1'.

Ans. Here, we can use the aggregate function **count()** with the SQL **WHERE** clause.

```
SELECT COUNT(*) FROM StudentStipend WHERE Project = 'P1';
```

Write an SQL query for fetching duplicate records from a table.

Ans. To find duplicate records from the table, we can use **GROUP BY** clause on all the fields and then we have to use **HAVING** clause to return only those fields whose count is greater than one, i.e. the rows having duplicate records.

```
SELECT StudId, Project, Stipend, COUNT() FROM StudentStipend GROUP BY
StudId, Project, Stipend HAVING COUNT() > 1;
```

Write an SQL query for removing duplicates from a table without using a temporary table.

Method 1: Using Group By and Having clause

```
DELETE FROM StudentStipend
WHERE StudId IN (
  SELECT StudId
  FROM StudentStipend
  GROUP BY Project, Stipend
  HAVING COUNT(*) > 1));
```

Method 2: Using rowId in Oracle

```
DELETE FROM StudentStipend
WHERE rowid NOT IN
(SELECT MAX(rowid) FROM StudentStipend GROUP BY StudId);
```

Write an SQL query for fetching all the Students who also have enrollment No from StudentDetails table.

Ans. Here, we can use Self-Join as the requirement wants us to analyze the StudentDetails table as two different tables, each for Student and enrollment records.

```
SELECT DISTINCT S.Name
FROM StudentDetails S
INNER JOIN StudentDetails E
ON S.StudId = E.EnrollmentNo;
```

Write an SQL query for creating a new table with data and structure copied from another table.

Ans. We can perform the required operation using the **SELECT INTO** query.

```
SELECT * INTO newTable FROM StudentDetails;
```

Write an SQL query to fetch a joint record between two tables using intersect.

Ans. We can fetch a joint record between two tables using **INTERSECT** clause as mentioned below.

```
SELECT * FROM StudentStipend
INTERSECT
SELECT * FROM EnrollmentDetails
```

Write an SQL query for fetching records that are present in one table but not in another table using Minus.

Ans. We can add the MINUS clause to exclude some rows from the resultant rows as mentioned below.

```
SELECT * FROM StudentStipend
      MINUS
      SELECT * FROM EnrollmentDetail
```

Write an SQL query to fetch count of students project-wise sorted by project's count in descending order.

Ans. In the mentioned below query first, we fetch the project-wise count and then sort the result by count. For project-wise count, we use **GROUP BY** clause, and then we use **ORDER BY** clause for sorting operation, on the alias of the project-count.

```
SELECT Project, count(StudId) StudProjectCount
      FROM StudentStipend
      GROUP BY Project
      ORDER BY StudProjectCount DESC;
```

Write an SQL query for creating an empty table with the same structure as some other table.

Ans. We can use MySQL **LIKE** clause with **CREATE** statement.

```
CREATE TABLE newTable LIKE StudentDetails;
```

Write an SQL query for finding current date-time.

Ans. SQL queries for various Databases are as described below.

SQL Query In Oracle

```
SELECT SYSDATE FROM DUAL;
```

SQL Query In SQL Server

```
SELECT getdate();
```

SQL Query In MySQL

```
SELECT NOW();
```

Write an SQL query for fetching only even rows from the table.

Ans. We can achieve this using Row_number in SQL server.

```
SELECT St.StudId, St.Project, St.Stipend
FROM (
    SELECT *, Row_Number() OVER(ORDER BY StudId) AS RowNumber
    FROM StudentStipend
) St
WHERE St.RowNumber % 2 = 0
```

Write an SQL query for fetching all the Students details from StudentDetails table who joined in the Year 2018.

Ans. We can perform the required operation using **BETWEEN** for the date range '01-01-2018' AND '31-12-2018'.

```
SELECT * FROM StudentDetails WHERE DateOfJoining BETWEEN '01-01-2018' AND
date '31-12-2018';
```

Also, we can extract the year part from the joining date (using YEAR in MySQL)-

```
SELECT * FROM StudentDetails WHERE YEAR(DateOfJoining) = '2018';
```

Write the SQL query to find the nth highest stipend from the table.

Ans. SQL queries to find the nth highest stipend form the table for various Databases are as described below.

Using Top keyword (SQL Server)

```
SELECT TOP 1 Stipend
FROM (
    SELECT DISTINCT TOP N Stipend
    FROM StudentStipend
    ORDER BY Stipend DESC
)
ORDER BY Stipend ASC
```

Using limit clause(MySQL)

```
SELECT Stipend FROM StudentStipend ORDER BY Stipend DESC LIMIT N-1,1;
```

Write an SQL query for fetching top n records using LIMIT?

Ans. SQL queries for fetching top n records using **LIMIT** for various Databases are as described below.

In MySQL

```
SELECT * FROM StudentStipend ORDER BY Stipend DESC LIMIT N;
```

In SQL server using the TOP command

```
SELECT TOP N * FROM StudentStipend ORDER BY Stipend DESC
```

In Oracle using ROWNUM

```
SELECT * FROM (SELECT * FROM StudentStipend ORDER BY Stipend DESC)
WHERE ROWNUM <= 3;
```

Write a query for fetching only the first name(string before space) from the Name column of StudentDetails table.

Ans. Here, we have to first fetch the location of the space character in the Name field and then we can extract the first name out of the Name field using LOCATE method in MySQL, CHARINDEX in SQL SERVER, and for fetching the string before space, we will use SUBSTRING OR MID method.

MySQL- Using MID

```
SELECT MID(Name, 0, LOCATE(' ',Name)) FROM StudentDetails;
```

SQL Server-Using SUBSTRING

```
SELECT SUBSTRING(Name, 0, CHARINDEX(' ',Name)) FROM StudentDetails;
```

We can also use LEFT which returns the left part of a string till specified number of characters.

```
SELECT LEFT(Name, CHARINDEX(' ',Name) - 1) FROM StudentDetails;
```

Write an SQL query for fetching only odd rows from the table.

Ans. We can achieve this using Row_number in SQL server.

```
SELECT St.StudId, St.Project, St.Stipend
FROM (
    SELECT *, Row_Number() OVER(ORDER BY StudId) AS RowNumber
    FROM StudentStipend
) St
WHERE St.RowNumber % 2 = 1
```

Write SQL query for finding the 3rd highest stipend from the table without using TOP/limit keyword.

Ans. We have to use of correlated subquery for finding the 3rd highest stipend the inner query will return us the count of till we find that there are two rows that stipend higher than other distinct stipends.

```
SELECT Stipend
FROM StudentStipend Stud1
WHERE 2 = (
    SELECT COUNT( DISTINCT ( Stud2.Stipend ) )
    FROM StudentStipend Stud2
    WHERE Stud2.Stipend > Stud1.Stipend
)
```

For nth highest stipend

```
SELECT Stipend
FROM StudentStipend Stud1
WHERE N-1 = (
    SELECT COUNT( DISTINCT ( Stud2.Stipend ) )
    FROM StudentStipend Stud2
    WHERE Stud2.Stipend > Stud1.Stipend
)
```

Conclusion

This is all about SQL Query interview questions with complete answers. I am sure it will help you in cracking the Database administrator (DBA) interview as an experienced or a fresher, and it will increase your confidence, too.

I hope you found this post fully informative and helpful.

Thank you for reading :)