

# DMC Practice Test Questions and Answers

## 1. What is a surrogate key?

- A) A key borrowed from another table
- B) A system-generated identifier with no business meaning
- C) A composite key made of multiple columns
- D) A natural identifier from the real world

## 2. What is a candidate key?

- A) Any column with a NOT NULL constraint
- B) A minimal set of attributes that uniquely identifies each row in a relation
- C) A foreign key candidate waiting to be promoted
- D) An index created during physical design

## 3. What is a multi-valued attribute?

- A) An attribute that can hold multiple independent values for a single entity instance
- B) An attribute that maps to multiple physical columns
- C) A foreign key that references two parent tables
- D) An attribute with a composite data type

## 4. What does 'data lineage' document?

- A) The age of data records from creation to deletion
- B) The origin of data and how it flows and transforms through systems over time
- C) The genealogy of database schema versions
- D) The list of users who accessed specific data

**Answers: 1-B 2-B 3-A 4-B**

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