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QUESTION 1

The code block shown below should return a DataFrame with columns transactionId, predError, value, and f from DataFrame transactionsDf. Choose the answer that correctly fills the blanks in the code block to accomplish this.

```
transactionsDf.__1__(__2__)
```

- A. 1. filter
2. "transactionId", "predError", "value", "f"
- B. 1. select
2. "transactionId, predError, value, f"
- C. 1. select
2. ["transactionId", "predError", "value", "f"]
- D. 1. where
2. col("transactionId"), col("predError"), col("value"), col("f")
- E. 1. select
2. col(["transactionId", "predError", "value", "f"])

Correct Answer: C

QUESTION 2

Which of the following code blocks silently writes DataFrame itemsDf in avro format to location fileLocation if a file does not yet exist at that location?

- A. itemsDf.write.avro(fileLocation)
- B. itemsDf.write.format("avro").mode("ignore").save(fileLocation)
- C. itemsDf.write.format("avro").mode("errorifexists").save(fileLocation)
- D. itemsDf.save.format("avro").mode("ignore").write(fileLocation)
- E. spark.DataFrameWriter(itemsDf).format("avro").write(fileLocation)

Correct Answer: A

QUESTION 3

The code block shown below should add column transactionDateForm to DataFrame transactionsDf. The column

should express the unix-format timestamps in column transactionDate as string type like Apr 26 (Sunday). Choose the answer that correctly fills the blanks in the code block to accomplish this.

```
transactionsDf.__1__(__2__, from_unixtime(__3__, __4__))
```

A. 1. withColumn

2.

"transactionDateFormat"

3.

"MMM d (EEEE)"

4.

"transactionDate"

B. 1. select

2.

"transactionDate"

3.

"transactionDateFormat"

4.

"MMM d (EEEE)"

C. 1. withColumn

2.

"transactionDateFormat"

3.

"transactionDate"

4.

"MMM d (EEEE)"

D. 1. withColumn

2.

"transactionDateFormat"

3.

"transactionDate"

4.

"MM d (EEE)"

E. 1. withColumnRenamed

2.

"transactionDate"

3.

"transactionDateFormat"

4.

"MM d (EEE)"

Correct Answer: C

QUESTION 4

Which of the following describes properties of a shuffle?

- A. Operations involving shuffles are never evaluated lazily.
- B. Shuffles involve only single partitions.
- C. Shuffles belong to a class known as "full transformations".
- D. A shuffle is one of many actions in Spark.
- E. In a shuffle, Spark writes data to disk.

Correct Answer: E

In a shuffle, Spark writes data to disk.

Correct! Spark's architecture dictates that intermediate results during a shuffle are written to disk.

A shuffle is one of many actions in Spark.

Incorrect. A shuffle is a transformation, but not an action.

Shuffles involve only single partitions.

No, shuffles involve multiple partitions. During a shuffle, Spark generates output partitions from multiple input partitions.

Operations involving shuffles are never evaluated lazily. Wrong. A shuffle is a costly operation and Spark

will evaluate it as lazily as other transformations. This is, until a subsequent action triggers its evaluation.

Shuffles belong to a class known as "full transformations". Not quite. Shuffles belong to a class known as

"wide transformations". "Full transformation" is not a relevant term in Spark.

More info: Spark ?The Definitive Guide, Chapter 2 and Spark: disk I/O on stage boundaries explanation Stack Overflow

QUESTION 5

The code block displayed below contains an error. The code block should read the csv file located at path data/transactions.csv into DataFrame transactionsDf, using the first row as column header and casting the columns in the most appropriate type. Find the error. First 3 rows of transactions.csv: 1.transactionId;storeId;productId;name 2.1;23;12;green grass 3.2;35;31;yellow sun 4.3;23;12;green grass Code block: transactionsDf = spark.read.load("data/transactions.csv", sep=";", format="csv", header=True)

- A. The DataFrameReader is not accessed correctly.
- B. The transaction is evaluated lazily, so no file will be read.
- C. Spark is unable to understand the file type.
- D. The code block is unable to capture all columns.
- E. The resulting DataFrame will not have the appropriate schema.

Correct Answer: E

Correct code block:

```
transactionsDf = spark.read.load("data/transactions.csv", sep=";", format="csv", header=True, inferSchema=True)
```

By default, Spark does not infer the schema of the CSV (since this usually takes some time). So, you need to add the inferSchema=True option to the code block.

More info: [pyspark.sql.DataFrameReader.csv -- PySpark 3.1.2 documentation](#)

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