Q1

This turned out to be a very easy question with a very high average of 72.3% and 21.7 standard deviation.

a.1 and a.ii: No systematic error. Almost all students did well. The absence of a duplicate removal operator in the algebraic expression was pervasive but wasn't penalized here.

a.iii: Several students forgot an extra project just above instructor, to drop the department name and that the root must be duplicate removal operator (i.e., the lenience shown in (a.ii) was not replicated here). However, in general most students got most of the available marks.

b.1 and b.ii: This was a harder question part than those in (a) above, but still, not particularly hard for most students.

c: Here, many students gave vague answers that ignored the need to focus on the distributed setting.

d: Many students focused on the fact that data arrives unpredictably. But this is a property of an input, an operand, and not of a join, the operation. This led to loss of marks in too many cases.

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Q2

This was a less easy question than Q1 but still not hard, with an average of 62.3% and 27.3 standard deviation, which was a very high.

There were no systematic errors worth commenting except for the fact that most students forgot about the tier occupied by model management systems.

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The exam average was a very high 67.4 with the standard deviation at 19.6.