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Describe the characteristics of a primary key and a foreign key.

(a) Primary key

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(b) Foreign key

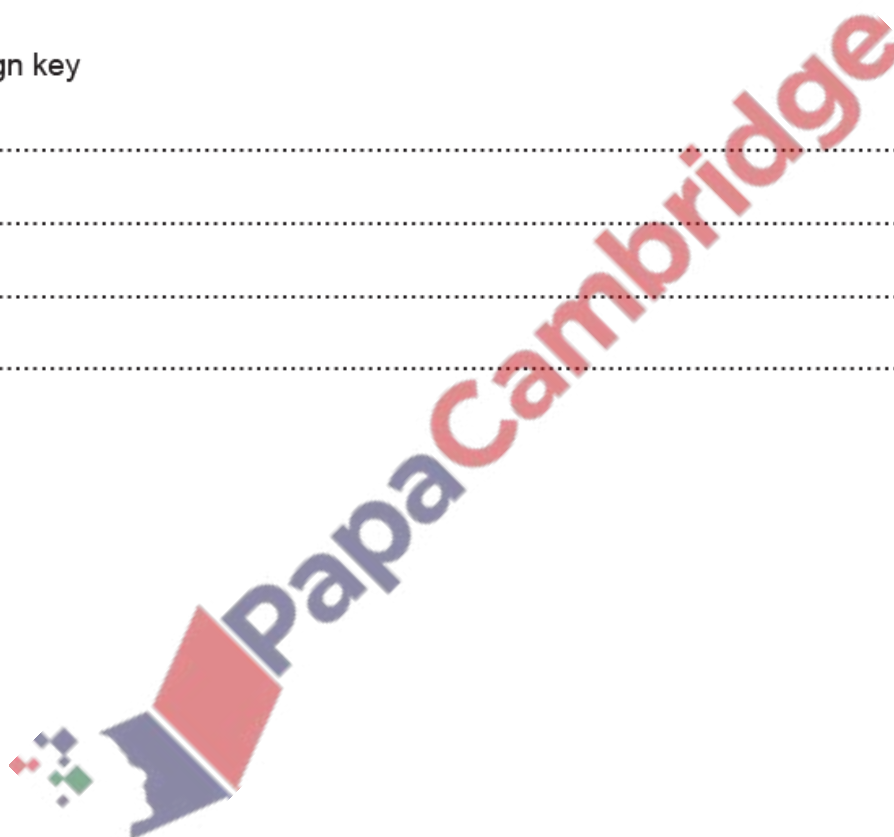
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A newsagent has created a database with fields to store details of each newspaper and magazine he sells. Part of the database is shown.

Product_number	Name_of_publication	Selling_price	Frequency	Publisher
1001	Wireless Times	\$1.50	Daily	Trinity Press
1015	The Daily Press	\$1.50	Daily	H W Brown
1034	OME	\$2.00	Monthly	Trinity Press

(a) Tick (✓) the field name that would be the most appropriate primary key for the database.

- A Product\_number ☐
- B Name\_of\_publication ☐
- C Selling\_price ☐
- D Frequency ☐
- E Publisher ☐

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(b) The newsagent has added a field called Bar\_code to store the bar code number of the product.

Explain why a presence check is not a suitable validation check for the Bar\_code field.

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- (c) The newsagent could use a relational database rather than a flat file database.

Describe the advantages of using a relational database rather than a flat file database.

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- (d) From the data shown in the part of the database, identify the most appropriate data type for the:

- (i) Selling\_price

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- (ii) Name\_of\_publication

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