

# Sample Questions with Answers

## Data Science & Analytics - Data Science

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### Question 1:

What is Data Science and how does it differ from traditional analytics?

#### **[ANSWER] Answer & Explanation:**

Data Science is an interdisciplinary field that combines statistics, programming, and domain expertise to extract insights from structured and unstructured data.  
• Traditional Analytics: Descriptive, uses historical data, answers "what happened"  
• Data Science: Predictive and prescriptive, uses ML algorithms, answers "what will happen" and "what should we do"  
• Tools: Python/R, machine learning, big data technologies  
• Process: Data collection ? cleaning ? analysis ? modeling ? deployment  
Example: Traditional analytics shows last quarter sales dropped 15%. Data science predicts next quarter trends, identifies customer segments likely to churn, and recommends targeted retention strategies.

### Question 2:

Explain the data science lifecycle and its key phases.

#### **[ANSWER] Answer & Explanation:**

The data science lifecycle is a structured approach to solving business problems using data-driven methods and iterative processes.  
• Business Understanding: Define objectives and success criteria  
• Data Acquisition: Collect from databases, APIs, web scraping  
• Data Preparation: Clean, transform, handle missing values  
• Exploratory Analysis: Understand patterns, correlations, distributions  
• Modeling: Build and train predictive models  
• Evaluation: Validate model performance and business impact  
• Deployment: Implement in production systems  
Example: E-commerce recommendation system starts with understanding user behavior goals, collecting clickstream data, cleaning and feature engineering, building collaborative filtering models, testing accuracy, and deploying real-time recommendations.

### Question 3:

What are the essential skills and tools for a data scientist?

#### [ANSWER] Answer & Explanation:

Data scientists need a combination of technical, analytical, and business skills to effectively solve complex problems.

- Programming: Python/R for analysis, SQL for databases
- Statistics: Hypothesis testing, probability, statistical inference
- Machine Learning: Supervised/unsupervised algorithms, model evaluation
- Tools: Jupyter, pandas, scikit-learn, TensorFlow, Tableau
- Business Acumen: Domain knowledge, problem-solving, communication

Example: Analyzing customer churn requires SQL to extract data, Python pandas for cleaning, statistical tests for significance, ML models for prediction, and business understanding to interpret results and recommend actionable strategies.



### Question 4:

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### Question 5:

Explain the data science lifecycle and its key phases.

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