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## 3 Java full

Explain each of the following: in relevant cases include up to four lines of Java code (but not more) to illustrate your point:

1. How to print a table of integers in neat columns, eg

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Heading1 Heading2
1234 989898976
76 -735743
8823674 66300
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- 2. How to test if a floating point number is a NaN, an infinity or any other special cases that come to mind;
- 3. How to arrange that, in an applet, a screen image is refreshed properly whenever the user moves, obscures or uncovers windows;
- Circumstances in which you might choose to declare on of your classes final, and cases when you might declare a method in a class final or protected.
- 5. The keyword finally and its use.

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(4 marks per section)
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## 3.1 Marking Notes

1. How to print a table of integers in neat columns, eg

Heading1	Heading2
1234	989898976
76	-735743
8823674	66300

Basically you are liable to do a lot by steam. I would set up a StringBuffer and add in first integer into it, then I can measure the length of the string buffer and deduce how much padding is needed, so I then put that in by adding in blanks. At the end I turn the string buffer into a string and print it. Yuk.

2. How to test if a floating point number is a NaN, an infinity or any other special cases that come to mind;

There may be library routines to test. However also: The test (f == f) can yield false only if f is a NaN. Infinity is not a NaN (and it is not zero) but Infinity-Infinity is.

To test for "-0.0" I might consider taking its reciprocal and seeing if that (an infinity) was negative.

3. How to arrange that, in an applet, a screen image is refreshed properly whenever the user moves, obscures or uncovers windows;

Define a public void method called paint in your applet. It gets a Graphics as its arg and should be called for you whenever re-painting is needed.

 Circumstances in which you might choose to declare on of your classes final, and cases when you might declare a method in a class final or protected.

If a class is final you are not permitted to sub-class it. Eg String is such. protected methods go in a library in some package other than the one that the user writes code in, but the user is permitted to derive a new classe and override them. default package access would not let the user access them at all if they are in a different package.

Making a method final prevents you adjusting that in any derived class.

So these are ways to ensure that people can sub-class in controlled manners which helps the code that uses instances of the top level class know what they can be certain of wrt behaviour.

5. The keyword finally and its use.

This is as in try {} finally {} and the finally clause will get obeyed on ANY exit from the protected block. used for clean-up, eg closing files etc.