

CHAPTER – 1

Exercise 1: What is the function of the secondary memory in a computer?

- a) Execute all of the computation and logic of the program
- b) Retrieve web pages over the Internet
- c) Store information for the long term, even beyond a power cycle
- d) Take input from the user

Answer: (c)

Exercise 2: What is a program?

Answer: The definition of a *program* at its most basic is a sequence of Python statements that have been crafted to do something.

Exercise 3: What is the difference between a compiler and an interpreter?

Answer:

Interpreter	Compiler
An <i>Interpreter</i> reads the source code of the program as written by the programmer, parses the source code, and interprets the instructions on the fly.	<i>Compiler</i> needs to be handed the entire program in a file, and then it runs a process to translate the high-level source code into machine language and then the compiler puts the resulting machine language into a file for later execution.

Exercise 4: Which of the following contains “machine code”?

- a) The Python interpreter
- b) The keyboard
- c) Python source file
- d) A word processing document

Answer: (a)

Exercise 5: What is wrong with the following code:

```
>>> print 'Hello world!'
File "<stdin>", line 1
print 'Hello world!'
^
SyntaxError: invalid syntax
>>>
```

Answer: It should be **print** and not print.
print 'Hello world!'

Exercise 6: Where in the computer is a variable such as “x” stored after the following Python line finishes?

```
x = 123
```

- a) Central processing unit
- b) Main Memory
- c) Secondary Memory
- d) Input Devices
- e) Output Devices

Answer: (b)

Exercise 7: What will the following program print out:

```
x = 43
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x = x + 1
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print(x)
```

- a) 43
- b) 44
- c) x + 1
- d) Error because $x = x + 1$ is not possible mathematically

Answer: (b)

Exercise 8: Explain each of the following using an example of a human capability: (1) Central processing unit, (2) Main Memory, (3) Secondary Memory, (4) Input Device, and (5) Output Device. For example, “What is the human equivalent to a Central Processing Unit”?

Answer: These are my thoughts and opinions may vary.

1. Central Processing Unit – Heart
2. Main Memory – Brain (Subconscious)
3. Secondary Memory – Brain (Conscious Thought)
4. Input Device – Ears, Hands
5. Output Device – Mouth

Exercise 9: How do you fix a “Syntax Error”?

Answer: The line and character that Python indicates in a syntax error may just be a starting point for your investigation.