

Session 1: Variables and Statements (Solutions Only)

Q1: What are the types of the following objects? a) 3.1 b) 3.0 c) '3' d) True e) print

Answers: a) float b) float c) str d) bool e) function

Q2: Use trial and error to figure out the meaning of the following operators: a) ** b) !=

Answers: a) exponentiation b) not equal to

Q3: Without using a computer, predict the result of the following expressions. Then check your answers using the computer. a) $5+3**2$ b) $5+(6>3)*2$ c) $4*(5-(2-1))+(6==1)$ d) $2*(2+1)+6/3+2**3$ e) '3'+ '2' f) '3'+2

Answers: a) 14 b) 7 c) 16 d) 16 e) '32' f) error (cannot add strings and numbers)

Q4: Without using a computer, predict the final value of x after executing the following sequence.

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x=3-1
x=x+1
x=2**x
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Answer: 8

Explanation: x is first set to 2, then becomes 3, then becomes 8.

Q5. Practicing Input and Print

a) Write a program that asks the user for their first name and last name separately, then display their full name as in the sample output.

```
[15]: first=input('Enter first name: ')
      last=input('Enter last name: ')
      print(f'Your full name is {first} {last}.')
```

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Enter first name: Peng
Enter last name: Shi
Your full name is Peng Shi.
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b) Write a program that asks the user for the quantity sold and the price per unit and multiply them to calculate the total revenue. (Hint: you need to convert from string to float before multiplying.)

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[16]: q=float(input('Input quantity sold: '))
      p=float(input('Input the price per unit: '))
      print(f'Total revenue is {p*q}.')
```

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Input quantity sold: 4
Input the price per unit: 3.5
Total revenue is 14.0.
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Q6. Calculator for Present Value

Write a program that calculates the present value of a certain investment, which will pay off a cash value of C in n years. The program should ask the user to input the final cash value C , the annual interest rate r (in percentage points), and the number of years n . The formula for present value V is

$$V = \frac{C}{(1 + \frac{r}{100})^n}$$

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[17]: reward=float(input('Input final cash value: '))
      interest=float(input('Input annual interest rate in percent: '))
      years=float(input('Input number of years: '))
      PV=reward/(1+interest/100)**years
      print(f'The present value is ${PV}.')
```

Input final cash value: 1000000

Input annual interest rate in percent: 5

Input number of years: 10

The present value is \$613913.2535407591.