



Regular Expressions

TOTAL POINTS 10

1. Which of the following best describes "Regular Expressions"?

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- ☐ The way Python handles and recovers from errors that would otherwise cause a traceback
- ☒ A small programming language unto itself
- ☐ A way to calculate mathematical values paying attention to operator precedence
- ☐ A way to solve Algebra formulas for the unknown value

2. What will the '\$' regular expression match?

1 point

- ☒ A dollar sign
- ☐ The end of a line
- ☐ An empty line
- ☐ A new line at the end of a line
- ☐ The beginning of a line

3. What would the following mean in a regular expression? [a-z0-9]

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- ☒ Match a lowercase letter or a digit
- ☐ Match any number of lowercase letters followed by any number of digits
- ☐ Match any text that is surrounded by square braces
- ☐ Match anything but a lowercase letter or digit
- ☐ Match an entire line as long as it is lowercase letters or digits

4. What is the type of the return value of the re.findall() method?

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- ☐ A string
- ☐ A boolean
- ☒ A list of strings
- ☐ A single character
- ☐ An integer

5. What is the "wild card" character in a regular expression (i.e., the character that matches any character)?

1 point

- ☐ \$
- ☐ *
- ☐ ?
- ☐ ^
- ☐ +
- ☒ .

6. What is the difference between the "+" and "*" character in regular expressions?

1 point

- ☒ The "+" matches at least one character and the "*" matches zero or more characters
- ☐ The "+" matches upper case characters and the "*" matches lowercase characters
- ☐ The "+" matches the beginning of a line and the "*" matches the end of a line
- ☐ The "+" matches the actual plus character and the "*" matches any character
- ☐ The "+" indicates "start of extraction" and the "*" indicates the "end of extraction"

7. What does the "[0-9]+" match in a regular expression?

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- ☒ One or more digits
- ☐ Several digits followed by a plus sign
- ☐ Any number of digits at the beginning of a line
- ☐ Zero or more digits
- ☐ Any mathematical expression

8. What does the following Python sequence print out?

1 point

```
1 x = 'From: Using the : character'
2 y = re.findall('^F.+:', x)
3 print(y)
```

- ☐ :
- ☐ ['From:']
- ☐ From:
- ☐ ^F.+:
- ☒ ['From: Using the :']

9. What character do you add to the "+" or "*" to indicate that the match is to be done in a non-greedy manner?

1 point

- ☒ ?
- ☐ \$
- ☐ ^
- ☐ **
- ☐ \g
- ☐ ++

10. Given the following line of text:

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```
1 From stephen.marquard@uct.ac.za Sat Jan 5 09:14:16 2008
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What would the regular expression "\S+?@\S+" match?

- ☒ stephen.marquard@uct.ac.za
- ☐ marquard@uct
- ☐ From
- ☐ \@\
- ☐ d@uct.ac.za

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