Methods

A method is a collection of statements that perform some specific task and return the result to the caller. A method can perform some specific task without returning anything. Methods allow us to reuse the code without retyping the code. In Java, every method must be part of some class which is different from languages like C, C++, and Python. Methods are time savers and help us to reuse the code without retyping the code. In Java, every method must be part of some class which is different from languages like C, C++, and Python.

public class MethodExample {  
 public static void main(String[] args) {  
 int a = 10;  
 int b = 20;  
 int c = sum(a, b);  
 System.out.println("The sum of a and b is " + c);  
 }  
  
 public static int sum(int num1, int num2) {  
 int result;  
 result = num1 + num2;  
 return result;  
 }  
}

A method can be returning nothing. In such case, the return type of the method is void.

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}

**Extra but IMPORTANT**: In any Java project, there sould be one and only one public class. The name of the public class should be the same as the name of the file. For example, if the name of the file is MethodExample.java, the name of the public class should be MethodExample.

tldr: file name = class name

for class with public static void main(String[] args)

1. Fill the blank to print time savor functions in the output.

public class Punchcard {  
 public static void printMessage() {  
 System.out.println("time savor functions");  
 }  
 public static void main(String[] args) {  
 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
 }  
}

1. void(printMessage);
2. printVoid();
3. void();
4. printMessage;
5. printMessage();

*answer*: E

1. What is wrong with the following code?

public class Punchcard {  
 public static void main(String[] args) {  
 int n = 5;  
 System.out.println(n + " squared is " + toTwo(n));  
 System.out.println(n + " cubed is " + toThree(n));  
 }  
}  
  
class power {  
 public static int toTwo(int n) {  
 return n \* n;  
 }  
 public static int toThree(int n) {  
 return n \* n \* n;  
 }  
}

1. The class name should be Power
2. To call a method from another class, you need to use the class name
3. The variable n should be declared in the toTwo and toThree methods
4. The methods toTwo and toThree should be declared as void
5. It’s not possible to have two classes in the same java file

*answer*: B

1. Fill the blank to print Imagine 2 dragons in the output.

public class Punchcard {  
 public static \_\_\_\_\_\_ printMessage(\_\_\_\_\_) {  
 return "Imagine " + x + " dragons";  
 }  
 public static void main(String[] args) {  
 System.out.println(printMessage(2));  
 }  
}

1. void and int
2. int and int x
3. int and String x
4. String x and int
5. String and int x

*answer*: E

1. what is the output of the following code?

public class Punchcard {  
 public static void main(String[] args) {  
 System.out.println(middle(1, 2, 3));  
 System.out.println(middle(1, 3, 2));  
 }  
 public static int middle(int a, int b, int c) {  
 if (a > b) {  
 if (b > c) {  
 return b;  
 } else if (a > c) {  
 return c;  
 } else {  
 return a;  
 }  
 } else {  
 if (a > c) {  
 return a;  
 } else if (b > c) {  
 return c;  
 } else {  
 return b;  
 }  
 }  
 }  
}

1. 2 and 2
2. 2 and 3
3. 3 and 2
4. error, It’s not possible to call a methods two times in the same program
5. error, the method middle should be declared as void

*answer*: A

1. Why the following code fails to execute properly?

**Extra**: To call a method from another class, The method should be declared as static

public class Punchcard {  
 public static void main(String[] args) {  
 cat.meow;  
 }  
}  
class cat {  
 public static void eat() {  
 System.out.println("kitty cat eating");  
 }  
 public static void meow() {  
 System.out.println("meow");  
 }  
}

1. It’s not possible to call a method from another class
2. The method meow should be declared as String
3. parameter state is missing, there need to be a () after the method name (cat.meow())
4. The class cat should be written before the main method
5. The unused method eat should be removed

*answer*: C

1. What change will correct the code to print the sum of two integers?

public class punchcard {  
 public static void main(String[] args) {  
 int a = 5;  
 int b = 10;  
 System.out.println("The sum is: " + add(a, b));  
 }  
  
 public static int add(int x, int y) {  
 return x - y;  
 }  
}

1. Change return x - y; to return x + y;
2. Change System.out.println("The sum is: " + add(a, b)); to System.out.println("The sum is: " + subtract(a, b));
3. Remove the method add
4. Change int a = 5; to int a = 15;
5. Add a new method public static int subtract(int x, int y) { return x + y; }

*answer*: A

1. What modification will make the following code print “Hello, Java!”?

public class punchcard {  
 public static void main(String[] args) {  
 greet();  
 }  
  
 public static void greet(String message) {  
 System.out.println(message);  
 }  
}

1. Add String message = "Hello, Java!"; before greet();
2. Change greet(); to greet("Hello, Java!");
3. Remove String[] args from main method
4. Change public static void greet(String message) to public static void greet()
5. Rename greet(String message) to greet()

*answer*: B

1. What modification will make the code properly compile and execute?

public class punchcard {  
 public static void main(String[] args) {  
 System.out.println(quote("Java is fun."));  
 }  
}  
  
public class Text {  
 public static String quote(String text) {  
 return "Quote: " + text;  
 }  
}

1. Change System.out.println(quote("Java is fun.")); to System.out.println(Text.quote("Java is fun."));
2. Remove String[] args from main method
3. Add String quote = quote("Java is fun."); before System.out.println(quote);
4. Remove the method quote(String text)
5. Change return "Quote: " + text; to System.out.println("Quote: " + text);

*answer*: A

1. What modification will fix the code to print “5”?

public class punchcard {  
 public static void main(String[] args) {  
 int result = square(2);  
 System.out.println(result);  
 }  
  
 public static void square(int num) {  
 return num \* num + 1;  
 }  
}

1. Change public static void square(int num) to public static int square(int num)
2. Remove String[] args from main method
3. Add return before num \* num; in the square method
4. Change int result = square(2); to int result = square(5);
5. Add int num = 5; before int result = square(2);

*answer*: A

1. What modification will fix the code to print “Hello, World!”?

public class HelloWorld {  
 public static void main(String[] args) {  
 System.out.println(greet());  
 }  
  
 public static void greet() {  
 return "Hello, World!";  
 }  
}

1. Change System.out.println(greet()); to System.out.println(HelloWorld.greet());
2. Remove String[] args from main method
3. Change public static void greet() to public static String greet()
4. Change public static void greet() to public static String greet() { return "Hello, World!"; }
5. Remove the method greet()

*answer*: C

1. What change will make the code correctly print “true”?

public class Logic {  
 public static void main(String[] args) {  
 System.out.println(isEven(4));  
 }  
  
 public static boolean isEven(int number) {  
 if (number % 2 == 0) {  
 return "true";  
 } else {  
 return "false";  
 }  
 }  
}

1. Change public static boolean isEven(int number) to public static String isEven(int number)
2. Remove String[] args from main method
3. Remove the quotes (") in return "true"; and return "false"; in the isEven method
4. Change System.out.println(isEven(4)); to System.out.println(Logic.isEven(4));
5. Change if (number % 2 == 0) to if (number % 2 != 0)

*answer*: C

1. What change will fix the code to print “5”?

public class Numbers {  
 public static void main(String[] args) {  
 int result = add(2, 3);  
 System.out.println(result);  
 }  
  
 public static int add(int a, int b) {  
 a + b;  
 }  
}

1. Change a + b; to return a + b;
2. Remove String[] args from main method
3. Add return before a + b; in the add method
4. Change int result = add(2, 3); to int result = add(5, 5);
5. Add int a = 5; and int b = 0; before int result = add(2, 3);

*answer*: C

1. What change will make the code correctly print “10”?

public class Numbers {  
 public static void main(String[] args) {  
 int result = multiply(2, 5);  
 System.out.println(result);  
 }  
  
 public static int multiply(int x, int y) {  
 return x + y;  
 }  
}

1. Change return x + y; to return x \* y;
2. Remove String[] args from main method
3. Change int result = multiply(2, 5); to int result = multiply(5, 2);
4. Add int x = 5; and int y = 5; before int result = multiply(2, 5);
5. Change public static int multiply(int x, int y) to public static void multiply(int x, int y)

*answer*: A

1. Fill the blank so the fox talks.

public class Punchcard {  
 public static void main(String[] args) {  
 System.out.println("What does the fox say?");  
 fox.talk();  
  
 }  
}  
class \_\_\_ {  
 public static \_\_\_\_ talk() {  
 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_"Screech"\_;  
 }  
}

Certainly! Here are five choices for completing the code:

1. fox, void, return
2. fox, String, System.out.println()
3. fox, void, System.out.println()
4. Animal, void, return
5. Fox, void, System.out.print()

*answer*: C