

JAVASCRIPT QUIRKS

QUIZ #1

#1

1) Is JavaScript case sensitive language?

☐ Yes

☐ No



YES

Javascript is case-sensitive

For example, variables **x** and **X** refer to two different variables in memory.

#2

```
.....  
(function() {  
    return typeof arguments;  
})();
```

2) What will be the output of the above code snippet?

- ☐ "object"
- ☐ "array"
- ☐ "arguments"
- ☐ "undefined"

typeof arguments === 'object'

- The **arguments** object is an array-like **object**
- You can access the individual argument values through an array index, and it has a **length** property like other arrays, but it doesn't have the standard **Array** methods like **push** and **pop**.

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```
(function(x){  
  delete x;  
  return x;  
})(1);
```

3) What will be the output of the above code snippet?

- ☐ 1
- ☐ null
- ☐ undefined
- ☐ Error

ANSWER IS 1

```
(function(x){  
  delete x;  
  return x;  
})(1);
```

- The delete operator removes properties from an object, and it only works if a property can be deleted.
- A special DontDelete attribute controls whether the property can be deleted. Function arguments are created with this DontDelete attribute, so attempting to delete x yields false (it does not throw an error). Global variables are also created with the DontDelete attribute.
- <http://perfectionkills.com/understanding-delete/>

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```
var o = { x: 1 };  
delete o.x;  
o.x;
```

```
function x(){}  
delete x;  
typeof x;
```

```
var x = 1;  
delete x;  
x;
```

```
var z = function(){};  
delete z;  
typeof z;
```

POP QUIZ

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var o = { x: 1 };  
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"undefined"

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delete x;  
x;
```

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delete z;  
typeof z;
```

"function"

#4

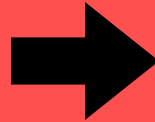
```
var y = 1, x = y = typeof x;  
x;
```

4) What will be the output of the above code snippet?

- ☐ 1
- ☐ "number"
- ☐ undefined
- ☐ "undefined"

X === 'UNDEFINED'

```
var y = 1, x = y = typeof x;  
x;
```



```
var y = 1;  
y = typeof x;  
var x = y;  
x;
```

- When `y = typeof x` is executed, `x` has not been defined yet, so `y` becomes the string "undefined", which is then finally assigned to `x` when it is formally declared.

#5

```
var foo = {  
  bar: function() { return this.baz; },  
  baz: 1  
};  
(function() {  
  return typeof arguments[0]();  
})(foo.bar);
```

5) What will be the output of the above code snippet?

- ☐ "undefined"
- ☐ "object"
- ☐ "number"
- ☐ "function"

ANSWER IS 'UNDEFINED'

```
var foo = {  
  bar: function() { return this.baz; },  
  baz: 1  
};  
(function(){  
  return typeof arguments[0]();  
})(foo.bar);
```

- Because we're calling foo.bar with the name arguments[0], this in foo.bar is not bound to foo, but bound to whatever this refers to within the anonymous function! Here, that happens to be the global object.
- There is no property called baz in the global object, so typeof operator yields "undefined".

#6

```
var x = 1;  
if (function() {}) {  
    x += typeof f;  
}  
x;
```

6) What will be the output of the above code snippet?

- ☐ 1
- ☐ "1function"
- ☐ "1undefined"
- ☐ NaN

ANSWER IS '1UNDEFINED'

```
var x = 1;  
if (function(){} ) {  
    x += typeof f;  
}  
x;
```

- Functions are always truthy values in JavaScript
- f is not defined here, so typeof f yields the string "undefined".
- Adding a string to a number results in a string

#7

```
var x = [typeof x, typeof y][1];  
typeof typeof x  
....
```

7) What will be the output of the above code snippet?

- ☐ "number"
- ☐ "string"
- ☐ "undefined"
- ☐ "object"

ANSWER IS 'STRING'

```
var x = [typeof x, typeof y][1];  
typeof typeof x;
```

- `typeof y === "undefined"`
- `typeof x === "string"`
- `typeof typeof x === "string"`

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- `typeof typeof undefined`
- `typeof typeof null`
- `typeof typeof 647`
- `typeof typeof []`
- `typeof typeof true`

#8

```
(function f() {  
  function f() { return 1; }  
  return f();  
  function f() { return 2; }  
})();
```

8) What will be the output of the above code snippet?

- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ Error
- ☐ undefined

ANSWER IS 2

```
(function f(){  
  function f(){ return 1; }  
  return f();  
  function f(){ return 2; }  
})();
```

- Function declarations and variable declarations are always moved (“hoisted”) invisibly to the top of their containing scope by the JavaScript interpreter.

#9

```
typeof null  
.....
```

9) What will be the output of the above code snippet?

- ☐ "undefined"
- ☐ "object"
- ☐ undefined
- ☐ null

typeof null === 'OBJECT'

- ECMAScript specification defines null as the primitive value that represents the intentional absence of any object value (ECMA-262, 11.4.11)

Difference between null and undefined

```
1 | typeof null           // object (bug in ECMAScript, should be null)
2 | typeof undefined      // undefined
3 | null === undefined    // false
4 | null == undefined     // true
```

#10

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```
(function() {  
  var a = b = 3;  
})();
```

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```
console.log("a defined? " + (typeof a !== 'undefined'));  
console.log("b defined? " + (typeof b !== 'undefined'));
```

10) What will be the output of the above code snippet?

- ☐ "a defined? true" / "b defined? true"
- ☐ "a defined? false" / "b defined? true"
- ☐ "a defined? true" / "b defined? false"
- ☐ "a defined? false" "b defined? false"

A DEFINED? FALSE' / 'B DEFINED? TRUE



The issue here is that most developers understand the statement `var a = b = 3;` to be shorthand for:

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```
var b = 3;  
var a = b;
```



But in fact, `var a = b = 3;` is actually shorthand for:



```
b = 3;  
var a = b;
```

Therefore, `b` ends up being a global variable (since it is not preceded by the `var` keyword) and is still in scope even outside of the enclosing function.

The reason `a` is undefined is that `a` is a local variable to that self-executing anonymous function

```
(function(){  
    var a = b = 3;  
})();
```

If a variable is initialized (assigned a value) without first being declared with the `var` keyword, it is automatically added to the global context and it is thus a global variable.