

Course: Introduction to Programming
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Sample Questions:

1. What is a variable in programming?
 - a) A constant value
 - b) A storage location
 - c) An arithmetic operation
 - d) A type of loop
2. Which language is compiled?
 - a) Python
 - b) JavaScript
 - c) Java
 - d) HTML
3. How do you print "Hello, World!" in Python?
 - a) echo "Hello, World!"
 - b) printf("Hello, World!")
 - c) System.out.println("Hello, World!")
 - d) print("Hello, World!")
4. What is the keyword for defining a function in Python?
 - a) func
 - b) function
 - c) def
 - d) define
5. Which of these is an example of recursion?
 - a) Looping through a list
 - b) A function calling itself
 - c) Declaring a variable
 - d) Importing a module
6. What does a 'for' loop do?
 - a) Executes a block of code once
 - b) Executes a block of code multiple times
 - c) Checks a condition
 - d) Defines a function
7. How are exceptions handled in Python?
 - a) Using try and except blocks

- b) Using if and else blocks
- c) Using for and while loops
- d) Using print statements

8. What is the correct way to create a list in Python?

- a) {1, 2, 3}
- b) (1, 2, 3)
- c) [1, 2, 3]
- d) <1, 2, 3>

9. How do you define a dictionary in Python?

- a) {key1: value1, key2: value2}
- b) [key1: value1, key2: value2]
- c) (key1: value1, key2: value2)
- d) <key1: value1, key2: value2>

10. How do you define a class in Python?

- a) class MyClass {}
- b) class MyClass
- c) class MyClass():
- d) class MyClass[]:

11. What is inheritance in programming?

- a) Creating variables
- b) Creating functions
- c) One class acquiring properties of another
- d) Importing modules

12. How do you import a module in Python?

- a) import module_name
- b) include module_name
- c) load module_name
- d) using module_name

13. Which function is used to read a file in Python?

- a) read()
- b) open()
- c) file()
- d) readfile()

14. What is the difference between local and global variables?

- a) Scope
- b) Type
- c) Size

d) Value

15. What determines the scope of a variable?

- a) Variable name
- b) Variable type
- c) Location of variable declaration
- d) Value assigned to the variable

16. How do you find the factorial of a number in Python?

- a) factorial(n)
- b) fact(n)
- c) math.factorial(n)
- d) compute_factorial(n)

17. What is a lambda function?

- a) Anonymous function
- b) Named function
- c) Loop
- d) Conditional statement

18. What are decorators used for in Python?

- a) Modifying the behavior of a function or method
- b) Declaring variables
- c) Looping through elements
- d) Handling exceptions

19. How do you reverse a string in Python?

- a) reverse(str)
- b) str[::-1]
- c) rev(str)
- d) reverse_string(str)

20. What is a list comprehension?

- a) Syntax for creating a list
- b) Looping construct
- c) Function
- d) Data type

21. What is a generator in Python?

- a) Function that returns an iterator
- b) Class that creates objects
- c) Variable declaration
- d) Loop construct

22. What is the difference between shallow copy and deep copy?

- a) Memory allocation
- b) Time complexity
- c) Reference copying vs. object copying
- d) Syntax

23. How do you merge two dictionaries in Python?

- a) dict1 + dict2
- b) dict1.update(dict2)
- c) dict1.extend(dict2)
- d) dict1.merge(dict2)

24. What does the `map()` function do?

- a) Applies a function to all items in an iterable
- b) Creates a dictionary
- c) Sorts a list
- d) Finds an item in a list

25. How do you check if a number is prime in Python?

- a) is_prime(number)
- b) prime(number)
- c) check_prime(number)
- d) math.is_prime(number)

26. What is the purpose of the `self` keyword in a class?

- a) Refer to instance attributes and methods
- b) Refer to global variables
- c) Refer to local variables
- d) Refer to static methods

27. What is polymorphism in programming?

- a) Multiple functions with the same name
- b) One class inheriting from another
- c) Multiple classes with the same name
- d) Different data types with the same interface

28. How do you sort a list of numbers in Python?

- a) sort(list)
- b) list.sort()
- c) sorted(list)
- d) sort_list(list)

29. What is the `__init__` method used for in a class?

- a) Initialize the object's state

- b) Destroy the object's state
- c) Create a new class
- d) Import modules

30. What does the `filter()` function do in Python?

- a) Filters elements from an iterable
- b) Creates a list
- c) Sorts a list
- d) Finds an element

31. How do you find the GCD of two numbers in Python?

- a) `gcd(a, b)`
- b) `math.gcd(a, b)`
- c) `find_gcd(a, b)`
- d) `compute_gcd(a, b)`

32. What are docstrings used for?

- a) Documenting code
- b) Declaring variables
- c) Creating loops
- d) Importing modules

33. What is method overloading?

- a) Multiple methods with the same name but different parameters
- b) One method calling another
- c) Multiple classes with the same method
- d) Importing methods from modules

34. How do you find the second largest number in a list in Python?

- a) `second_largest(list)`
- b) `find_second_largest(list)`
- c) `sorted(list)[-2]`
- d) `list[-2]`

35. What is the `with` statement used for?

- a) Handling file operations
- b) Creating loops
- c) Declaring variables
- d) Defining functions

36. What is a set in Python?

- a) Unordered collection of unique elements
- b) Ordered collection of elements
- c) Mutable list

d) Immutable list

37. How do you count the number of vowels in a string?

- a) `count_vowels(str)`
- b) `find_vowels(str)`
- c) `vowel_count(str)`
- d) `sum(1 for char in str if char in "aeiou")`

38. What is the difference between ``is`` and ``==``?

- a) Object identity vs. value equality
- b) Value equality vs. type equality
- c) Type equality vs. object identity
- d) Object identity vs. type equality

39. What is duck typing?

- a) Type checking based on methods and properties
- b) Strict type checking
- c) Type inference
- d) Runtime type checking

40. How do you flatten a nested list in Python?

- a) `flatten(list)`
- b) `sum(list, [])`
- c) `nested_to_flat(list)`
- d) `flat(list)`

41. What are magic methods in Python?

- a) Special methods with double underscores
- b) Methods for type conversion
- c) Methods for mathematical operations
- d) Methods for string manipulation

42. What does the ``reduce()`` function do?

- a) Applies a function cumulatively to the items in an iterable
- b) Filters elements from an iterable
- c) Sorts elements in an iterable
- d) Maps a function to the items in an iterable

43. How do you find the sum of digits of a number in Python?

- a) `sum_digits(number)`
- b) `sum(map(int, str(number)))`
- c) `sum_of_digits(number)`
- d) `compute_sum_of_digits(number)`

44. What is the difference between `append()` and `extend()`?
- a) Add single element vs. add multiple elements
 - b) Add multiple elements vs. add single element
 - c) Add elements at the beginning vs. add elements at the end
 - d) Remove elements vs. add elements
45. What is multiple inheritance?
- a) A class inheriting from multiple classes
 - b) A class inheriting from one class
 - c) Multiple classes inheriting from one class
 - d) One class inheriting from multiple instances
46. How do you find the length of a string without using `len()`?
- a) `length(str)`
 - b) `str_length(str)`
 - c) `sum(1 for char in str)`
 - d) `len_string(str)`
47. What does the `zip()` function do?
- a) Combines elements from multiple iterables
 - b) Sorts elements in an iterable
 - c) Filters elements from an iterable
 - d) Maps a function to the items in an iterable
48. What is an iterator in Python?
- a) Object that can be iterated upon
 - b) Function that returns a sequence of numbers
 - c) List of elements
 - d) String of characters
49. How do you remove duplicates from a list in Python?
- a) `list(set(list))`
 - b) `remove_duplicates(list)`
 - c) `unique_list(list)`
 - d) `deduplicate(list)`
50. What is the difference between `pop()` and `remove()`?
- a) Remove by index vs. remove by value
 - b) Remove by value vs. remove by index
 - c) Add element vs. remove element
 - d) Modify element vs. remove element
51. What does the `enumerate()` function do?
- a) Adds a counter to an iterable

- b) Creates a list
- c) Sorts a list
- d) Filters elements from a list

52. How do you convert a list of strings to a single string?

- a) `".join(list)`
- b) `str(list)`
- c) `join(list)`
- d) `concat(list)`

53. What is the ``pass`` statement used for?

- a) Placeholder for future code
- b) Declaring variables
- c) Creating loops
- d) Importing modules

54. What is a metaclass in Python?

- a) Class of a class
- b) Function of a function
- c) Variable of a variable
- d) Method of a method

55. How do you find the most frequent element in a list?

- a) `max(set(list), key=list.count)`
- b) `frequent_element(list)`
- c) `list.most_frequent()`
- d) `common_element(list)`

56. What is the ``break`` statement used for?

- a) Exiting a loop
- b) Creating a loop
- c) Declaring a variable
- d) Importing a module

57. What is list slicing?

- a) Extracting a portion of a list
- b) Adding elements to a list
- c) Removing elements from a list
- d) Sorting a list

58. How do you convert a string to a list of characters?

- a) `list(str)`
- b) `split(str)`
- c) `str_list(str)`

d) chars(str)

59. What is the difference between `range()` and `xrange()` in Python 2?

- a) `range()` returns a list, `xrange()` returns an iterator
- b) `range()` returns an iterator, `xrange()` returns a list
- c) `range()` returns a string, `xrange()` returns a list
- d) `range()` returns a list, `xrange()` returns a string

60. What is a context manager?

- a) Manages resources within a block of code
- b) Creates loops
- c) Declares variables
- d) Imports modules

61. How do you find the sum of a list of numbers?

- a) sum(list)
- b) list.sum()
- c) add(list)
- d) total(list)

62. What is the `continue` statement used for?

- a) Skipping the rest of the loop iteration
- b) Exiting a loop
- c) Declaring a variable
- d) Importing a module

63. What is a named tuple?

- a) Tuple with named fields
- b) List with named fields
- c) Dictionary with named fields
- d) Set with named fields

64. How do you check if a string is a palindrome?

- a) str == str[::-1]
- b) palindrome(str)
- c) is_palindrome(str)
- d) check_palindrome(str)

65. What is the difference between a method and a function?

- a) Method is associated with an object, function is not
- b) Function is associated with an object, method is not
- c) Method is a type of function
- d) Function is a type of method

66. What is slicing in strings?
- a) Extracting a portion of a string
 - b) Adding characters to a string
 - c) Removing characters from a string
 - d) Sorting a string
67. How do you calculate the Fibonacci sequence in Python?
- a) fibonacci(n)
 - b) fib(n)
 - c) fib_sequence(n)
 - d) fibonacci_sequence(n)
68. What is the `assert` statement used for?
- a) Testing conditions
 - b) Declaring variables
 - c) Creating loops
 - d) Importing modules
69. What is a binary search algorithm?
- a) Search algorithm that divides the search interval in half
 - b) Search algorithm that checks every element
 - c) Search algorithm that uses hashing
 - d) Search algorithm that uses recursion
70. How do you merge two sorted lists in Python?
- a) merge_sorted(list1, list2)
 - b) sorted(list1 + list2)
 - c) merge(list1, list2)
 - d) list1.merge(list2)
71. What is the difference between `sorted()` and `sort()`?
- a) `sorted()` returns a new list, `sort()` modifies the list in place
 - b) `sorted()` modifies the list in place, `sort()` returns a new list
 - c) `sorted()` sorts in ascending order, `sort()` sorts in descending order
 - d) `sorted()` sorts in descending order, `sort()` sorts in ascending order
72. What is recursion depth?
- a) Maximum number of nested function calls
 - b) Maximum number of loop iterations
 - c) Maximum number of variable declarations
 - d) Maximum number of imported modules
73. How do you find the median of a list of numbers in Python?
- a) median(list)

- b) `statistics.median(list)`
- c) `find_median(list)`
- d) `list.median()`

74. What is the ``all()`` function used for?

- a) Check if all elements in an iterable are true
- b) Check if any elements in an iterable are true
- c) Sort elements in an iterable
- d) Filter elements in an iterable

75. What is a hash table?

- a) Data structure that maps keys to values
- b) Data structure that sorts elements
- c) Data structure that filters elements
- d) Data structure that stores elements sequentially

76. How do you find the intersection of two lists in Python?

- a) `set(list1) & set(list2)`
- b) `intersection(list1, list2)`
- c) `list1.intersection(list2)`
- d) `intersect(list1, list2)`

77. What is the difference between ``any()`` and ``all()``?

- a) ``any()`` checks if any elements are true, ``all()`` checks if all elements are true
- b) ``all()`` checks if any elements are true, ``any()`` checks if all elements are true
- c) ``any()`` sorts elements, ``all()`` filters elements
- d) ``all()`` sorts elements, ``any()`` filters elements

78. What is memoization?

- a) Storing results of expensive function calls
- b) Sorting elements in an iterable
- c) Filtering elements in an iterable
- d) Mapping elements in an iterable

79. How do you find the mode of a list of numbers in Python?

- a) `statistics.mode(list)`
- b) `mode(list)`
- c) `find_mode(list)`
- d) `list.mode()`

80. What does the ``dir()`` function do in Python?

- a) Lists the attributes and methods of an object
- b) Declares variables
- c) Creates loops

d) Imports modules

81. What is a linked list?

- a) Data structure consisting of nodes connected by pointers
- b) Data structure consisting of elements stored sequentially
- c) Data structure consisting of elements stored in a hash table
- d) Data structure consisting of elements stored in a tree

82. How do you find the union of two lists in Python?

- a) `set(list1) | set(list2)`
- b) `union(list1, list2)`
- c) `list1.union(list2)`
- d) `combine(list1, list2)`

83. What is the difference between ``isinstance()`` and ``issubclass()``?

- a) ``isinstance()`` checks if an object is an instance of a class, ``issubclass()`` checks if a class is a subclass of another class
- b) ``issubclass()`` checks if an object is an instance of a class, ``isinstance()`` checks if a class is a subclass of another class
- c) ``isinstance()`` checks if a class is a subclass of another class, ``issubclass()`` checks if an object is an instance of a class
- d) ``issubclass()`` checks if a class is a subclass of another class, ``isinstance()`` checks if an object is an instance of a class

84. What is a binary tree?

- a) Tree data structure with each node having at most two children
- b) Tree data structure with each node having at most three children
- c) Tree data structure with each node having exactly two children
- d) Tree data structure with each node having exactly three children

85. How do you implement a stack in Python?

- a) Using a list
- b) Using a set
- c) Using a dictionary
- d) Using a tuple

86. What does the ``help()`` function do in Python?

- a) Provides documentation for objects
- b) Declares variables
- c) Creates loops
- d) Imports modules

87. What is a queue?

- a) Data structure with FIFO (First In, First Out) order

- b) Data structure with LIFO (Last In, First Out) order
- c) Data structure with random access
- d) Data structure with sequential access

88. How do you implement a queue in Python?

- a) Using collections.deque
- b) Using a list
- c) Using a set
- d) Using a dictionary

89. What is the difference between a stack and a queue?

- a) Stack is LIFO, queue is FIFO
- b) Stack is FIFO, queue is LIFO
- c) Stack allows random access, queue allows sequential access
- d) Stack allows sequential access, queue allows random access

90. What is breadth-first search (BFS)?

- a) Search algorithm that explores nodes level by level
- b) Search algorithm that explores nodes depth by depth
- c) Search algorithm that uses hashing
- d) Search algorithm that uses recursion

91. How do you implement a binary search tree in Python?

- a) Using a class
- b) Using a list
- c) Using a set
- d) Using a dictionary

92. What is the difference between DFS and BFS?

- a) DFS explores depth first, BFS explores level first
- b) BFS explores depth first, DFS explores level first
- c) DFS uses hashing, BFS uses recursion
- d) BFS uses hashing, DFS uses recursion

93. What is depth-first search (DFS)?

- a) Search algorithm that explores nodes depth by depth
- b) Search algorithm that explores nodes level by level
- c) Search algorithm that uses hashing
- d) Search algorithm that uses recursion

94. How do you perform a binary search in Python?

- a) Using a while loop and comparing middle elements
- b) Using a for loop and comparing middle elements
- c) Using recursion and comparing middle elements

d) Using iteration and comparing middle elements

95. What does the `id()` function do in Python?

- a) Returns the unique identifier of an object
- b) Declares variables
- c) Creates loops
- d) Imports modules

96. What is dynamic programming?

- a) Method for solving complex problems by breaking them down into simpler subproblems
- b) Method for sorting elements
- c) Method for filtering elements
- d) Method for mapping elements

97. How do you implement a priority queue in Python?

- a) Using heapq module
- b) Using a list
- c) Using a set
- d) Using a dictionary

98. What is the difference between a min-heap and a max-heap?

- a) Min-heap has the smallest element at the root, max-heap has the largest element at the root
- b) Min-heap has the largest element at the root, max-heap has the smallest element at the root
- c) Min-heap sorts elements in descending order, max-heap sorts elements in ascending order
- d) Min-heap sorts elements in ascending order, max-heap sorts elements in descending order

99. What is a graph in computer science?

- a) Data structure consisting of nodes and edges
- b) Data structure consisting of elements stored sequentially
- c) Data structure consisting of elements stored in a hash table
- d) Data structure consisting of elements stored in a tree

100. How do you find the shortest path in a graph?

- a) Using Dijkstra's algorithm
- b) Using DFS
- c) Using BFS
- d) Using recursion