

## C Aptitude Questions

1.

```
#include<stdio.h>
```

```
int i = 0;  
int fun(int n){  
    i++;  
    if(n > 90)  
        return n-20;  
    return fun(fun(n + 21));  
}
```

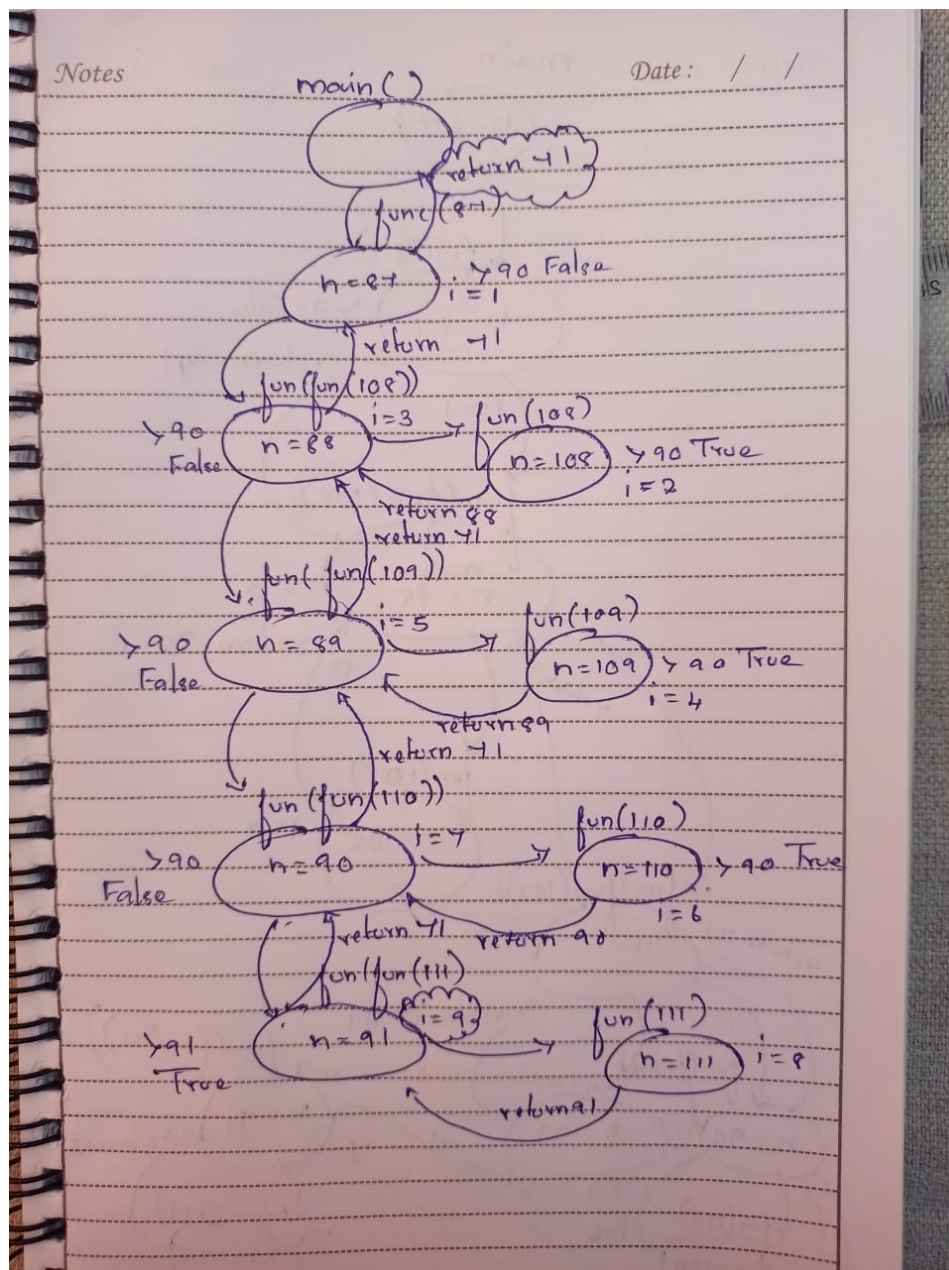
```
void main(){  
    printf("%d \n", fun(87));  
    printf("%d\n", i);  
}
```

Trace the recursive calls to find the solution  
here i am adding my version of tracing the recursive calls

The output is

71

9



2.

```
void main(){
    int i = 4, j = 8;
    i = i|j & j|i + i|j & j|i - i^j;
    j = i|i & j|j + j|j & i|i - j^j;
    printf("%d %d %d\n", i|j & j|i, i|j & j|i, i^j);
}
```

The question is related to operator precedence....  
See the following operator precedence table

Category	Operator	Associativity
Postfix	() [] -> . ++ --	Left to right
Unary	+ - ! ~ ++ -- (type)* & sizeof	Right to left
Multiplicative	* / %	Left to right
Additive	+ -	Left to right
Shift	<< >>	Left to right
Relational	< <= > >=	Left to right
Equality	== !=	Left to right
Bitwise AND	&	Left to right
Bitwise XOR	^	Left to right
Bitwise OR		Left to right
Logical AND	&&	Left to right
Logical OR		Left to right
Conditional	?:	Right to left
Assignment	= += -= *= /= %= >>=	Right to left
Comma	<<= &= ^= ;= ,	Left to right

The operations to be performed is of the order

- \* Addition/Subtraction
- \* Bitwise AND
- \* Bitwise XOR
- \* Bitwise OR

so the expression

$i = i|j \& j|i + i|j \& j|i - i^j$ ;  $\rightarrow i = 4|8 \& 8|4 + 4|8 \& 8|4 - 4^8$ ;  $\rightarrow 4|8 \& 8|8 \& 8|0^8$ ;  $\rightarrow 4|8 \& 8|8|0^8$

$\rightarrow 4|8|8|8|8 \rightarrow 4|8 \rightarrow 12$

so the updated value of i would be 12

next expression

$j = i|i \& j|j + j|j \& i|i - j^8$ ;  $\rightarrow 12|12 \& 8|8 + 8|8 \& 12|12 - 8^8 \rightarrow 12|12 \& 8|16$   
 $|8 \& 12|4^8 \rightarrow$

$12|8|16|8|4^8 \rightarrow 12|8|16|8|12 \rightarrow 12|8|16 \rightarrow 28$

So the updated value of j would be 28

lastly the expression in the print statements

$i|j \& j|i \rightarrow 12|28 \& 28|12 \rightarrow 12|28|12 \rightarrow 12|28 \rightarrow 28$

$i^j \rightarrow 12^28 \rightarrow 16$

So the output would be  
28 28 16

3.

```
#include<stdio.h>
```

```
int main(){
    char *str = "Hello World";
    int i;
    int len = strlen(str);
    for(i = 0; i<= len; i++){
        printf("%c", str[len - i]);
    }
    return 0;
}
```

Output:

\0dlroW olleH  
(or)  
dlroW olleH

Explanation:

The program is to print the string in reverse order....

In c string/arrays are usually terminated with /0 (Empty spaces in array are usually filled with /0)

So the output is dependent on terminal and both outputs are valid

4.

```
#include<stdio.h>
```

```
struct module1{
```

```
    unsigned int x : 5;  
    unsigned int y: 8;
```

```
}m1;
```

```
struct module2{
```

```
    unsigned int x:5;  
    unsigned int : 0;  
    unsigned int y : 8;
```

```
}m2;
```

```
int main(){
```

```
    printf("%d %d\n", m1.x++ - ++m2.x, m1.y + m2.y++);  
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

Output

-1 0

Explanation

The wierd statements like `unsigned int x : 5;` does not have any significance to the output you can learn about these statements here -> [C bit fields](#)

when a structure variable is created, the members inside the structure is initialized

if

int -> 0

float -> 0

char -> \0;

m1.x, m1.y, m2.x, m2.y = 0

so on valuating

m1.x++ - ++m2.x -> 0 - 1 -> -1

m1.y + m2.y++ -> 0 + 0 -> 0

5.

```
#include<stdio.h>
int main() {
    int i =0;
    for(i = 0; i< 20; i++){
        switch(i){

            case 0:
                i += 5;

            case 1:
                i += 2;

            case 5:
                i += 5;

            default:
                i += 4;
                break;

        }
        printf("%d ", i);
    }
    return 0;
}
```

Output :  
16 21

Explanation:

iteration 1

i = 0

case 0 True

i +=4 => 5

as there is no break statement the subsequent lines will be executed

i += 2 => 7

i += 5 => 12

i += 4 => 16 // prints 16

iteration 2

i = 17

none of the cases matches so the default case is executed...

i +=4 => 21 // prints 21

Note : The break statements inside a switch does not terminate the loops rather terminates the switch statement

6.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#define square(x) x*x

int main(){
    int i;
    i = 64 / square(4);
    printf("%d \n", i);
}
```

Output  
64

Explanation:

#define is used to define preprocessor directives ie., when used the defined name the name is replaced with the constant or expression

here we defined square(x) as x\*x

so in  $i = 64 / \text{square}(x) \rightarrow 64 / x * x \rightarrow 64 / 4 * 4 \rightarrow 16 * 4 = 64$ .

7. Considering int occupies 2 bytes of space predict the output of the following

```
#include<stdio.h>

int main(void) {

    int i = 3;
    int j;
    j = sizeof(++i + ++i);
    printf("i = %d j = %d\n", i, j);
    return 0;

}
```

Output  
i = 3 j = 2

Explanation:

sizeof is an **operator and not a function** and it only evaluates an expression if truly needed so in this case it does not evaluate the expression for more details about sizeof [Why size of does not increment x](#)

8.

```
#include<stdio.h>
int main(){
    char s[] = "zoho";
    int i;

    for(i = 0; s[i]; i++)
        printf("\n%c %c %c %c", s[i], *(s + i), *(i + s), i[s]);
}
```

Output:

```
z z z z
o o o o
h h h h
o o o o
```

Explanation:

Compilers use pointer arithmetic internally to access array elements.

ie., the expression `a[i]` is evaluated as `*(a + i)` so the expressions

`s[i]`, `*(s + i)`, `*(i + s)`, `i[s]` are all same

9.

```
#include<stdio.h>

int main() {
    void fun(char*);
    char a[100];

    a[0] = 'Z'; a[1] = 'O';
    a[2] = 'H'; a[3] = 'O';

    fun(&a[0]);
    return 0;
}

void fun(char *a){
    a++;
    printf("%c", *a);
    a++;
    printf("%c", *a);
}
```

Output:

OH

Explanation:

the line `void fun(char*);` -> is called function prototype declaration  
it tells the compiler that there exists a function named `fun` with an parameter of type character pointer. This line doesn't have any specific meaning to the output

then the address of 0<sup>th</sup> index is passed as an argument to the function `fun`  
the function then computes `a++` so now `a` points to the 1<sup>st</sup> index of the string `zoho` and prints `o` again `a++` and now `a` points to the 2<sup>nd</sup> index of the string. Now in the print statement `h` is printed

10.

```
#include<stdio.h>
#include<string.h>
```

```
int main(){
    char str1[] = "zohocorp.com";
    char str2[20] = "";

    strncpy(str2, str1, 8);
    printf("%s", str2);
    return 0;
}
```

Output:

zohocorp

Explanation:

`strncpy` -> The C library function `char *strncpy(char *dest, const char *src, size_t n)` copies up to `n` characters from the string pointed to, by `src` to `dest`. Here `n` -> 8 so first 8 characters from `str1` is copied to `str2` and then it is printed