

Java Interview Q&A with Explanations and System

Q: What are the four pillars of OOP in Java?



Interview Answer:

The four pillars of OOP are Encapsulation, Abstraction, Inheritance, and Polymorphism.



Explanation:

1. **Encapsulation**: Wrapping variables and methods together in a class, restricting direct access.
2. **Abstraction**: Hiding implementation details and showing only necessary features using abstract classes/interfaces.
3. **Inheritance**: A class can acquire properties and methods of another class using 'extends' keyword.
4. **Polymorphism**: Ability of a method or object to take many forms. (Method overloading/overriding).

Q: What is an Interface in Java?



Interview Answer:

An interface is a blueprint of a class that contains abstract methods and constants. It is used to achieve abstraction and multiple inheritance.



Explanation:

Interfaces define what a class should do, but not how it does it. A class implements an interface and provides functionality.



Example:

```
interface Animal { void sound(); }  
class Dog implements Animal { public void sound(){  
    System.out.println("Bark"); } }
```

Q: Difference between Abstraction and Interface



Interview Answer:

Abstraction focuses on hiding implementation using abstract classes, whereas Interface provides a contract of methods a class must implement.

 Explanation:

Abstract class can have both abstract and concrete methods, while interface only had abstract methods (until Java 8 added default/static).

Q: Difference between Abstraction and Encapsulation

 Interview Answer:

Abstraction hides implementation details, while Encapsulation hides the internal state using access modifiers.

 Explanation:

Encapsulation = data hiding (fields private, accessed via getters/setters). Abstraction = design-level hiding of implementation using abstract classes/interfaces.


Q: What is static in Java?

 Interview Answer:

The 'static' keyword means the member belongs to the class rather than an instance.

 Explanation:

Static variables are shared across objects, static methods can be called without creating an object, and static blocks are executed once when class loads.

 Example:

```
class Test {  
    static int count = 0;  
    static void show(){ System.out.println(count); }  
    static { System.out.println("Static block executed first"); }  
}
```

Q: Can static block run first or later?

 Interview Answer:

Static block runs first, before the main method, when the class is loaded into memory.

 Explanation:

It initializes static variables or performs setup tasks before object creation.

Q: Difference between readonly, final, and static

 Interview Answer:

Final: used to declare constants, prevent method overriding and inheritance. Static: belongs

to class, shared by objects. Readonly: not in Java, but in C#, ensures variable value can't be modified after initialization.

 Explanation:

Java uses 'final'. Example: `final int x=10;` In C# 'readonly' works like final but value can be set at runtime in constructor.

Q: What is private and protected?

 Interview Answer:

Private: members accessible only inside the same class. Protected: members accessible in same package and subclasses.

 Explanation:

Private = most restrictive, Protected = visible to child classes.

Q: What is Multitasking?

 Interview Answer:

Multitasking is the ability to execute multiple tasks simultaneously.

 Explanation:

In Java, multitasking is achieved via multithreading (threads allow concurrent execution).

Q: What is Heap Memory and Stack Memory?

 Interview Answer:

Heap is used to store objects. Stack stores method calls, local variables, and references.

 Explanation:

Heap = runtime object storage, managed by Garbage Collector. Stack = temporary storage for method execution, faster but limited in size.

Q: What is super keyword in Java?

 Interview Answer:

The 'super' keyword refers to the parent class.

 Explanation:

It can call parent constructor, access parent variable, or invoke parent method.

 Example:

```
class Animal { void sound(){ System.out.println("Animal sound"); } }  
class Dog extends Animal {  
    void sound(){ super.sound(); System.out.println("Dog barks"); }  
}
```

Mini Library Management System (Covers OOP Pillars)

This system demonstrates all four OOP pillars:

- **Encapsulation**: private fields with getters/setters.
- **Abstraction**: abstract class Book with abstract method.
- **Inheritance**: different types of Books extend Book.
- **Polymorphism**: overriding displayDetails() method.

```
abstract class Book {  
    private String title;  
    private String author;  
  
    public Book(String title, String author) {  
        this.title = title;  
        this.author = author;  
    }  
  
    public String getTitle() { return title; }  
    public String getAuthor() { return author; }  
  
    public abstract void displayDetails();  
}  
  
class TextBook extends Book {  
    private String subject;  
  
    public TextBook(String title, String author, String subject) {  
        super(title, author);  
        this.subject = subject;  
    }  
  
    @Override  
    public void displayDetails() {  
        System.out.println("TextBook: " + getTitle() + " by " +
```

```
getAuthor() + ", Subject: " + subject);  
    }  
}
```

```
class Novel extends Book {  
    private String genre;
```

```
    public Novel(String title, String author, String genre) {  
        super(title, author);  
        this.genre = genre;  
    }
```

```
    @Override  
    public void displayDetails() {  
        System.out.println("Novel: " + getTitle() + " by " + getAuthor() +  
            ", Genre: " + genre);  
    }  
}
```

```
public class LibrarySystem {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        Book b1 = new TextBook("Java Basics", "James Gosling",  
            "Programming");  
        Book b2 = new Novel("Sherlock Holmes", "Arthur Conan Doyle",  
            "Mystery");  
  
        b1.displayDetails();  
        b2.displayDetails();  
    }  
}
```
