COSC1073 - Programming 1

TuteLab 1 – Types and Expressions and I/O

Tutorial Questions

- 1. Give appropriate declarations for variables used to store the following values:
 - a. An employee's salary

float salary;

b. The month number within a year

byte month;

c. An employee identification number

String employeeNumber; // since could be alphanumeric

d. The constant string "Hello"

```
static final String HELLO_STRING = "Hello";
```

e. The capacity of a tank in cubic cm

int tankVolume;

f. The conversion factor from \$AUS to \$US

float fxFactor;

2. What is the output of the following statements:

3. What is the value of a in the following (assume a is int)?

```
a. a = 45 / 8 * 4 + 2;

22

b. a = 17 + (21 % 6) * 2;

23

c. a = (4 * 2 + 2) * 2;

20
```

4. Recalculate the results for expressions b and c above – are either of these expressions evaluated differently without the parentheses (round brackets)?

```
b. a = 17 + 21 % 6 * 2;
23
c. a = 4 * 2 + 2 * 2;
12
```

For (b) the parenthesis (round brackets) did not matter, for (c) the parenthesis did make a difference (due to the order of operations).

5. What is wrong with the following expressions, one trying to compute the area of a semicircle and the other trying to compute the positive root of a quadratic equation? How do we fix these problems?

```
areaSemiCircle = 1/2 * Math.PI * r * r;
root1 = (- b + Math.sqrt(b*b - 4*a*c)) / 2 * a;
```

For areaSemiCircle due to the 1/2 using returning an integer instead of 0.5 being returned, 0 is returned which results in the final result always being 0. One way to fix this is to change 1/2 into a double, for example 0.5:

```
areaSemiCircle = 0.5 * Math.PI * r * r;
```

For roo1 the 2 * a requires parenthesis, otherwise the left-hand side is divided by 2 then multiplied by a, rather than being divided by 2 multiplied by a.

```
root1 = (-b + Math.sqrt(b*b - 4*a*c)) / (2 * a);
```

6. Which of the following expressions are equivalent to the statements below:

```
y = x;

x = x+1;

a. y = x++; b. x = y++; c. y = ++x; d. x = ++y;
```

The only equivalent statement is (a).

7. Let y have the value 5 and z have the value 8. What are the values of x, y and z after each line of the following fragment?

```
a. x = y++ + z++;

x = 13, y = 6, z = 9

b. x = y++ + ++z;

x = 14, y = 6, z = 9

c. x = ++y + z++;

x = 14, y = 6, z = 9

d. x = ++y + ++z;

x = 15, y = 6, z = 9
```

8. What will be the output of the program below given the input below?

INPUT (3 lines):

12.5

13.5

This is the end

```
n1 = 12.50 \text{ } n2 = 13.50 \text{ } message =
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n1 = 12.50 n2 = 13.50 message = This is the end

The input for message is missed due to a mishandling of not flushing the input buffer after reading a double and calling nextLine() to get input afterwards. To fix this flush the buffer after each non-nextLine() call as such: