

## 1. History and Features of C:

### **1. Who is the father of C language?**

Dennis Ritchie is considered the father of the C language.

### **2. In which year was C language developed?**

C was developed in 1972.

### **3. C was developed at which research center?**

C was developed at Bell Labs (Bell Telephone Laboratories).

### **4. C is a successor of which programming language?**

C is a successor of the B language, which was influenced by BCPL.

### **5. Name two main features of C language.**

Two main features are:

Portability

Efficiency and Speed

### **6. Why is C called a middle-level language?**

C is called a middle-level language because it combines the features of high-level languages (like abstraction and structured programming) and low-level languages (like direct memory access and hardware interaction).

### **7. What are the applications of C language?**

Applications include:

Operating systems (like UNIX)

Embedded systems

Compilers and interpreters

System-level programming

Database systems

Game development

### **8. Why is C called a portable language?**

C is called portable because code written in C can be compiled and run on different machines with little or no modification, thanks to its standardization and minimal hardware dependency.

## 2. Structure of a C Program:

### **1. What are the main sections of a C program?**

A typical C program has the following main sections:

Preprocessor Directives (e.g., #include, #define)

Global Declarations (variables, functions, constants)

main() Function (entry point of the program)

Function Definitions (user-defined or library functions)

### **2. What is the use of the #include directive?**

The #include directive is a preprocessor command that tells the compiler to include the contents of a file (usually a header file) in the program.

For example:

```
#include <stdio.h> // Includes standard input/output functions
```

### **3. Why is main() function important in C?**

The main() function is the entry point of a C program.

Execution of every C program starts from main(). Without it, the program will not run.

### **4. Write the general structure of a C program.**

```
#include <stdio.h> // Preprocessor Directive
```

```
// Global Declarations
```

```
int global_var = 10;
```

```
// Function Prototypes
```

```
void greet();
```

```
int main() // Main Function
```

```
{
```

```
    printf("Hello, World!\n");
```

```
    greet(); // Function Call
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

```
// Function Definitions
```

```
void greet()
```

```
{
```

```
    printf("Welcome to C Programming!\n");
```

```
}
```

### **5. What is the difference between header files and source code files?**

Header Files (.h)

Contain declarations

Used for function prototypes, macros, constants  
algorithms)

Example: stdio.h, math.h

Source Code Files (.c)

Contain definitions

Used to implement logic (functions,

Example: main.c, utils.c

### **6. What is the role of the return 0; statement in main()?**

return 0; tells the operating system that the program executed successfully.

A return value of 0 means success

A non-zero value usually means an error or abnormal termination

### 3. Constants and Variables:

#### **1. What is a variable in C?**

A variable in C is a named storage location in memory that can hold a value which can be changed during program execution.

Example:

```
int age = 25;
```

#### **2. Define constants in C.**

A constant is a value that does not change during the execution of a program. Once defined, it cannot be modified.

#### **3. What is the difference between a variable and a constant?**

Variable		Constant
Value can change		Value remains fixed
No keyword required		Requires const or #define
Stored in memory		Stored in memory or replaced at compile time
Example: int x = 5;		Example: const int x = 5;

#### **4. Which keyword is used to define constants in C?**

The const keyword is used to define constants.

Also, #define can be used for symbolic constants.

Example:

```
const float PI = 3.14;
```

```
#define MAX 100
```

#### **5. Give an example of an integer constant.**

Example of an integer constant:

```
100
```

```
-45
```

```
0
```

#### **6. What is the difference between symbolic constant and literal constant?**

Symbolic Constant		Literal Constant
Named constant defined using #define or const		Actual value written directly in the code
Example: #define PI 3.14		Example: area = 3.14 * r * r;
Easy to change in one place		Hard-coded, must be changed everywhere

#### **7. Can we change the value of a constant during execution?**

No, the value of a constant cannot be changed once it is defined.

If you try to modify a constant, the compiler will generate an error.

## 4. Data Types and Type Conversion:

### **1. What are the basic data types in C?**

The basic data types in C are:

Data Type	Description
int	Integer numbers
float	Floating-point numbers (single precision)
double	Double-precision floating-point numbers
char	Single character
void	Represents absence of value (used for functions with no return type)

### **2. What is the difference between int and float?**

int	float
Used for whole numbers	Used for decimal numbers
Example: int x = 5;	Example: float y = 5.25;
No fractional part	Has fractional part

### **3. What is the size of char in C?**

The size of a char is 1 byte (8 bits).

It can store values from -128 to 127 (signed) or 0 to 255 (unsigned).

### **4. What is the range of int in C (16-bit compiler)?**

On a 16-bit compiler, int is usually 2 bytes, so the range is:

Signed int: -32,768 to 32,767

Unsigned int: 0 to 65,535

### **5. Define type conversion in C.**

Type conversion is the process of converting one data type into another.

There are two types:

Implicit type conversion (automatic by compiler)

Explicit type conversion (manual, by the programmer)

### **6. What is the difference between implicit and explicit type conversion?**

Implicit Type Conversion	Explicit Type Conversion
Done automatically by the compiler	Done manually by the programmer
No data loss (usually)	May lead to data loss
Example: int x = 10; float y = x;	Example: float x = 5.6; int y = (int)x;

### **7. What is type casting? Give an example.**

Type casting is a type of explicit type conversion where you manually convert a variable from one data type to another.

Example:

```
float x = 5.75;
```

```
int y = (int)x; // y becomes 5, decimal part is lost
```

### **8. What is the difference between signed and unsigned integers?**

Signed Integer

Can store both positive and negative values

Example: `int a = -10;`

Range is smaller

Unsigned Integer

Can store only positive values

Example: `unsigned int a = 10;`

Range is larger

## 5. Operators and Expressions:

### **1. What is an operator in C?**

An operator is a symbol that tells the compiler to perform a specific operation on one or more operands (variables or values).

Example: +, -, \*, /, ==, etc.

### **2. List the types of operators in C.**

The main types of operators in C are:

Arithmetic Operators (+, -, \*, /, %)

Relational Operators (==, !=, >, <, >=, <=)

Logical Operators (&&, ||, !)

Assignment Operators (=, +=, -=, etc.)

Increment/Decrement Operators (++ , --)

Bitwise Operators (&, |, ^, ~, <<, >>)

Conditional (Ternary) Operator (? :)

Comma Operator (,)

Sizeof Operator (sizeof)

Pointer Operators (\*, &)

### **3. What is the difference between = and ==?**

= (Assignment Operator)

== (Equality Operator)

Assigns a value to a variable

Compares two values for equality

Example: x = 5;

Example: x == 5 (returns true if x is 5)

### **4. Explain the difference between pre-increment (++i) and post-increment (i++).**

Pre-increment (++i)

Post-increment (i++)

Increments the value before use

Increments the value after use

Example: x = ++i; (i is incremented first)      Example: x = i++; (x gets i's old value, then i is incremented)

### **5. What is the use of the modulus (%) operator?**

The % operator returns the remainder of an integer division.

Example:

7 % 3 = 1

### **6. What is operator precedence in C?**

Operator precedence defines the order in which operators are evaluated in an expression.

For example:

int x = 5 + 3 \* 2; // Result is 11, because \* has higher precedence than +

Operators with higher precedence are evaluated before operators with lower precedence.

Use parentheses () to control evaluation order.

**7. What is the difference between logical AND (&&) and bitwise AND (&)?**

Logical AND (&&)

Used with boolean (true/false) values

Returns true if both conditions are true

Example: (a > 0 && b > 0)

Bitwise AND (&)

Used with binary (bit-level) values

Performs AND on each bit of the operands

Example: 5 & 3 → 101 & 011 = 001 (1)

**8. What is an expression in C? Give an example.**

An expression is a combination of variables, constants, and operators that produces a value.

Example:

```
int result = (a + b) * c;
```



## 6. Input and Output Functions:

### **1. What is the difference between printf() and scanf()?**

printf()

Used to display output

Sends data from program to screen

Example: printf("Hello");

scanf()

Used to take input from the user

Takes data from user to program

Example: scanf("%d", &x);

### **2. Why do we use format specifiers in C?**

Format specifiers are used in printf() and scanf() to tell the compiler what type of data is being input or output.

They match variables to data types.

Example:

%d → int

%f → float

%c → char

### **3. What is the format specifier for float?**

The format specifier for float is %f.

### **4. Which header file is required for printf() and scanf()?**

The required header file is:

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

### **5. Write the syntax of scanf() function.**

General syntax:

```
scanf("format specifier", &variable);
```

example:

```
int age;
```

```
scanf("%d", &age);
```

### **6. How can we take a single character as input in C?**

You can use scanf() with %c:

```
char ch;
```

```
scanf("%c", &ch);
```

Or use getchar():

```
char ch;
```

```
ch = getchar();
```

### **7. How can we print multiple values using printf()?**

List multiple format specifiers and variables:

```
int a = 10, b = 20;
```

```
printf("a = %d, b = %d\n", a, b);
```

### **8. What happens if you don't use & in scanf()?**

If you don't use &, scanf() will not know where to store the input, because it needs the address of the variable.

This can lead to garbage values or a runtime error (crash).

Example (Wrong):

```
int x;
```

```
scanf("%d", x); // Incorrect
```

Example (Correct):

```
int x;
```

```
scanf("%d", &x); // Correct
```