

1. Explain the concept of pointers in C and write a program to swap the values of two variables using pointers.

Pointers in C are variables that store the address of another variable. They are declared using the asterisk (*) symbol. For example, an integer pointer is written as **int *a**.

```
#include <stdio.h>

void swap(int *a, int *b) {
    int t = *a;
    *a = *b;
    *b = t;
}

int main() {
    int x = 10;
    int y = 20;

    printf("Before swap: x = %d, y = %d\n", x, y);

    swap(&x, &y);

    printf("After swap: x = %d, y = %d\n", x, y);

    return 0;
}
```

2. Write a C program to reverse a given string without using any additional library functions.

```
#include <stdio.h>

#include <string.h>

void reverseString(char str[]) {
    int length = strlen(str);
    char temp[length];
    int i, j;

    for (i = 0, j = length - 1; i < length; i++, j--) {
        temp[i] = str[j];
    }

    for (i = 0; i < length; i++) {
        str[i] = temp[i];
    }
}

int main() {
    char str[] = "Hello, World!";

    printf("Original string: %s\n", str);
    reverseString(str);
    printf("Reversed string: %s\n", str);

    return 0;
}
```

3. Explain the concept of structures in C and write a program to store student information (name, roll number, marks) using a structure.

In C programming, a structure (often referred to simply as a 'struct') is a user-defined data type that allows us to group together different types of variables under a single name. It provides a way to store a collection of heterogeneous data items.

```
#include <stdio.h>

struct Student {
    int rollNumber;
    char name[50];
    float marks;
};

int main() {

    struct Student student1;

    student1.rollNumber = 16;
    student1.name = "Jimmy";
    student1.marks = 90;

    // Accessing and printing the members of 'student1'
    printf("Roll Number: %d\n", student1.rollNumber);
    printf("Name: %s\n", student1.name);
    printf("Marks: %.2f\n", student1.marks);

    return 0;
}
```

4. Differentiate between single-linked lists and doubly-linked lists in C. Write code snippets to create a node and perform a basic insertion operation in a singly-linked list.

a) Singly Linked List:

1. Structure:

- a) Each node contains data and a pointer/reference to the next node in the sequence.
- b) The last node points to NULL, indicating the end of the list.

2. Traversal:

- a) Traversal is possible only in one direction (forward).
- b) To access elements, you start from the head (first node) and move sequentially through each node until you reach the desired node or the end (NULL).

3. Memory Usage:

- a) Requires less memory per node compared to a doubly linked list because it stores only one reference (next pointer).

b) Doubly Linked List:

1. Structure:

- o Each node contains data and pointers/references to both the next node and the previous node.
- o The first node's previous pointer and the last node's next pointer point to NULL.

2. Traversal:

- o Allows traversal in both directions: forward (using the next pointer) and backward (using the previous pointer).
- o This bidirectional traversal facilitates operations that require accessing nodes in both directions.

3. Memory Usage:

- Requires more memory per node compared to a singly linked list because it stores two references (next and previous pointers).

4. Operations:

- Insertions and deletions at the beginning and end of the list are efficient (constant time complexity, $O(1)$), as you have direct access to both the head and tail nodes.
- Insertions and deletions at any position in the list are also more efficient compared to singly linked lists (constant time if the position is known, otherwise linear time for traversal).