- 1. Which elements are allowed in the <filter-mapping> element of the deployment descriptor? (Select three)
  - a <servlet-name>
  - b <filter-class>
  - c <dispatcher>
  - d <url-pattern>
  - e <filter-chain>

Answers: a, c, and d

## Explanation

Answer a is correct because you can map filters to named servlets, as well as URL patterns. Answer c will control under which dispatching mechanism the filter is invoked. Answer d allows you to map the filter to an URL pattern. Answer b is a legitimate element, but it belongs in the <filter> element. Answer e is a nonexistent element.

**2.** What is wrong with the following code?

```
public void doFilter(ServletRequest req, ServletResponse res,
FilterChain chain)
throws ServletException, IOException {
    chain.doFilter(req, res);
    HttpServletRequest request = (HttpServletRequest)req;
    HttpSession session = request.getSession();
    if (session.getAttribute("login") == null) {
    session.setAttribute("login", new Login());
    }
}
```

- a The doFilter() method signature is incorrect; it should take HttpServlet-Request and HttpServletResponse.
- **b** The doFilter() method should also throw FilterException.
- c The call to chain.doFilter(req, res) should be this.doFilter(req, res, chain).
- d Accessing the request after chain.doFilter() results in an IllegalState-Exception.
- e Nothing is wrong with this filter.

Answer: e

## Explanation

Answers a and b are wrong; the doFilter() method's signature and thrown exceptions are correct. Answer c, calling this.doFilter(req, res, chain), would result in unwanted recursion. Answer d is incorrect; no code here will throw an IllegalStateException.

## **3.** Given these filter mapping declarations:

```
<filter-mapping>
   <filter-name>FilterOne</filter-name>
   <url-pattern>/admin/*</url-pattern>
   <dispatcher>FORWARD</dispatcher>
</filter-mapping>
<filter-mapping>
   <filter-name>FilterTwo</filter-name>
   <url-pattern>/users/*</url-pattern>
</filter-mapping>
<filter-mapping>
   <filter-name>FilterThree</filter-name>
   <url-pattern>/admin/*</url-pattern>
</filter-mapping>
<filter-mapping>
   <filter-name>FilterTwo</filter-name>
   <url-pattern>/*</url-pattern>
</filter-mapping>
```

in what order are the filters invoked for the following browser request?

```
/admin/index.jsp
a FilterOne, FilterThree
b FilterOne, FilterTwo, FilterThree
```

- **d** FilterThree, FilterTwo
- e FilterThree
- f None of these filters are invoked.

Answer: d

## Explanation

FilterOne is cannot be invoked by calling /admin/index.jsp from the browser but only through a request dispatcher forward, so answers a and b are incorrect. Answer c lists the correct filters but in the wrong order. Answer e names only the first filter that is invoked. Answer d names the correct filters, in the correct order.