

CS&141 Computer Science I (Java)

Midterm Study Guide

Midterm will be a “paper and pencil”, “closed book” test. Students are encouraged to prepare notes on a **3x5 inch index card using both sides**. That card is the only reference students can use during the exams.

Midterm will cover topics from the following chapters of the text book

- Chapter 1 & 2 Intro and Java Fundamentals
- Chapter 3 Decision Structures
- Chapter 4 Loops
- Chapter 5 Methods
- Part of Chapter 11 Exceptions (11.1 Handling Exceptions and 11.2 Throwing Exceptions)

The test will consist of **three parts**: multiple choice, short answer, and problem solving (writing the code of the problem solution).

To get ready for the multiple choice part of the test please make sure to work on the review questions and exercises at the end of each chapter. Answering “Checkpoint” questions is a very good test-prep activity too.

In order to feel more comfortable when writing code on paper, please consider solving “Algorithm Workbench” problems at the end of each chapter of the text book using just paper and pencil.

Practice hand-writing the coding solutions of the problems listed as “Sample Problems” in Code-Writing Quizzes 1 – 3.

To prepare for the multiple-choice part of the test please practice answering questions listed in Quizzes 1 – 3 posted in the current module.

Following are sample questions you may expect to see in the problem-solving part of the test. I copy-pastes the topic-lists and problem lists of all 3 code-writing quizzes we worked on.

Topics to Review and Sample Problems for the Problem-Solving Part of the Test

Quiz 3 Topics

- Writing methods that take parameters and don’t return a value

- Writing methods that take parameters and return a value
- Methods that return numeric, string, and Boolean results.
- Calling methods using user input or random numbers generated in a loop.
- Turning segments of code you practiced to write for Quiz 1 and Quiz 2 into methods.
- Throwing exceptions from methods:
 - Propagating exception from the method. Example: opening file in a method and not handling exceptions in the method but propagating them up to the calling code
 - Throwing a new exception from the method. Example: argument validation and throwing `IllegalArgumentException`

Quiz 3 Sample Problems

1. Write a method that calculates and returns area of rectangle. Call method using user input to pass as arguments.
Method heading: `double area (double length, double width)`
 - Add code that checks for length and width to be positive numbers. Throw `IllegalArgumentException` if length or width are negative. Add code to the method header that announces that the method can throw exceptions in the code.
2. Assume you have a method described in problem 1. Generate 50 pairs of random integers in the range [1, 100], and calculate 50 areas of rectangle, passing a pair of random numbers into the method as arguments on each iteration of the loop. Use Java formatting to output randomly generated length, width, and calculated area in columns, to create table-like look on the screen. There is no need to catch `IllegalArgumentException`.
3. Write a method that compares two numbers and returns the largest one. Call method using user input to pass as arguments. Method heading: `int max (int, int);`
Sample calling code that explains functionality:
`int k = max(10, 5);`
4. Write a method that checks if the number is positive. Call method using user input to pass as arguments. Method heading: `bool isPositive (double)`
5. Write a method that takes a file name as a parameter, reads all numbers from the file, echo-prints them into the screen, finds and returns the sum of all the numbers it printed. The method must be throwing `IOException`. We assume that there are no errors in the file and each number is placed on a separate line.
 - Practice writing calling code for the method. Use try/catch block to catch exceptions the method throws.

Quiz 2 Topics

- Exceptions basics – how to catch an exception of specified type.
- User input validation

- Validating the range of values
- Validating the TYPE of value with the help of try/catch block and exceptions
- File I/O
 - Opening text file for reading, reading from a text file all the lines using a loop, closing the text file
 - Opening text file for writing, writing into the file using a loop, closing the text file
 - Catching I/O exceptions
- Generating random numbers in a given range
- Simple data analysis:
 - Find the total (sum) of all the numbers
 - coming from user input or
 - generated with random number generator
 - Find the smallest and largest number in a set coming from
 - coming from user input or
 - generated with random number generator

Quiz 2 Sample Problems

6. Ask user to provide an integer in the range from 1 to 100. Validate user input: make sure user provides number in the given range AND that the input provided is of integer type. Use validation loop to prevent user from moving on until the value of correct type and range is provided.
7. Generate 200 numbers in the range from 5 to 55. Print them out on the screen.
8. Generate 100 random numbers in the range from 1 to 10. Calculate the sum of the numbers and print it into the screen.
9. Generate 100 random numbers in the range from 1 to 10. Print into the screen only even numbers out of those that were generated.
10. Generate 100 random numbers in the range from 1 to 10. Find out how many times number 3 has been generated. Output that info into the screen.
11. Use loop to ask user to input an integer number 25 times. Find the total of all the numbers the user entered. No input validation is required.
12. Use loop to ask user to input an integer number 50 times. Find the smallest and the largest of all the numbers the user entered. No input validation is required.
13. Open text file named "myFile.txt" for reading. Print the contents of the file into the screen. (Close the file). Catch and handle I/O exceptions.
14. Open text file named "numbers.txt" for writing. Write all even integers in the range 1 – 100 into the file. (Close the file) Catch and handle I/O exceptions.

Quiz 1 Topics

- Input using Scanner object to input integers, doubles, and lines from keyboard
- Output using .println() method

- Calculation of any sort
- Use Java formatting to format output and use printf() method to manipulate the output appearance and formatting.
- Using if, if/else, is/else if, switch and nested if statements
- Logical operators and Boolean logic
- Using simple “while” and “for” loops for repetition.

Quiz 1 Sample Problems

1. Get two values from the user input, width and length of the rectangle, and calculate the rectangle area using formula $\text{area} = \text{width} \times \text{length}$. Output the resulting value showing two digits after the decimal point.
2. Input three numbers from the user. Use nested “if” statements to print them out in order from the smallest to the largest.
3. Write a loop that prints “Hello WORLD!” 10 times.
4. Use a loop to ask user to input 20 integers, one at a time. Analyze the input as it comes and print out the number only if it is even.
5. Use loop to output numbers 1 – 100 and their squares. Use Java formatting and printf() to organize output in two columns: Number and Square.
6. Use “for” loop to output a table of Celsius temperatures and their Fahrenheit equivalents. Make Celsius temperatures change from -10 to 40 degrees with a step of 5. For conversion use the following formula. Beware of integer division!

$$T_{(^{\circ}\text{F})} = T_{(^{\circ}\text{C})} \times 9/5 + 32$$

7. Use Java formatting and printf() to output number double k = 345.6789 in a field that is 10 spaces wide and rounded to 2 decimal places.