Key Components of JDK (Java Development Kit)

The **JDK** is a complete software development kit needed for developing Java applications. It includes everything you need to write, compile, debug, and run Java programs. Its key components are:

1. Java Compiler (javac)

- Purpose: Converts Java source code (.java files) into bytecode (.class files).
- **Explanation:** Bytecode is a special machine-independent code that can run on any platform that has a Java Virtual Machine (JVM).
- **Example:** Running javac HelloWorld.java compiles your code.

2. Java Runtime Environment (JRE)

- Purpose: Provides the libraries, JVM, and other resources to run Java applications.
- **Explanation:** The JDK includes a **full** JRE so you can not just develop but also test your applications.

3. Java Virtual Machine (JVM)

- Purpose: Executes Java bytecode.
- **Explanation:** JVM interprets or compiles (just-in-time compilation) the bytecode into machine-specific code so that your Java program runs on any device or operating system.

4. Java API Libraries

- Purpose: Ready-made classes and functions to simplify programming.
- **Explanation:** JDK comes with many built-in libraries for data structures (like ArrayList), networking, file handling, GUI building (like Swing, JavaFX), and more.

5. Development Tools

- Purpose: Assist in developing, debugging, monitoring, and documenting Java programs.
- Important tools:
 - o javap Java class file disassembler (shows what's inside compiled .class files).
 - o javadoc Documentation generator from comments in code.
 - o jdb Java debugger.
 - o jar Tool for bundling Java files into .jar (Java Archive) files.
 - o jconsole Monitor Java application performance.

6. Java Doc Tool (javadoc)

Purpose: Automatically generates HTML documentation from your Java source code.

• **Explanation:** When you comment your code with special tags (/** */), javadoc reads them and builds organized documentation.

7. Java Package Management (jar, jlink)

- Purpose: Package and manage Java applications.
- Explanation:
 - o jar bundles files into compressed archives.
 - jlink creates a custom runtime image containing only the modules your application needs.

Ans2 Encapsulation

→ Definition:

Encapsulation is the process of wrapping data (variables) and code (methods) together into a single unit, usually a **class**, and restricting direct access to some of the object's components.

→ Key Points:

- Data hiding: Private variables cannot be accessed directly from outside the class.
- Access through **getters** and **setters** (public methods).
- Helps in protecting the internal state of an object.

→ Example:

```
class Person {
    private String name; // private data

    // Getter method
    public String getName() {
        return name;
    }

    // Setter method
    public void setName(String newName) {
        name = newName;
    }
}
```

Here, name is hidden from direct access. Outside code must use getName() or setName().

Polymorphism

→ Definition:

Polymorphism means "many forms". In Java, it allows objects to behave differently based on their actual class, even if they share the same interface or superclass.

→ Key Points:

- **Compile-time Polymorphism** (Method Overloading): Same method name with different parameters.
- **Runtime Polymorphism** (Method Overriding): A subclass provides a specific implementation of a method that is already defined in its superclass.
- Makes code flexible and easier to extend.

→ Example of Method Overriding:

```
class Animal {
    void sound() {
        System.out.println("Animal makes a sound");
    }
}

class Dog extends Animal {
    @Override
    void sound() {
        System.out.println("Dog barks");
    }
}

Animal obj = new Dog();
obj.sound(); // Output: Dog barks

Even though obj is of type Animal, it calls the sound() method of Dog at runtime — that's polymorphism!
```

Ans3 Inheritance in Java

→ Definition:

Inheritance is a mechanism in Java where one class (**child** or **subclass**) inherits the properties (fields) and behaviors (methods) of another class (**parent** or **superclass**).

It promotes **code reusability** — you don't have to write the same code again!

Key Concepts:

- The extends keyword is used to inherit a class.
- A subclass can **use**, **override**, or **extend** the behavior of the superclass.
- Single inheritance is supported in Java (one class can inherit only one class directly).
- Multilevel inheritance is allowed (A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C).
- **Multiple inheritance** (from multiple classes) is not allowed through classes (but possible through interfaces).

Simple Example

```
// Superclass
class Animal {
  void eat() {
    System.out.println("This animal eats food.");
  }
}
// Subclass
class Dog extends Animal {
  void bark() {
    System.out.println("The dog barks.");
  }
}
// Main class to test
public class TestInheritance {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    Dog myDog = new Dog();
    myDog.eat(); // Inherited method
    myDog.bark(); // Own method
  }
}
```