

ASSIGNMENT-3

1. What is an object in C++?

An object in C++ is an instance of a class. It is a runtime entity that holds data members and functions defined by the class. Each object has its own copy of non-static data members. Objects are used to represent real-world entities. You can create multiple objects from a single class. Objects provide access to class methods and properties. They are declared using the class name. Objects support encapsulation, abstraction, inheritance, and polymorphism. Example: `Student s1;` creates an object of class `Student`.

2. What is a class in C++ and how does it differ from an object?

A class is a user-defined data type in C++ that acts as a blueprint for creating objects. It contains data members (variables) and member functions (methods). An object is an instance of a class that uses its structure. While a class defines the structure, an object utilizes that structure to store and manipulate data. A class is just a definition; it doesn't occupy memory until an object is created. Objects differ in the values they store. For example, multiple objects can be created from a single class. Class promotes code reuse and organization.

3. Explain the concept of encapsulation with an example.

Encapsulation is the concept of wrapping data and functions into a single unit called a class. It hides the internal state of objects and only exposes necessary functionalities. This is achieved using access specifiers like `private`, `public`, and `protected`. Private data can only be accessed through public methods. This protects data from unauthorized access. For example:

```
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class Bank {
    private: int balance;
    public: void deposit(int amt) { balance += amt; }
};
```

Here, the `balance` is hidden and accessed only through `deposit()`.

4. How do you define a class in C++?

To define a class in C++, use the `class` keyword followed by the class name and a body enclosed in braces. The body contains data members and member functions. Here's an example:

```
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class Car {
    public:
        string brand;
        void start() {
            cout << "Car started";
        }
};
```

In this example, `Car` is a class with a string member and a function. Use `;` after the closing brace. A class does not allocate memory until objects are created.

5. Describe the syntax for creating an object of a class.

Once a class is defined, an object can be created using the class name followed by the object name. Example:

```
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class Car {
    public: void drive() {}
};
Car myCar;
```

Here, `myCar` is an object of the class `Car`. You can then call member functions like `myCar.drive()`; . Multiple objects can be created. Constructors can be used during object creation. Objects occupy memory when instantiated. Syntax: `ClassName objectName;`

6. What are private members in a class and how are they accessed?

Private members are declared using the `private` access specifier. These members cannot be accessed directly from outside the class. They are only accessible by member functions or friend functions. This helps in hiding internal data. Example:

```
cpp
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class Student {
    private: int marks;
    public: void setMarks(int m) { marks = m; }
};
```

Here, `marks` is private and accessed only through `setMarks()`. This ensures encapsulation and data security.

7. What are public members in a class and how are they accessed?

Public members are declared with the `public` keyword and are accessible from outside the class. They can be accessed using the object of the class. Public members allow interaction with the object. Example:

```
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class Student {
    public: int rollNo;
};
Student s1;
s1.rollNo = 5;
```

Here, `rollNo` is public and accessed directly. Public members are needed for interface design. Overuse can lead to poor encapsulation.

8. Explain the significance of access specifiers in a class.

Access specifiers control the visibility of class members. The three main types are `private`, `public`, and `protected`. Private members are hidden from outside access. Public members are accessible from anywhere. Protected members are like private but accessible in derived classes. These specifiers enforce encapsulation. They help in designing secure and maintainable code. Proper use helps in abstraction. Access specifiers define boundaries for interaction. They also control inheritance behavior.

9. Provide an example of a class with both private and public members.

```
cpp
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class Employee {
    private:
        int salary;
    public:
        string name;
        void setSalary(int s) { salary = s; }
        int getSalary() { return salary; }
};
Employee emp;
emp.name = "John";
emp.setSalary(50000);
```

Here, `salary` is private and accessed using public methods. This is encapsulation.

10. How does data hiding work in C++?

Data hiding is achieved using private and protected access specifiers. It restricts direct access to

data members. Only authorized methods can access hidden data. This protects integrity and prevents misuse. Data hiding is a key part of encapsulation. It allows the internal implementation to change without affecting users. External code cannot access hidden members. Use public methods (getters/setters) to access private data. Data hiding leads to secure and robust code.

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Here are the answers for Questions **11 to 20**, each written in approximately 10 lines.

11. What is a static data member in C++?

A static data member belongs to the class, not to any specific object. It is shared among all instances of the class. Static members are declared using the `static` keyword. They are initialized outside the class definition. Only one copy of a static variable exists. It can be accessed using the class name or objects. It is often used to store values common to all objects. It supports memory efficiency. It can be public or private. It maintains a single state for the class.

12. How do you declare and initialize a static data member?

To declare a static data member, use the `static` keyword inside the class. To initialize it, use the class name outside the class. Example:

```
cpp
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class Sample {
    public: static int count;
};
int Sample::count = 0;
```

This sets the initial value of `count` to 0. Initialization is done only once. It's required to define it outside even if initialized inside.

13. What is a static function member in C++?

A static function member is a function that can be called without an object. It is declared using

the `static` keyword. It can only access static data members or other static functions. It cannot access `this` pointer. Static functions are useful for utility operations. They belong to the class rather than instances. Syntax:

```
cpp
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static void show();
```

Called as `ClassName::show();`. Used in design patterns like Singleton.

14. How do static function members differ from regular function members?

Static functions do not need an object to be called. They can only access other static members. Regular functions access both static and non-static members. Static functions cannot use the `this` pointer. They cannot be virtual. Regular functions are tied to object instances. Static functions provide global-like access within class context. They are useful for shared operations. Memory for static functions is allocated only once.

15. Provide an example of a class with static data and function members.

```
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class Counter {
    private: static int count;
    public:
        static void increment() { count++; }
        static int getCount() { return count; }
};
int Counter::count = 0;
Counter::increment();
cout << Counter::getCount();
```

This example shows how static data and functions work together.

16. What is a constructor in C++ and why is it important?

A constructor is a special function automatically called when an object is created. It has the same name as the class. It is used to initialize object data members. It has no return type. It simplifies object creation. Constructors can be overloaded. They improve code readability and reliability. Constructors can accept parameters or be default. If no constructor is defined, a default is provided by the compiler.

17. Explain the different types of constructors in C++.

There are mainly four types of constructors in C++:

1. **Default Constructor:** Takes no parameters.
 2. **Parameterized Constructor:** Takes parameters for custom initialization.
 3. **Copy Constructor:** Copies values from another object.
 4. **Dynamic Constructor:** Allocates memory dynamically.
- Each serves a unique purpose in initializing objects. Constructors can be overloaded. Destructors complement them. Use depends on object initialization needs.
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18. What is a default constructor and when is it used?

A default constructor takes no parameters. It initializes members with default values. It is automatically called when an object is created without arguments. Syntax:

```
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class A { public: A() { ... } };
```

If no constructor is defined, the compiler provides one. It is essential in arrays of objects. It helps in maintaining clean code. Used in simple or default initializations.

19. How do parameterized constructors work?

Parameterized constructors accept arguments. They allow initialization of objects with specific values. Syntax:

```
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class A {
    int x;
    public: A(int a) { x = a; }
};
```

They are invoked during object creation like `A obj(5);`. They enable overloading. Improve flexibility and clarity. You can define multiple constructors with different parameters.

20. What is a copy constructor and what is its purpose?

A copy constructor creates a new object by copying an existing object. Syntax:

```
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ClassName(const ClassName &obj);
```

It is called during:

1. Initialization from another object
2. Function call by value
3. Function return by value

It performs deep or shallow copy. If not defined, compiler provides one. Used to manage resources like pointers. Ensures correct duplication of objects.

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yes

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Here are the answers for Questions **21 to 30**, each in approximately 10 lines with clear C++ concepts:

21. Explain the concept of constructor overloading.

Constructor overloading means having multiple constructors in the same class with different parameter lists. It allows creating objects in different ways. For example, one constructor may take no parameters, while another takes two. The correct constructor is called based on the arguments provided. This improves flexibility in object initialization. It follows the rules of function overloading. It enhances code readability and reusability. Compiler selects constructor based on signature. It's a key part of polymorphism in C++.

22. How does a constructor initializer list work?

Constructor initializer lists are used to initialize class members before the constructor body executes. Syntax:

```
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class A {
    int x;
public: A(int a) : x(a) {}
};
```

This method is especially useful for initializing `const` and reference variables. It improves performance. It directly assigns values during construction. Used in inheritance to call base class constructors. Preferred for efficiency over assignment in constructor body.

23. What is a destructor in C++ and what is its purpose?

A destructor is a special function used to release resources when an object is destroyed. It has the same name as the class but starts with a tilde (~). It takes no arguments and returns nothing. It is called automatically. Only one destructor per class. Used to free memory or close files. Prevents memory leaks. If not defined, the compiler provides a default one. It complements the constructor.

24. How is a destructor declared and defined?

A destructor is declared inside the class using the ~ symbol followed by the class name. Syntax:

```
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class A {
    public: ~A();
};
```

Defined outside the class like this:

```
cpp
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A::~~A() {
    // cleanup code
}
```

It has no parameters. Automatically called when object scope ends. Used to release dynamic memory or clean up resources.

25. What happens if a destructor is not explicitly defined in a class?

If a destructor is not defined, the compiler provides a default one. This default destructor destroys the object but does not free dynamically allocated memory. It can lead to memory leaks if dynamic allocation was used. For classes with pointer members, a user-defined destructor is recommended. Compiler-generated destructor is shallow. It does not handle custom cleanup. In simple classes, default is often sufficient.

26. Explain the concept of automatic and dynamic storage duration in relation to destructors.

Automatic storage duration applies to variables defined inside functions. These are destroyed when the function ends, and destructors are automatically called. Dynamic storage duration applies to objects created using `new`. These must be deleted manually using `delete`, or destructors won't be called. For automatic objects, C++ manages destruction. For dynamic objects, it's the programmer's responsibility. Proper destructor use ensures resource deallocation and avoids leaks.

27. How do destructors differ from constructors?

Constructors initialize objects; destructors destroy them. Constructors can be overloaded, but destructors cannot. Constructors take parameters; destructors do not. Constructors are called when an object is created; destructors are called when it is destroyed. Constructors can have multiple forms; destructors only one. Destructor names start with `~`, constructors do not. Destructor handles cleanup; constructor handles setup. Constructors are used in object allocation; destructors in deallocation.

28. What is operator overloading in C++ and why is it useful?

Operator overloading allows redefining the meaning of operators for user-defined types. It enables operators like `+`, `-`, or `==` to work with objects. Useful for intuitive and readable code. For example, adding two complex numbers using `+`. Syntax involves `operator` keyword. Makes custom types behave like built-in types. Enhances usability of user-defined classes. Supports polymorphism. Helps in implementing custom behavior.

29. Describe the syntax for overloading an operator.

Operator overloading uses the `operator` keyword followed by the symbol. Syntax inside a class:

```
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class A {
    public: A operator+(const A& obj);
};
```

Definition:

```
cpp
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A A::operator+(const A& obj) {
    // implementation
}
```

Can be member or friend function. Not all operators can be overloaded. Arguments define behavior. Improves class usability.

30. Which operators can and cannot be overloaded in C++?

Most operators can be overloaded, including: +, -, *, /, =, ==, <<, >>, [], (), etc. However, some operators **cannot** be overloaded. These include:

- :: (scope resolution)
- . (member access)
- .* (pointer-to-member)
- sizeof, typeid
- ?: (ternary conditional)
- const_cast, static_cast, etc.

Overloading provides flexibility but must preserve operator meaning.

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Here are the answers for Questions **31 to 40**, each in approximately 10 lines with clear explanations:

31. Provide an example of overloading the "+" operator for a custom class.

Example:

```
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class Complex {
    int real, imag;
public:
    Complex(int r, int i): real(r), imag(i) {}
    Complex operator+(const Complex& c) {
        return Complex(real + c.real, imag + c.imag);
    }
};
```

This allows adding two `Complex` objects using +. The function returns a new `Complex` object. Enhances readability. Demonstrates operator overloading. Common in classes like vectors, matrices, etc.

32. Explain the concept of friend functions in the context of operator overloading.

Friend functions can access private/protected members of a class. Useful when overloading binary operators like + where the left operand is not an object of the class. Declared using `friend` keyword. Example:

```
cpp
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friend Complex operator+(Complex c1, Complex c2);
```

Defined outside the class. Helps access internal data. Not a member function. Increases flexibility in operator overloading. Improves functionality.

33. What is a friend function in C++ and how is it declared?

A friend function is a non-member function with access to private and protected members of a class. Declared inside the class with the `friend` keyword. Syntax:

```
cpp
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class A {
    friend void show(A);
};
```

Defined outside like normal functions. Used for operator overloading and when two classes need access to each other's data. It is not in the scope of the class. Cannot be called using object.

34. How do friend functions differ from member functions?

Friend functions are not members of a class. They do not have `this` pointer. Declared with `friend` keyword. Member functions can access class members directly; friend functions do so through granted access. Member functions are invoked using an object. Friend functions are called like regular functions. Friend functions can access private data of multiple classes if declared so. They are used for flexibility in access.

35. Explain the benefits and potential drawbacks of using friend functions.

Benefits:

- Access private/protected data.
- Useful for operator overloading.
- Can access multiple classes' data.

Drawbacks:

- Breaks encapsulation.

- Increases coupling between classes.
 - Cannot use inheritance features like overriding.
 - More difficult to maintain.
Should be used only when necessary.
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36. What is inheritance in C++ and why is it important?

Inheritance allows one class (derived) to inherit features from another (base) class. Promotes code reuse. Supports hierarchical relationships. Enables polymorphism. Simplifies maintenance. Reduces code redundancy. Base class members become accessible in the derived class. Syntax:

```
cpp
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class B : public A {};
```

Important in large programs for extending functionality. Helps model real-world relationships.

37. Explain the different types of inheritance in C++.

1. **Single Inheritance:** One base, one derived class.
 2. **Multiple Inheritance:** One derived class with multiple base classes.
 3. **Hierarchical Inheritance:** Multiple derived classes from one base class.
 4. **Multilevel Inheritance:** Inheritance through multiple levels.
 5. **Hybrid Inheritance:** Combination of more than one type.
- Each type serves different purposes. C++ supports all. Syntax changes slightly depending on type. Proper type depends on use-case.
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38. How do you implement single inheritance in C++?

Single inheritance involves one base and one derived class. Syntax:

```
cpp
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class Base {
    public: void display() {}
};
class Derived : public Base {
    public: void show() {}
};
```

Derived class inherits Base class members. Access specifier (public, protected, private) controls access. Base functions can be used by derived objects. Promotes reuse.

39. What is multiple inheritance and how does it differ from single inheritance?

Multiple inheritance allows a derived class to inherit from more than one base class. Syntax:

```
cpp
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class A {};
class B {};
class C : public A, public B {};
```

Differs from single inheritance where only one base class is involved. Allows combining functionalities from multiple sources. Can lead to ambiguity (diamond problem). Needs virtual base classes for resolution. More complex but powerful.

40. Describe hierarchical inheritance with an example.

In hierarchical inheritance, multiple classes inherit from one base class. Example:

```
cpp
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class Animal {
    public: void eat() {}
};
class Dog : public Animal {};
class Cat : public Animal {};
```

Both `Dog` and `Cat` inherit `eat()` from `Animal`. Promotes code reuse. Useful when different subclasses share common behavior. Simple structure, easy to manage. Helps in organizing similar types.

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Here are the answers for Questions **41 to 53**, each written in approximately 10 lines:

41. What is multilevel inheritance in C++?

Multilevel inheritance is a type where a class is derived from another derived class. It forms a chain of inheritance. Example:

```
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class A {};
class B : public A {};
class C : public B {};
```

Class C inherits features of both A and B. Useful for creating layered class structures. Promotes reusability across levels. All public and protected members of A become accessible in C. Must manage constructor calls properly. Requires clear structure to avoid complexity.

42. Explain hybrid inheritance with an example.

Hybrid inheritance is a combination of two or more types of inheritance, like multiple and multilevel. Example:

```
cpp
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class A {};
class B : public A {};
class C {};
class D : public B, public C {};
```

Class D inherits from both B (which inherits A) and C. Can cause ambiguity (e.g., diamond problem). Requires virtual inheritance to resolve conflicts. Useful when designing complex relationships. Increases flexibility but should be used carefully.

43. What is the syntax for inheritance in C++?

Inheritance is specified using a colon : followed by the access specifier and base class name. Syntax:

```
cpp
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class Derived : public Base {};
```

Access specifier (public, protected, or private) controls how base class members are inherited. Multiple base classes can be inherited using commas:

```
cpp
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class D : public A, private B {};
```

Base constructors are not inherited, but called. Proper syntax ensures access and inheritance rules are followed.

44. How are constructors and destructors handled in inheritance?

Constructors of base classes are called before derived class constructors. Destructor of derived class is called before base class destructor (reverse order). Base class constructors are not inherited. Syntax:

```
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class B { public: B() {} };
class D : public B { public: D() {} };
```

Constructor chaining ensures proper initialization. Use initializer lists for passing arguments. Destructor order ensures safe cleanup. Always declare destructors `virtual` in base class when using polymorphism.

45. What is access control in inheritance (public, private, protected)?

Access control affects how base class members are inherited:

- **Public Inheritance:** Public → Public, Protected → Protected.
 - **Private Inheritance:** Public/Protected → Private.
 - **Protected Inheritance:** Public/Protected → Protected.
- Private members are never directly inherited. Controls encapsulation and member visibility. Influences design decisions. Helps enforce security and data hiding. Choose appropriate access based on use-case.
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46. How does the access specifier affect inheritance behavior?

The access specifier after `:` defines how base class members are treated in the derived class:

- **Public:** Base public members stay public.
 - **Protected:** Base public members become protected.
 - **Private:** Base public and protected become private.
- Private members of base class remain inaccessible directly. Impacts accessibility in derived objects. Important for inheritance hierarchies. Proper use enhances class design.
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47. What is function overriding in inheritance?

Function overriding allows a derived class to redefine a base class function. Function must have same signature. Base class function should be marked `virtual`. Enables runtime polymorphism. Example:

```
cpp
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class A { virtual void show(); };
class B : public A { void show(); };
```

Base pointer can call derived version. Provides dynamic behavior. Essential in interface and abstract class implementation.

48. How does function overriding differ from function overloading?

Overriding occurs between base and derived classes with the same function name and parameters. **Overloading** happens in the same scope with different parameters. Overriding enables runtime polymorphism using virtual functions. Overloading enables compile-time polymorphism. Overriding requires inheritance; overloading does not. Overriding replaces behavior, while overloading adds functionality. Syntax and purpose differ. Both enhance code flexibility in different ways.

49. What is the role of the "virtual" keyword in function overriding?

The `virtual` keyword enables dynamic dispatch. When used in the base class, it allows derived class functions to override the base version. It tells the compiler to use runtime binding. Required for polymorphism. Enables calling correct function via base class pointer. Without `virtual`, base version is called. Improves flexibility and extensibility. Important in abstract class definitions.

50. Explain the concept of runtime polymorphism with an example.

Runtime polymorphism means the correct function is determined at runtime using virtual functions. Example:

```
cpp
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class Base {
    public: virtual void show() { cout << "Base"; }
};
class Derived : public Base {
    public: void show() { cout << "Derived"; }
};
Base* b = new Derived();
b->show(); // Outputs "Derived"
```

Base pointer calls derived function. Achieved using virtual functions. Enables flexible and dynamic behavior.

51. What are virtual functions in C++?

Virtual functions are member functions declared with the `virtual` keyword in the base class. They enable runtime polymorphism. The actual function called is based on the object type, not the pointer type. Must be overridden in derived classes. Syntax:


```
cpp
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virtual void show();
```

Allows behavior to change in derived class. Base class functions should be virtual when using pointers or references. Helps in implementing interfaces.

52. How do you declare a virtual function?

Use the `virtual` keyword in the base class function declaration. Syntax:

```
cpp
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class Base {
    public: virtual void display();
};
```

Override it in the derived class. Enables runtime polymorphism. When base pointer points to derived object, derived version is called. Use with caution to avoid overhead. Essential in interface and abstract class usage.

53. What is a pure virtual function and an abstract class?

A **pure virtual function** has no definition in the base class and must be overridden in derived classes. Syntax:

```
cpp
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virtual void display() = 0;
```

A class with at least one pure virtual function becomes an **abstract class**. Cannot create objects of an abstract class. Used to define interfaces. Enforces derived classes to implement specific functions. Supports strong polymorphic behavior.