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1.	(Review)	Explain	the malloc() function.
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2. (Review) Explain the use of type casting, and why it is necessary with the allocation functions.

3. (Review) Explain the calloc() function.

4. (Review) Explain the realloc() function.

5. **Example:** What does the following program print?

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void main() {
  int *arr;
  int n, i;
  n = 7;
  arr = (int *)calloc(n, sizeof(int));
  for (i = 0; i < n; i++)
    printf("%d ", arr[i]);
  printf("\n");
  n = 3;
  arr = (int *)realloc(arr, n * sizeof(int));
  for (i = 0; i < n; i++) {
    arr[i] = i * i;
    printf("%d ", arr[i]);
  }
  n = 6;
  arr = (int *)realloc(arr, n * sizeof(int));
  for (i = 0; i < n; i++) {
     arr[i] = 10 - i;
    printf("%d ", arr[i]);
  free(arr);
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6. What are the common pitfalls of dynamic memory allocation?

7. Explain how to use dynamic memory allocation with strings.

8. Explain how to use dynamic memory allocation with two-dimensional arrays.

- 9. **Example:** Write each of the following functions:
- a. **char *readLine():** Read a line of data from the standard input, store that data in a dynamically allocated string, and return the string (as a **char ***)

 Hint: Read the data one character at a time and repeatedly reallocate space in string

b. int **make2DArray(int total, int nR): Given the total number of values and number of rows to be stored in a two-dimensional array, determine the appropriate number of columns, allocate the array, and return its starting address Note: if nR does not divide evenly into total, round up. In other words, an array with 30 values and 4 rows should have 8 columns, even though 30 / 4 = 7.5