

6(a) (Strings)

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(1)(i) String In Java.

→ A String in java is a sequence of characters enclosed in double quotes (" "). It is not a primitive type, but a class (java.lang.String). Strings are objects, but java lets to work with them like primitive types.

● Create a String

(i) Using String Literal

- Stored in string pool (memory - saving technique).

Ex →
datatype → String variable ← object
String STR1 = "Hello";

(ii) Using new keyword

- Stored in heap memory, always creates a new object.

Ex →

String STR2 = new String("Hello");

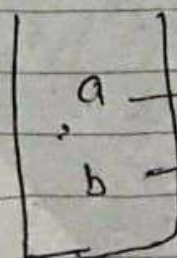
~~(ii)~~
~~String pool~~

Internal working of String.

Ex - String a = "ram";
String b = "ram";

(String pool is a separate memory structure inside the heap.)

Both variable points the same object.



Stack

Heap

Sout → System.out.println();

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1. (i) String Immutability

→ Once a String object is created, it cannot be changed.

⇒ Any operation that seems to "change" the String will actually ~~change~~ create a new String object in memory.

• Why String is immutable?

⇒ Security, Thread-Safety, Caching (String Pool), etc.

Example :-

```
class {  
    main function {  
        String str = "Hello";  
        str.concat("World");  
        Sout(str); // output Hello.  
    }  
}
```

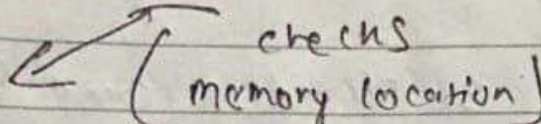
(i) str points to "Hello".
(ii) str.concat("world") creates a new String "HelloWorld" but doesnot assign it back to str.

(iii) str still points "Hello".

Explanation

So, the original str remains unchanged.
That's immutability.

2. String Comparison

(i) `==`  checks memory location

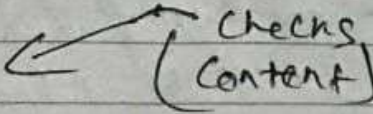
⇒ It checks whether both string references point to the same memory location.

Example - 1: `String a = "Test";`
`String b = "Test";`
`System.out.println(a == b);` // True

⇒ Both a & b refer to the same object in the string pool.

(ii) Example 2: `String a = new String("Test");`
`String b = new String("Test");`
`System.out.println(a == b);` // False

⇒ new keyword creates new memory objects, even if the content is same.

(iii) `equals()`  checks content

⇒ It compares content only, not memory location — so, it returns true if characters match, ~~even if~~ regardless of how strings are created.

Example → 1) `String a = "Java";`
`String b = "Java";`
`System.out.println(a.equals(b));` // True.

Content is same — so returns true.

Ex - 2 →

```
String str1 = new String("Java");  
String str2 = new String("Java");  
System.out.println(str1.equals(str2)); // true
```

It has separate objects in heap but the content are same. So, returns true. It just checks values/object.

(3) String Concatenation Operators

→ String Concatenation means joining two or more strings together to make one combined string.

There are two ways to do:

- (1) using + operator
- (2) using the .concat() method

Example →
String a = "Hello";
String b = "World";

(1) // with using (+)

System.out.println(a + b); // output → HelloWorld

(2) // with using .concat()

System.out.println(a.concat(b)); // output → HelloWorld

(4) String Methods

(i) length()

→ Returns the number of characters in the string.

Ex → `String name = "Ravi";`
`System.out.println(name.length());` // output → 4.

(ii) charAt(int index)

→ Returns the character at a given index (starting from 0) & (end at `length - 1`).

Example → `String word = "Hello";`
`System.out.println(word.charAt(0));` // output → H

(iii) substring(int start) and substring(int start, int end)

→ Extracts a portion of the string from the given index range.

Example → `String name = "Java programming";`
`System.out.println(name.substring(4));` // output → programming
`System.out.println(name.substring(0, 4));` // output → Java

(iv) equalsIgnoreCase(String other)

→ Compare two strings ignoring case differences.

Ex → `String a = "Hello";`
`String b = "hello";`
`System.out.println(a.equalsIgnoreCase(b));` // output → true

(v) toUpperCase() and toLowerCase()

→ Returns a new string with all characters converted to uppercase or lowercase

Example → String s = "Java";
Sout(s.toUpperCase()); // output → JAVA
Sout(s.toLowerCase()); // output → java

(vi) trim()

→ Removes leading and trailing spaces from a string.

Example → String text = " Hello world ";
Sout(text.trim()); // output → "Hello world";

(vii) contains(CharSequence seq)

→ checks if a string contains a specific sequence of characters.

Example → String sentence = "Java is powerful";
Sout(sentence.contains("Java")); // output → true

(viii) startsWith(String prefix) and endsWith(String suffix)

→ checks if a string starts or ends with a specific word or character.

Example → String msg = "Hello world";
Sout(msg.startsWith("Hello")); // output → true
Sout(msg.endsWith("world")); // output → true

(ix) `replace(char oldchar, char newchar)` or `replace(String oldstr, String newstr)`
or word

→ Replaces one character with another.

Example → `String test = "banana";`
`System.out.println(test.replace('a', 'o'));` // output → bonono

(x) `split(String delimiter)`

→ Splits a string into an array based on a pattern or character (like , or space).

Example → `String fruits = "apple,banana,mango";`
`String[] arr = fruits.split(",");`
`System.out.println(arr[0]);` // apple
`System.out.println(arr[1]);` // banana

(xi) `toCharArray()`

→ Converts a string to a character array.

Example → `String name = "Java";`
`char[] ch = name.toCharArray();` // convert to char array
`for(char c : ch){`
`System.out.println(c);` // print each character.

(xii) `indexOf(char)` and `lastIndexOf(char)`

→ Returns the index of the first/last occurrence of a character or substring.

Example → `String word = "banana";`
`System.out.println(word.indexOf('a'));` // output → 1
`System.out.println(word.lastIndexOf('a'));` // output → 5

(xiii) `isEmpty()` → Returns true if string is empty (" ").

5. Data Type Conversion.

Type	To String	From String
int	String.valueOf(int)	Integer.parseInt(str)
float	Float.valueOf(float)	Float.parseFloat(str)
double	Double.valueOf(double)	Double.parseDouble(str)
long	Long.valueOf(long)	Long.parseLong(str)
boolean	Boolean.valueOf(boolean)	Boolean.parseBoolean(str)
char	new String(char[])	str.toCharArray()
byte	String.valueOf(byte)	Byte.parseByte(str)
short	String.valueOf(short)	Short.parseShort(str)

(6) Java String Formatting

→ String formatting allows you to insert values (variables) into a string with specific structure and style.

1. String.format()

ex →

```
String name = "Ravi";
int age = 21;
String result = String.format("Name: %s, Age: %d", name, age);
System.out.println(result); //output → Name: Ravi, Age: 21
```

2) System.out.printf()

```
String lang = "Java";
int version = 17;
System.out.printf("Language: %s, Version: %d", lang, version);
```

//output → Language: Java, Version: 17