

1. Explain React Components

React Components are the basic building blocks of a React application.

They define **how the UI looks and behaves**. Each component is a **reusable piece of UI** that can be rendered independently.

- Components can be either **class-based** or **function-based**.
- They return **JSX** (a syntax that looks like HTML) to describe UI elements.
- Components can **accept inputs** (called **props**) and maintain their own **state** (for class or hook-based components).

2. Differences Between Components and JavaScript Functions

Feature	React Components	JavaScript Functions
Purpose	Create and control UI elements	Perform logic or calculations
Output	JSX (HTML-like syntax)	Data (number, string, object, etc.)
Uses JSX	Yes	No
Access to React Features	Yes (state, props, lifecycle/hooks)	No
Example	<pre>function Home() { return <h1>Hello</h1>; }</pre>	<pre>function add(a,b) { return a + b; }</pre>

3. Types of React Components

There are **two main types**:

1. **Class Components**
2. **Function Components**

4. Explain Class Component

A **Class Component** is created using ES6 class syntax and extends `React.Component`.

Key Features:

- Has a `render()` method that returns JSX.
- Can use **state** and **lifecycle methods** like `componentDidMount()`, `componentDidUpdate()`, etc.

Example:

jsx

```
import React, { Component } from 'react';

class Welcome extends Component {
  render() {
    return <h1>Welcome to Class Component</h1>;
  }
}
```

5. Explain Function Component

A **Function Component** is a simple JavaScript function that returns JSX.

Key Features:

- Cannot use lifecycle methods directly (but can use **hooks** like `useEffect`).
- Can use **props**.
- Lightweight and easier to write.

Example:

jsx

```
import React from 'react';

function Welcome() {
  return <h1>Welcome to Function Component</h1>;
}
```

6. Define Component Constructor

The **constructor** is a special method used in **class components**.

Purpose:

- Initializes component **state**
- Binds class methods to the component instance

Example:

jsx

```
constructor(props) {
```

```
super(props);  
this.state = {  
  message: 'Hello'  
};  
}
```

Must call `super(props)` before accessing `this`.

7. Define `render()` Function

The **`render()`** function is a required method in class components.

Purpose:

- Returns the **JSX** that describes what the UI should look like.
- React calls `render()` to display the component.

Example:

jsx

```
render() {  
  return (  
    <div>  
      <h1>This is rendered output</h1>  
    </div>  
  );  
}
```