1. a) How is an array different from a list?

1. Array in Tcl:

- In Tcl, an array is a collection of key-value pairs where each element is accessed by a unique key.
- Arrays in Tcl are associative arrays, meaning they are indexed by strings rather than numeric indices.
- Arrays in Tcl are declared using the 'array set' command and accessed using the array name and key.

2. List in Tcl:

- In Tcl, a list is a sequence of elements separated by whitespace. Lists are ordered collections of elements.
 - Lists in Tcl are typically used to store and manipulate sequences of data.
 - Lists in Tcl are created using curly braces `{}` or the `list` command.

Differences between list and arrays Tcl:

- In Tcl, arrays are used to store key-value pairs, while lists are used to store sequences of elements.
- Arrays are accessed using keys, while lists are accessed using indices or by iterating over the elements.
- Arrays are more suitable for mapping keys to values, while lists are more appropriate for storing ordered sequences of data.

b) How to check for the existence of an array?

```
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% array set college {
ece { uday hemadri }
eee {hemalatha apsa }
mech {sneha revathi }
}
% parray college
college(ece) = uday hemadri
college(eee) = hemalatha apsa
college(mech) = sneha revathi
% array exists college
1
% array exists clg
0
%
```

For checking the existence of array we uses

Syntax array exists arrayname

If array exists in terminal it prints 1

If array does not exists in terminal it prints 0

2. How is an associative array different from a conventional array?

An array is a systematic arrangement of a group of elements using indices.

Types of arrays:

- 1. conventional array
- 2. associative arrays

In Tcl scripting language, there are two main types of arrays: conventional arrays and associative arrays. Here are the key differences between the two:

1. Conventional Array:

- In Tcl, a conventional array is similar to arrays in other programming languages. It is a collection of elements indexed by integers starting from 0.
- Conventional arrays in Tcl are ordered collections of elements where each element is accessed using a numeric index.
 - Elements in conventional arrays are stored in contiguous memory locations.

The syntax for the conventional array is shown below.

set ArrayName(Index) value

```
[udaykiran@localhost ~]$
                           tclsh8.6
  set month(1) january
january
  set month(2)
                february
 ebruary
  set month(3)
                march
      month(4)
  parray
         month
           january
            february
month(2)
month(3)
         = march
month(4)
```

2. Associative Array:

- In Tcl, an associative array is also known as a dictionary or hash table. It is a collection of key-value pairs where each element is accessed by a unique key.
- Associative arrays in Tcl are unordered collections of elements where each element is associated with a specific key.
- Elements in associative arrays are not stored in contiguous memory locations; they are accessed using keys, which can be strings.

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mech {sneha revathi }
}

% parray college
college(ece) = uday hemadri
college(eee) = hemalatha apsa
college(mech) = sneha revathi

%
```

Differences in between conventional arrays and associative arrays:

- Conventional arrays in Tcl are indexed by integers, while associative arrays are indexed by strings.
- Conventional arrays are ordered, while associative arrays are unordered.
- Conventional arrays are accessed using numeric indices, while associative arrays are accessed using keys.

3. What is the command syntax to fetch the index values of an array?

Syntax:	
Puts [array names arrayname]	

```
% parray college
college(ece) = uday hemadri
college(eee) = hemalatha apsa
college(mech) = sneha revathi
% array exists college
1
% array exists clg
0
%
% puts [array names college]
mech ece eee
% puts [array get college ece
]
ece { uday hemadri }
%
```

4. How to iterate over arrays using any loop, an example code?