

1. What will be the output of the following code?

```
public class Main {  
    public static void fun(int n) {  
        if (n == 0) return;  
        System.out.print(n + " ");  
        fun(n - 1);  
    }  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        fun(5);  
    }  
}
```

A) 1 2 3 4 5

B) 5 4 3 2 1

C) 5 4 3 2

D) Infinite loop

Answer: B) 5 4 3 2 1.

Explanation: The function prints before the recursive call, so values are printed in reverse order from 5 down to 1.

2. What will be the output of the following recursive function?

```
public class Main {  
    public static void fun(int n) {  
        if (n == 0) return;  
        fun(n - 1);  
        System.out.print(n + " ");  
    }  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        fun(3);  
    }  
}
```

A) 3 2 1

B) 1 2 3

C) 3 2 1 0

D) Compilation error

Answer: B) 1 2 3

Explanation: Since the function prints after the recursion, it prints values in increasing order.

3. What is the base case in the following recursive function?

```
public class Main {  
    public static int sum(int n) {  
        if (n == 1) return 1;  
        return n + sum(n - 1);  
    }  
    public static void main(String[] args) {
```

```
        System.out.println(sum(5));  
    }  
}
```

- A) if (n == 0) return 0;
- B) if (n == 1) return 1;
- C) return n + sum(n - 1);
- D) No base case

Answer: B) if (n == 1) return 1;

Explanation: The base case is the condition that stops recursion; here it stops when n is 1.

4. What will be the output of the following recursive function?

```
public class Main {  
    public static int factorial(int n) {  
        if (n == 0) return 1;  
        return n * factorial(n - 1);  
    }  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        System.out.println(factorial(4));  
    }  
}
```

- A) 24
- B) 10
- C) 4
- D) Compilation error

Answer: A) 24

Explanation: The factorial is calculated as $4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 24$.

5. What is the output of the following recursive function?

```
public class Main {  
    public static int fun(int n) {  
        if (n <= 1) return n;  
        return fun(n - 1) + fun(n - 2);  
    }  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        System.out.println(fun(5));  
    }  
}
```

- A) 5
- B) 8
- C) 10
- D) 12

Answer: A) 5

Explanation: The 5th Fibonacci number (0-based) is 5 (0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5).

6. What will be the output of the following recursive function?

```
public class Main {  
    public static void fun(int n) {  
        if (n == 0) return;  
        System.out.print(n + " ");  
        fun(n / 2);  
    }  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        fun(10);  
    }  
}
```

A) 10 5 2 1

B) 10 5 2 1 0

C) 10 5 2

D) 10 2 1

Answer: A) 10 5 2 1

Explanation: n is halved each time until 0, printing values before each recursive call.

7. What will be the output of the following recursive function?

```
public class Main {  
    public static void fun(int n) {  
        if (n <= 0) return;  
        fun(n - 1);  
        System.out.print(n + " ");  
        fun(n - 1);  
    }  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        fun(3);  
    }  
}
```

A) 3 2 1

B) 1 2 1 3 1 2 1

C) 1 2 3 2 1

D) Compilation error

Answer: B) 1 2 1 3 1 2 1

Explanation: This creates a binary tree of recursive calls and prints in between them.

8. What is the output of the following function?

```
public class Main {  
    public static int fun(int n) {  
        if (n == 1) return 1;  
        return 2 * fun(n - 1);  
    }  
}
```

```
        public static void main(String[] args) {  
            System.out.println(fun(4));  
        }  
    }  
}
```

- A) 8
- B) 16
- C) 4
- D) 32

Answer: A) 8

Explanation: $2 \times 2 \times 2 = 8$, because fun(1) returns 1 and we double it three times.

9. What will be the output of this function?

```
public class Main {  
    public static void print(int n) {  
        if (n == 0) return;  
        System.out.print(n + " ");  
        print(n - 1);  
        System.out.print(n + " ");  
    }  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        print(3);  
    }  
}
```

- A) 3 2 1 1 2 3
- B) 3 2 1
- C) 1 2 3
- D) 3 2 1 2 3

Answer: A) 3 2 1 1 2 3

Explanation: Prints values before and after recursion, creating a mirrored output.

10. What will be the output of the following function?

```
public class Main {  
    public static int power(int base, int exp) {  
        if (exp == 0) return 1;  
        return base * power(base, exp - 1);  
    }  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        System.out.println(power(2, 3));  
    }  
}
```

- A) 8
- B) 6

- C) 9
- D) 12

Answer: A) 8.

Explanation: $2^3 = 2 \times 2 \times 2 = 8$ using recursive multiplication.

11. What is the recurrence relation for the Fibonacci sequence?

- a) $F(n) = F(n-1) + F(n-2)$
- b) $F(n) = F(n-1) * F(n-2)$
- c) $F(n) = F(n-1) - F(n-2)$
- d) $F(n) = F(n-1) / F(n-2)$

Answer: a) $F(n) = F(n-1) + F(n-2)$.

Explanation: Each number is the sum of the two previous numbers.

12. What is the base case in the recursive factorial function?

- a) $n == 1$
- b) $n == 0$
- c) $n == -1$
- d) No base case

Answer: b) $n == 0$

Explanation: By definition, $0! = 1$; this stops the recursion.

13. What will be the output of the following Java program?

```
1.    class recursion
2.    {
3.        int func (int n)
4.        {
5.            int result;
6.            result = func (n - 1);
7.            return result;
8.        }
9.    }
10.   class Output
11.   {
12.       public static void main(String args[])
13.       {
14.           recursion obj = new recursion() ;
15.           System.out.print(obj.func(12));
16.       }
17.   }
```

- a) 0
- b) 1
- c) Compilation Error
- d) Runtime Error

Answer: d

Explanation: Since the base case of the recursive function `func()` is not defined hence infinite loop occurs and results in Stack

Overflow.

Output:

```
javac Output.javac
```

```
java Output
```

Exception in thread "main" java.lang.StackOverflowError

14. What will be the output of the following Java program?

```
1.    class recursion
2.    {
3.        int func (int n)
4.        {
5.            int result;
6.            if (n == 1)
7.                return 1;
8.            result = func (n - 1);
9.            return result;
10.       }
11.    }
12.    class Output
13.    {
14.        public static void main(String args[])
15.        {
16.            recursion obj = new recursion() ;
17.            System.out.print(obj.func(5));
18.        }
19.    }
```

- a) 0
- b) 1
- c) 120
- d) None of the mentioned

Answer: b

Explanation: The function recursively calls itself until n equals 1, then returns 1. Since there's no operation besides returning the recursive call's result, the final output is always 1 regardless of the input.

Output:

```
javac Output.javac
```

```
java Output
```

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15. What will be the output of the following Java program?

```
1.    class recursion
2.    {
3.        int fact(int n)
4.        {
```

```
5.         int result;
6.         if (n == 1)
7.             return 1;
8.         result = fact(n - 1) * n;
9.         return result;
10.        }
11.    }
12.    class Output
13.    {
14.        public static void main(String args[])
15.        {
16.            recursion obj = new recursion() ;
17.            System.out.print(obj.fact(5));
18.        }
19.    }
```

a) 24
b) 30
c) 120
d) 720

Answer: c

Explanation: fact() method recursively calculates factorial of a number, when value of n reaches 1, base case is executed and 1 is returned. In each call the expression 5*4*3*2*1 is formed to stack the final call folded and return the result as their product i.e. 120.

Output:

```
javac Output.javac
java Output
120
```

16. What will be the output of the following Java program?

```
1.    class recursion
2.    {
3.        int fact(int n)
4.        {
5.            int result;
6.            if (n == 1)
7.                return 1;
8.            result = fact(n - 1) * n;
9.            return result;
10.        }
11.    }
12.    class Output
13.    {
```

```
14.         public static void main(String args[])
15.         {
16.             recursion obj = new recursion() ;
17.             System.out.print(obj.fact(1));
18.         }
19.     }
```

- a) 1
- b) 30
- c) 120
- d) Runtime Error

Answer: a

Explanation: fact() method recursively calculates factorial of a number, when value of n reaches 1, base case is executed and 1 is returned.

Output:

```
javac Output.java
java Output
1
```

17. What will be the output of the following Java program?

```
1.     class recursion
2.     {
3.         int fact(int n)
4.         {
5.             int result;
6.             if (n == 1)
7.                 return 1;
8.             result = fact(n - 1) * n;
9.             return result;
10.        }
11.    }
12.    class Output
13.    {
14.        public static void main(String args[])
15.        {
16.            recursion obj = new recursion() ;
17.            System.out.print(obj.fact(6));
18.        }
19.    }
```

- a) 1
- b) 30
- c) 120
- d) 720

Answer: d

Explanation: fact() method recursively calculates factorial of a number, when value of n reaches 1, base case is executed and 1 is returned. In each call the expression $6*5*4*3*2*1$ is formed to stack the final call folded and return the result as their product i.e. 720.

Output:

```
javac Output.javac
```

```
java Output
```

```
720
```

Q18:-1 Which line has the recursive call?

```
1 public String starString(int n)
2 {
3     if (n == 0) {
4         return "*";
5     } else {
6         return starString(n - 1) + starString(n - 1);
7     }
8 }
```

A. 1

B. 3

C. 4

D. 5

E. 6

Answer: E. Line 6

Explanation:

Line 6 contains the recursive call: `return starString(n - 1) + starString(n - 1);`

Q19:-2 How many recursive calls does the following method contain?

```
1 public static int fibonacci(int n)
2 {
3     if (n == 0)
4         return 0;
5     else if (n == 1)
6         return 1;
7     else return fibonacci(n-1) + fibonacci(n-2);
8 }
```

A. 0

B. 1

C. 2

D. 3

Answer: C. 2

Explanation:

When $n > 1$, it calls `fibonacci(n-1)` and `fibonacci(n-2)`, hence 2 recursive calls.

Q:20- How many recursive calls does the following method contain?

```
1 public static int multiplyEvens(int n)
2 {
3     if (n == 1) {
4         return 2;
5     } else {
6         return 2 * n * multiplyEvens(n - 1);
7     }
8 }
```

A. 0

B. 1

C. 2

D. 3

Answer: B. 1

Explanation:

There is one recursive call inside the else block: `multiplyEvens(n - 1)`.

Q21:- Given the following method declaration, which of the following is printed as the result of the call `mystery(1234)`?

```
1 //precondition: x >= 0
2 public static void mystery (int x)
3 {
4     System.out.print(x % 10);
5
6     if ((x / 10) != 0)
7     {
8         mystery(x / 10);
9     }
10    System.out.print(x % 10);
11 }
```

A. 1441

B. 43211234

C. 3443

D. 12344321

E. Many digits are printed due to infinite recursion.

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Answer: B. 43211234

Explanation:

The digits are printed twice - once on the way down and once on the way back from recursion.

- First prints: 4, then 3, 2, 1
 - Then prints again in reverse: 1, 2, 3, 4
- Total: 43211234

Q22:- Given the following method declaration, what value is returned as the result of the call `mystery(5)`?

```
1 public static int mystery(int n)
2 {
3     if (n == 0)
4         return 1;
5     else
6         return 3 * mystery (n - 1);
7 }
```

A. 243

B. 0

C. 3

D. 81

E. 27

Answer: A. 243

Explanation:

This computes $3^5 = 243$, since the recursive call multiplies by 3 for each `n`.

Q23:- Given the following method declaration, what value is returned as the result of the call `product(5)`?

```
1 public static int product(int n)
2 {
3     if (n <= 1)
4         return 1;
5     else
6         return n * product(n - 2);
7 }
```

- A. 1
- B. 10
- C. 25
- D. 3125
- E. 15

Answer: E. 15

Explanation:

Calls: $\text{product}(5) \rightarrow 5 * \text{product}(3) \rightarrow 5 * 3 * \text{product}(1) \rightarrow 5 * 3 * 1$
 $= 15$

Q24:- Given the following method declaration, what value is returned as the result of the call $f(5)$?

```
1 public static int f(int n)
2 {
3     if (n == 0)
4         return 0;
5     else if (n == 1)
6         return 1;
7     else return f(n-1) + f(n-2);
8 }
```

- A. 8
- B. 3
- C. There is no result because of infinite recursion.
- D. 5
- E. 0

Answer: A. 5

Explanation:

This is the Fibonacci function, so:

$f(5) = f(4) + f(3) = 3 + 2 = 5$

Q25:- Given the following method declaration, this method will return true if and only if:

```
public static boolean check(String s)
{
    return s.length() >= 2 &&
        (s.charAt(0) == s.charAt(1) ||
        check(s.substring(1)));
}
```

- A. The string s contains two or more of the same characters.
- B. The string s starts with two or more of the same characters.
- C. The string s contains two or more of the same character that are next to each other.

D. The string `s` ends with two or more of the same characters

Answer: C. The string `s` contains two or more of the same character that are next to each other.

Explanation:

The method returns true if two adjacent characters are the same anywhere in the string.

Q26:- Given the following method declaration, what will `redo(82, 3)` return?

```
public static int redo(int i, int j)
{
    if (i==0)
        return 0;
    else
        return redo(i/j, j)+1;
}
```

A. 5

B. 4

C. 6

D. 7

E. The method never returns due to infinite recursion.

Answer: A. 5

Explanation:

Steps:

- `redo(82, 3) → redo(27,3) +1`
- `redo(27,3) → redo(9,3) +1`
- `redo(9,3) → redo(3,3) +1`
- `redo(3,3) → redo(1,3) +1`
- `redo(1,3) → redo(0,3) +1 → base case`

Total calls = 5 → returns 5

Question 27:-

Predict output of following program

```
public class Main {
    public static int fun(int n) {
        if (n == 4)
            return n;
        else return 2 * fun(n + 1);
    }
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        System.out.println(fun(2));
    }
}
```

A 4

B 8

C 16

D Runtime Error

Answer: C) 16

Explanation:

Recursive calls:

- $\text{fun}(2) \rightarrow 2 * \text{fun}(3)$
- $\text{fun}(3) \rightarrow 2 * \text{fun}(4)$
- $\text{fun}(4) \rightarrow \text{returns } 4$

Then backtrack: $2*4 = 8$, $2*8 = 16$

Question 28:-

Consider the following recursive function $\text{fun}(x, y)$. What is the value of $\text{fun}(4, 3)$

```
int fun(int x, int y) {  
    if (x == 0)  
        return y;  
    return fun(x - 1, x + y);  
}
```

A 13

B 12

C 9

D 10

Answer: A) 13

Explanation:

$\text{fun}(4,3) \rightarrow \text{fun}(3,7) \rightarrow \text{fun}(2,10) \rightarrow \text{fun}(1,12) \rightarrow \text{fun}(0,13) = 13$

Question 29:-

What does the following function print for $n = 25$?

```
public class Main {  
    public static void fun(int n) {  
        if (n == 0)  
            return;  
        System.out.print(n % 2);  
        fun(n / 2);  
    }  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        fun(10); // Example call  
    }  
}
```

A 11001

B 10011

C 11111

D 00000

Answer: B) 10011

Explanation:

Binary of 10 is 1010. Function prints bits in reverse order: 0 1 0 1
→ 10011

Question 30:-

What does the following function do?

```
int fun(int x, int y)
{
    if (y == 0)    return 0;
    return (x + fun(x, y-1));
}
```

A $x + y$

B $x + x*y$

C $x*y$

D x^y

Answer: C) $x*y$

Explanation:

It adds x y times: recursive multiplication.

Question 31:-

What does fun2() do in general?

```
public class Main {
    public static int fun(int x, int y) {
        if (y == 0) return 0;
        return (x + fun(x, y - 1));
    }
    public static int fun2(int a, int b) {
        if (b == 0) return 1;
        return fun(a, fun2(a, b - 1));
    }
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        // Example usage
    }
}
```

A $x*y$

B $x+x*y$

C x^y

D y^x

Answer: C) a^b (a raised to power b)

Explanation:

It calls $\text{fun}(a, \text{fun2}(a, b-1)) \rightarrow$ repeated multiplication. Exponential recursion.

32. What is the time complexity of printing an array recursively?

- a) $O(1)$
- b) $O(n)$
- c) $O(n^2)$
- d) $O(\log n)$

Answer: b) $O(n)$

Explanation: Each recursive call processes one element \rightarrow total n calls.

33. What will be the result of the following function call?

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```
public static void countDown(int n) {  
    if (n == 0) return;  
    System.out.print(n + " ");  
    countDown(n - 1);  
}
```

```
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    countDown(3);  
}
```

- a) 3 2 1
- b) 1 2 3
- c) 0 1 2 3
- d) 3 2 1 0

Answer: a) 3 2 1

Explanation: It prints and then recurses on $n - 1$ till 0.

34. Which case would cause a `StackOverflowError` in recursion?

- a) Base condition missing
- b) Infinite loop
- c) Too many print statements
- d) Using arrays with size 0

Answer: a) Base condition missing

Explanation: Without a base case, recursion never stops \rightarrow infinite stack calls.

35. What is the purpose of a base case in recursive array methods?

- a) To print the array
- b) To end recursion
- c) To call another function
- d) To reset array index

Answer: b) To end recursion

Explanation: Base case ensures recursion terminates safely.

36. Which of these problems is best solved using recursion on arrays?

- a) Sorting an array
- b) Printing reverse order
- c) Swapping two elements
- d) Finding array length

Answer: b) Printing reverse order

Explanation: Printing in reverse is naturally suited for recursion.