**Yashwant Desai – Assignment 9**

1. To what does a relative path refer?

Answer: Relative paths are relative to the current working directory

2. What does an absolute path start with your operating system?

Answer: Absolute paths start with the root folder, such as / or C:\

3. What do the functions os.getcwd() and os.chdir() do?

Answer: The os.getcwd() function returns the current working directory. The os.chdir() function changes the current working directory

4. What are the . and .. folders?

Answer: The . and .. are special directory references used to denote the current directory and the parent directory respectively

5. In C:\bacon\eggs\spam.txt, which part is the dir name, and which part is the base name?

Answer: The os.path.dirname() function returns the directory name and the os.path.basename() function returns the base name of a given file path

6. What are the three “mode” arguments that can be passed to the open() function?

Answer: The string 'r' for read mode, 'w' for write mode, and 'a' for append mode

7. What happens if an existing file is opened in write mode?

Answer: An existing file opened in write mode is erased and completely overwritten

8. How do you tell the difference between read() and readlines()?

Answer: The read() method returns the file’s entire contents as a single string value. The readlines() method returns a list of strings, where each string is a line from the file’s contents.

9. What data structure does a shelf value resemble?

Answer: A shelf value resembles a dictionary value it has keys and values along with keys() and values() methods that work similarly to the dictionary methods of the same names.

**Regards,**

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