# Introduction to Programming

## Exercises

### Week 1

Prior to attempting these exercises ensure you have read thelecture notes and/or viewed the video, and also completed the practical. You may wish to use the Python interpreter in interactive mode to help work out the solutions to some of the questions.

Download and store this document within your own file space, so the contents can be edited. You will be able to refer to it during the test in Week 6.

Enter your answers directly into the highlighted boxes.

For more information about the module delivery, assessment and feedback please refer to the module within the MyBeckett portal.

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What is the name of the programming language that we will be using on this module? What version of the language are we using?

*Answer:*

Python Version 3.x

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A computer program takes some *input*, performs some *processing* then…. what?

*Answer:*

Output

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What generation of programming language is *machine code*?

*Answer:*

First Generation

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Which of the following is known as a second generation programming language?

* C++
* Java
* Assembly
* R
* Python

*Answer:*

Assembly

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State one problem associated with writing code in Assembly Language.

*Answer:*

It is very complex and difficult to understand and not portable

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What generation of programming language is *Python*?

*Answer:*

Fourth Generation

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What is the purpose of a *compiler*?

*Answer:*

A compiler's purpose is to translate code written in a high-level programming language into machine code (binary) that a computer's processor can understand and execute.

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The Python interpreter uses an interaction model called **REPL**. What does this stand for?

*Answer:*

Repeat-Evaluate-Print-Loop

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Is it true that Python development always has to take place using *interactive-mode* within the Python interpreter?

*Answer:*

No

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What does the term IDE stand for?

*Answer:*

Integrated Development Environment

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What is the main reason why programmers use *code libraries*?

*Answer:*

Code Reusability

A library is a collection of pre-written code that you can use to perform specific tasks. Libraries are often used to reduce the code a programmer needs to write by providing reusable functions or classes that can be called upon as needed enhancing productivity and efficiency.

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The Python language is often used in the field of *data-science*. What other language specifically supports *data-science*?

*Answer:*

Besides Python, R is another language that is widely used in data science.

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An expression within a programming language consists of *operands* and *operators*.

Given an expression such as: 20 + 10, which part of this is the *operator*?

*Answer:*

The operator is +

And, which part of this is the *operand*?

*Answer:*

The operands are 20 and 10

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Within Python, what calculation is performed by the ‘\*’ operator?

*Answer:*

Multiplication

And, what calculation is performed by the ‘/’ operator?

*Answer:*

Division

And, what calculation is performed by the ‘\*\*’ operator?

*Answer:*

Exponentiation

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Using the information about expression evaluation provided in the related tutorial, evaluate each of the following expressions **in your head** and type the result in the answer boxes below. Remember that an operator precedence is applied, but can be overridden by the use of parentheses.

a) 100 + 200 - 50

*Answer:*

250

b) 10 + 20 \* 10

*Answer:*

210

c) 20 % 3

*Answer:*

2

d) 20 / (2 \* 5)

*Answer:*

2.0

e) 20 / 2 \* 5

*Answer:*

50.0

f) 10 \* 2 + 1 \* 3

*Answer:*

23

g) 5 + 10 \*\* 2

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105

h) (10 + 2 / 2) + ((10 \* 2) \*\* 2)

*Answer:*

411.0

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Use the Python interpreter to input and then execute a simple Python expression that adds the three numbers 100.6, 200.72 and 213.3, then write the result in the answer box below.

*Answer:*

514.62

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Use the Python interpreter to input and then execute a simple Python expression that multiplies the three numbers 20.25, 100 and 23.9, then write the result in the answer box below.

*Answer:*

48397.5

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Use the Python interpreter to input and then execute a simple Python expression that divides the number 10 by 0, then write the result in the answer box below.

*Answer:*

ZeroDivisionError: division by zero

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What type of error is typically easier to identify? A *syntax* error? Or a *logical* error?

*Answer:*

A syntax error

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What type of message is used by the Python interpreter to report run-time errors?

*Answer:*

The python interpreter uses exceptions to report run time errors

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What command can be used to exit the Python interpreter?

*Answer:*

exit() or quit()

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## **Exercises are complete**

Save this logbook with your answers. Then ask your tutor to check your responses to each question.