

POINTERS IN C: Problems for Practice

- 1. Predict the output of the following program. Then run the program and see if your expectation is matched:**

```
#include <stdio.h>

void swap1(int,int);
void swap2(int *, int *);

int main()
{
    int a, b;
    printf("Enter first number: ");
    scanf("%d", &a);
    printf("Enter second number: ");
    scanf("%d", &b);
    getchar();

    printf("\nBefore swapping...\n\t a = %d, b = %d\n", a, b);
    printf("Press <Enter> to continue...");
    getchar();

    swap1(a,b);
    printf("\nAfter swapping using swap1()...\n\t a = %d, b = %d\n",
           a, b);

    printf("Press <Enter> to continue...");
    getchar();
    swap2(&a, &b);
    printf("\nAfter swapping using swap2()...\n\t a = %d, b =
           %d\n\n", a, b);

    return 0;
}

void swap1(int a, int b)
{
    int temp;
    temp = a;
    a = b;
    b = temp;
    return;
}

void swap2(int *pa, int *pb)
{
    int temp;
    temp = *pa;
    *pa = *pb;
    *pb = temp;
    return;
}
```

2. Which of the following manipulations (done sequentially) is not legal in C? Explain why you think so.

Consider the declarations: `int *p, arr[10] = { 10, 20, 30}, i = 10;`

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| (a) <code>arr = arr + 1;</code> | (e) <code>p[2] = 20;</code> |
| (b) <code>p = arr;</code> | (f) <code>arr = NULL;</code> |
| (c) <code>p = p + 1;</code> | (g) <code>p = NULL;</code> |
| (d) <code>arr[2] = 20;</code> | (h) <code>p = &arr[2];</code> |

3. The function `findMax()` finds out the largest integer in a given array and returns it to the calling function. Can you find out the mistakes in the following program written to accomplish this task? (Write down the correct statements on the side, right next to the line of code.)

```
1  int findMax(int &a, n)
2  {
3      int max, i;
4      max = a[0];
5      for (i = 1; i <= n; ++i)
6          if (a[i] > max) a[i] = max;
7      return a;
8  }
9
10 int main()
11 {
12     int N, i, mx;
13     printf("How many numbers? ");
13     scanf("%d", &N);
14     int arr[N];    /* variable length array */
15     for (i = 0; i < N; ++i)
16         scanf("Enter number %d", arr[i]);
17     mx = findMax(arr[], &N);
18     printf("Largest number of the list is: %d\n", N, mx);
19     return 0;
20 }
```

4. Given a square matrix as input, what logic will you employ to find if it is: (write only the condition to be checked)

- (a) a diagonal matrix
- (b) upper triangular matrix
- (c) lower triangular matrix