

* Lambda Expression *

* Assignment Solution *

Q.1 (i) What is the lambda expression of Java 8?

Ans-1 As its name suggests it's an expression which allows you to write more succinct code in Java 8. For Example $(a, b) \rightarrow a + b$ is a lambda expression (look for that arrow \rightarrow)

Q.1 (ii) which is equal to following code:

```
public int value(int a, int b) {  
    return a + b;  
}
```

it's also called an anonymous function because you are essentially writing the code you write in function but without name.

Q.2 Can you pass lambda expressions to a Method? When?

Ans-2 Yes, You can pass a lambda expression to a method provided it is expecting a functional interface. For example

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if a method is accepting a Runnable, Comparable or Comparator then you can pass a lambda expression to it because all these are functional interfaces in Java 8.

Q.3 What is the functional interface in Java 8?

Ans-3 A functional interface in Java 8 is an interface with a single abstract Method. For example - Comparator which has just one abstract Method called compare() or Runnable which has just one abstract Method called run(). There are many more general purpose functional interfaces introduced in JDK 8 on java.util.function package. They are also annotated with @FunctionalInterface but that's optional.

Q.4 What is the benefit of lambda expression in Java 8?

Ans-4 The main benefit of lambda expression in Java 8 is that now it's easier to pass a code block to a method. Earlier, the only way to do this was wrapping the code inside an anonymous class, which requires a lot of boilerplate code.

Q.5 Is it mandatory for a lambda expression to have parameters?

Ans-5 No, it's not mandatory for a lambda expression to have parameters, you can define a lambda expression without parameters as shown below.

() -> `System.out.println("lambda without parameters");`

you can pass this code to any method which accepts a functional interface.