Introductory Java Language Features

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The AP Computer Science course includes algorithm analysis, data structures, and the techniques and methods of modern programming, specifically, object-oriented programming. A high-level programming language is used to explore these concepts. Java is the language currently in use on the AP exam.

Java was developed by James Gosling and a team at Sun Microsystems in California; it continues to evolve. The AP exam covers a clearly defined subset of Java language features that are presented throughout this book. A complete listing of this subset can be found at the College Board website, https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/apcourse/ap-computer-science-a/course-details.

Java provides basic control structures such as the if-else statement, for loop, for-each loop, and while loop, as well as fundamental built-in data types. But the power of the language lies in the manipulation of user-defined types called objects, many of which can interact in a single program.

PACKAGES AND CLASSES

A typical Java program has user-defined classes whose objects interact with those from Java class libraries. In Java, related classes are grouped into packages, many of which are provided with the compiler. For example, the package java.util contains the collections classes. Note that you can put your own classes into a package—this facilitates their use in other programs.

The package java.lang, which contains many commonly used classes, is automatically provided to all Java programs. To use any other package in a program, an import statement must be used. To import all of the classes in a package called packagename, use the form

import packagename.*;

Note that the package name is all lowercase letters. To import a single class called ClassName from the package, use

```
import packagename. ClassName;
```

Java has a hierarchy of packages and subpackages. Subpackages are selected using multiple dots:

```
import packagename.subpackagename.ClassName;
```

For example,

```
import java.util.ArrayList;
```

The import statement allows the programmer to use the objects and methods defined in the designated package. You will not be expected to write any import statements, but you could be asked to recognize the correct format of an import statement.

A Java program must have at least one class, the one that contains the main method. The java files that comprise your program are called source files.

A compiler converts source code into machine-readable form called bytecode. Here is a typical source file for a Java program.

```
/** Program FirstProg.java
    Start with a comment, giving the program name and a brief
    description of what the program does.
import package1.*;
import package2.subpackage.ClassName;
public class FirstProg //note that the file name is FirstProg.java
   public static type1 method1(parameter list)
    < code for method 1 >
   public static type2 method2(parameter list)
    1
        < code for method 2 >
   public static void main(String[] args)
```

NOTE

All Java methods must be contained in a class.

< your code >

- 2. The words class, public, static, and void are reserved words, also called keywords. (This means they have specific uses in Java and may not be used as identifiers.)
- The keyword public signals that the class or method is usable outside of the class, whereas private data members or methods (see Chapter 3) are not.

- 4. The keyword static is used for methods that will not access any objects of a class, such as the methods in the FirstProg class in the example on the previous page. This is typically true for all methods in a source file that contains no instance variables (see Chapter 3). Most methods in Java do operate on objects and are not static. The main method, however, must always be static.
- 5. The program shown on the previous page is a Java application.

Javadoc Comments

The Javadoc comments Cparam and Creturn are part of the AP Java subset. The comment Othrows is useful but won't be tested. Here is an example.

/** Returns the area of a rectangle with specified length and width.

- * Precondition: length and width are both positive.
- * Oparam length the length of the rectangle
- * Oparam width the width of the rectangle
- * Oreturn the area of the rectangle
- * @throws IllegalArgumentException if length or width are not positive

public double area(double length, double width)

This will produce the following Javadoc output:

area

public double area (double length, double width)

Returns the area of a rectangle with specified length and width.

Precondition: length and width are both positive.

Parameters:

length - the length of the rectangle width - the width of the rectangle

Returns:

the area of the rectangle

Throws:

IllegalArgumentException - if length or width are not positive

TYPES AND IDENTIFIERS

Identifiers

An identifier is a name for a variable, parameter, constant, user-defined method, or userdefined class. In Java an identifier is any sequence of letters, digits, and the underscore character. Identifiers may not begin with a digit. Identifiers are case-sensitive, which means that age and Age are different. Wherever possible identifiers should be concise and selfdocumenting. A variable called area is more illuminating than one called a.

By convention identifiers for variables and methods are lowercase. Uppercase letters are used to separate these into multiple words, for example getName, findSurfaceArea,

preTaxTotal, and so on. Note that a class name starts with a capital letter. Reserved words are entirely lowercase and may not be used as identifiers.

Built-in Types

Every identifier in a Java program has a type associated with it. The *primitive* or *built-in* types that are included in the AP Java subset are

int An integer. For example, 2, -26, 3000
boolean A boolean. Just two values, true or false
double A double precision floating-point number.
For example, 2.718, -367189.41, 1.664

(Note that primitive type char is not included in the AP Java subset.)

Integer values are stored exactly. Because there's a fixed amount of memory set aside for their storage, however, integers are bounded. If you try to store a value whose magnitude is too big in an int variable, you'll get an *overflow error*. (Java gives you no warning. You just get a wrong result!)

An identifier, for example a *variable*, is introduced into a Java program with a *declaration* that specifies its type. A variable is often initialized in its declaration. Some examples follow:

Alternatively,

```
average = total/(double) n;
```

Assigning an int to a double automatically casts the int to double. For example,

```
int num = 5;
double realNum = num;  //num is cast to double
```

Assigning a double to an int without a cast, however, causes a compile-time error. For example,

```
double x = 6.79;
int intNum = x;  //Error. Need an explicit cast to int
```

Note that casting a floating-point (real) number to an integer simply truncates the number. For example,

```
double cost = 10.95;
int numDollars = (int) cost; //sets numDollars to 10
```

If your intent was to round cost to the nearest dollar, you needed to write

```
int numDollars = (int) (cost + 0.5); //numDollars has value 11
```

To round a negative number to the nearest integer:

```
double negAmount = -4.8;
int roundNeg = (int) (negAmount - 0.5); //roundNeg has value -5
```

The strategy of adding or subtracting 0.5 before casting correctly rounds in all cases.

Storage of Numbers

INTEGERS

Integer values in Java are stored exactly, as a string of bits (binary digits). One of the bits stores the sign of the integer, 0 for positive, 1 for negative.

The Java built-in integral type, byte, uses one byte (eight bits) of storage.

0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

The picture represents the largest positive integer that can be stored using type byte: $2^7 - 1$.

Type int in Java uses four bytes (32 bits). Taking one bit for a sign, the largest possible integer stored is $2^{31} - 1$. In general, an *n*-bit integer uses n/8 bytes of storage, and stores integers from -2^{n-1} to $2^{n-1}-1$. (Note that the extra value on the negative side comes from not having to store -0.) There are two Java constants that you should know. Integer.MAX_VALUE holds the maximum value an int can hold, $2^{31} - 1$. Integer MIN_VALUE holds the minimum value an int can hold, -231.

Built-in types in Java are byte (one byte), short (two bytes), int (four bytes), and long (eight bytes). Of these, only int is in the AP Java subset.

FLOATING-POINT NUMBERS

There are two built-in types in Java that store real numbers: float, which uses four bytes, and double, which uses eight bytes. A floating-point number is stored in two parts: a mantissa, which specifies the digits of the number, and an exponent. The JVM (Java Virtual Machine) represents the number using scientific notation:

In this expression, 2 is the base or radix of the number. In type double eleven bits are allocated for the exponent, and (typically) 52 bits for the mantissa. One bit is allocated for the sign, This is a double-precision number. Type float, which is single-precision, is not in the AP Java subset.

When floating-point numbers are converted to binary, most cannot be represented exactly, leading to round-off error. These errors are compounded by arithmetic operations. For example,

In Java, no exceptions are thrown for floating-point operations. There are two situations you should be aware of:

- When an operation is performed that gives an undefined result, Java expresses this result as NaN, "not a number." Examples of operations that produce NaN are: taking the square root of a negative number, and 0.0 divided by 0.0.
- An operation that gives an infinitely large or infinitely small number, like division by zero, produces a result of Infinity or -Infinity in Java.

Hexadecimal and Octal Numbers



A hexadecimal number or hex number uses base (radix) 16 and is represented with the symbols 0-9 and A-F (occasionally a-f), where A represents 10, and F represents 15. To denote a hex number in Java, the prefix "0x" or "0X" is used, for example, 0xC2A. On the AP exam, the representation is likely to be with the subscript hex: $C2A_{hex}$. In expanded form, this number means

$$(C)(16^2) + (2)(16^1) + (A)(16^0)$$
= $(12)(16^2) + (2)(16) + (10)(1)$
= 3114 , or 3114_{dec}

The advantages of hex numbers are their compactness, and the ease of conversion between hex and binary. Notice that any hex digit expands to four bits. For example,

$$5_{\text{hex}} = 0101_{\text{bin}}$$
 and $F_{\text{hex}} = 1111_{\text{bin}}$

Thus, $5F_{hex} = 01011111_{bin}$, which is 1011111_{bin} .

Similarly, to convert a binary number to hex, convert in groups of four from right to left. If necessary, pad with zeroes to complete the last group of four. For example,

$$1011101_{bin} = 0101 \quad 1101_{bin}$$

= 5 D_{hex}

An octal number uses base 8, and is represented with the symbols 0-7. On the AP exam, the representation is likely to be with the subscript oct: $132_{\rm oct}$. In expanded form, $132_{\rm oct}$ means

$$(1)(8^{2}) + (3)(8^{1}) + (2)(8^{0})$$

$$= (1)(64) + (3)(8) + (2)(1)$$

$$= 64 + 24 + 2$$

$$= 90, \text{ or } 90_{dec}$$

Final Variables

A final variable or user-defined constant, identified by the keyword final, is a quantity whose value will not change. Here are some examples of final declarations:

NOTE

- 1. Constant identifiers are, by convention, capitalized.
- 2. A final variable can be declared without initializing it immediately. For example,

```
final double TAX_RATE;
if (<some condition>)
    TAX_RATE = 0.08;
else
    TAX_RATE = 0.0;
// TAX_RATE can be given a value just once: its value is final!
```

3. A common use for a constant is as an array bound. For example,

```
final int MAXSTUDENTS = 25;
int[] classList = new int[MAXSTUDENTS];
```

Using constants makes it easier to revise code. Just a single change in the final declaration need be made, rather than having to change every occurrence of a value.

OPERATORS

Arithmetic Operators

Operator	Meaning	Example				
+	addition	3 + x				
	subtraction	p - q				
est e stanta	multiplication	6 * i				
1	division	10 / 4 //returns 2, not 2.5!				
%	mod (remainder)	11 % 8 //returns 3				

NOTE

- These operators can be applied to types int and double, even if both types occur
 in the same expression. For an operation involving a double and an int, the int is
 promoted to double, and the result is a double.
- The mod operator %, as in the expression a % b, gives the remainder when a is divided by b. Thus 10 % 3 evaluates to 1, whereas 4.2 % 2.0 evaluates to 0.2.
- 3. Integer division a/b where both a and b are of type int returns the integer quotient only (i.e., the answer is truncated). Thus, 22/6 gives 3, and 3/4 gives 0. If at least one of the operands is of type double, then the operation becomes regular floating-point division, and there is no truncation. You can control the kind of division that is carried out by explicitly casting (one or both of) the operands from int to double and vice versa. Thus

$$3.0 / 4$$
 \rightarrow 0.75
 $3 / 4.0$ \rightarrow 0.75
(int) 3.0 / 4 \rightarrow 0
(double) 3 / 4 \rightarrow 0.75

You must, however, be careful:

since the integer division 3/4 is computed first, before casting to double.

- 4. The arithmetic operators follow the normal precedence rules (order of operations):
 - (1) parentheses, from the inner ones out (highest precedence)
 - (2) *, /, %
 - (3) +, (lowest precedence)

Here operators on the same line have the same precedence, and, in the absence of parentheses, are invoked from left to right. Thus, the expression 19 % 5 * 3 + 14 / 5 evaluates to 4 * 3 + 2 = 14. Note that casting has precedence over all of these operators. Thus, in the expression (double) 3/4, 3 will be cast to double before the division is done.

Relational Operators

Operator	Meaning	Example		
	equal to	if (x == 100)		
!=	not equal to	if (age != 21)		
>	greater than	if (salary > 30000)		
<	less than	if (grade < 65)		
>=	greater than or equal to	if (age >= 16)		
<=	less than or equal to	if (height <= 6)		

NOTE

1. Relational operators are used in boolean expressions that evaluate to true or false.

- If the operands are an int and a double, the int is promoted to a double as for arithmetic operators.
- Relational operators should generally be used only in the comparison of primitive types (i.e., int, double, or boolean). User-defined types are compared using the equals and compareTo methods (see pp. 158 and 190).
- 4. Be careful when comparing floating-point values! Since floating-point numbers cannot always be represented exactly in the computer memory, they should not be compared directly using relational operators.

Do not routinely use == to test for equality of floating-point numbers.

Comparing Floating-Point Numbers

Because of round-off errors in floating-point numbers, you can't rely on using the == or != operators to compare two double values for equality. They may differ in their last significant digit or two because of round-off error. Instead, you should test that the magnitude of the difference between the numbers is less than some number about the size of the machine precision. The machine precision is usually denoted ϵ and is typically about 10^{-16} for double precision (i.e., about 16 decimal digits). So you would like to test something like $|x-y| \le \epsilon$. But this is no good if x and y are very large. For example, suppose x=1234567890.123456 and y=1234567890.123457. These numbers are essentially equal to machine precision, since they differ only in the 16th significant digit. But $|x-y|=10^{-6}$, not 10^{-16} . So in general you should check the *relative* difference:

$$\frac{|x-y|}{\max(|x|,|y|)} \le \epsilon$$

To avoid problems with dividing by zero, code this as

$$|x-y| \le \epsilon \max(|x|,|y|)$$

An example of code that uses a correct comparison of real numbers can be found in the Shape class on p. 159.

Logical Operators

A logical operator (sometimes called a Boolean operator) is one that returns a boolean result that is based on the boolean result(s) of one or two other boolean expressions. The three logical operators are shown in the table below.

Operator	Meaning	Example ,
1. 7.	NOT	if (!found)
àk	AND	if (x < 3 && y > 4)
- 11	OR	if (age < 2 height < 4)

NOTE

- Logical operators are applied to boolean expressions to form compound boolean expressions that evaluate to true or false.
- Values of true or false are assigned according to the truth tables for the logical operators.

kk	Т	F	11	Т	F	erost.	eib
- && T	Т	F	T	Т	T	T	F
F	F	F	F	T	F	F	T

For example, F && T evaluates to F, while T | | F evaluates to T.

3. Short-circuit evaluation. The subexpressions in a compound boolean expression are evaluated from left to right, and evaluation automatically stops as soon as the value of the entire expression is known. For example, consider a boolean OR expression of the form A || B, where A and B are some boolean expressions. If A is true, then the expression is true irrespective of the value of B. Similarly, if A is false, then A && B evaluates to false irrespective of the second operand. So in each case the second operand is not evaluated. For example,

```
if (numScores != 0 && scoreTotal/numScores > 90)
```

will not cause a run-time ArithmeticException (division-by-zero error) if the value of numScores is 0. This is because numScores != 0 will evaluate to false, causing the entire boolean expression to evaluate to false without having to evaluate the second expression containing the division.

Assignment Operators

Operator	Example	Meaning		
	x = 2	simple assignment		
+=	x += 4	x = x + 4		
-=	y -= 6	y = y - 6		
*=	p *= 5	p = p * 5		
/=	n /= 10	n = n / 10		
% =	n %= 10	n = n % 10		

NOTE

- All these operators, with the exception of simple assignment, are called compound assignment operators.
- Chaining of assignment statements is allowed, with evaluation from right to left. (Not tested on the AP exam.)

Increment and Decrement Operators

Operator	Example	Meaning
++	i++ or ++i	i is incremented by 1
	k ork	k is decremented by 1

Note that i++ (postfix) and ++i (prefix) both have the net effect of incrementing i by 1, but they are not equivalent. For example, if i currently has the value 5, then System.out.println(i++) will print 5 and then increment i to 6, whereas System.out.println(++i) will first increment i to 6 and then print 6. It's easy to remember: if the ++ is first, you first increment. A similar distinction occurs between k-- and --k. (Note: You do not need to know these distinctions for the AP exam.)

Operator Precedence

highest precedence
$$\rightarrow$$
 (1) !, ++, --

(2) *, /, %

(3) +, -

(4) <, >, <*, >=

(5) ==, !=

(6) &&

(7) | |

lowest precedence \rightarrow (8) =, +=, -=, *=, /=, %=

Here operators on the same line have equal precedence. The evaluation of the operators with equal precedence is from left to right, except for rows (1) and (8) where the order is right to left. It is easy to remember: The only "backward" order is for the unary operators (row 1) and for the various assignment operators (row 8).

Example

What will be output by the following statement?

System.out.println(5 + 3 < 6 - 1);

Since + and - have precedence over <, 5 + 3 and 6 - 1 will be evaluated before evaluating the boolean expression. Since the value of the expression is false, the statement will output false.

INPUT/OUTPUT

Input

Since there are so many ways to provide input to a program, user input is not a part of the AP Java subset. If reading input is a necessary part of a question on the AP exam, it will be indicated something like this:

double x = call to a method that reads a floating-point number

or

double x = ...; //read user input

NOTE

The Scanner class simplifies both console and file input. It will not, however, be tested on the AP exam.

Output

Testing of output will be restricted to System.out.print and System.out.println. Formatted output will not be tested.

System. out is an object in the System class that allows output to be displayed on the screen. The println method outputs an item and then goes to a new line. The print method outputs an item without going to a new line afterward. An item to be printed can be a string, or a number, or the value of a boolean expression (true or false). Here are some examples:

```
System.out.print("Hot");
System.out.println("dog");

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System.out.println(7 + 3);

System.out.println(7 == 2 + 5);

prints 10

System.out.println(7 == 2 + 5);

prints true

int x = 27;
System.out.println(x);

prints 27

System.out.println("Value of x is " + x);

prints Value of x is 27
```

In the last example, the value of x, 27, is converted to the string "27", which is then concatenated to the string "Value of x is ".

To print the "values" of user-defined objects, the toString() method is invoked (see p. 188).

Escape Sequences

An escape sequence is a backslash followed by a single character. It is used to print special characters. The three escape sequences that you should know for the AP exam are

Escape Sequence	Meaning
\n	newline .
/"	double quote
11	backslash

Here are some examples:

```
System.out.println("Welcome to\na new line");
```

prints

Welcome to a new line

The statement

System.out.println("He is known as \"Hothead Harry\".");

prints

He is known as "Hothead Harry".

The statement

```
System.out.println("The file path is d:\\myFiles\\..");
prints
```

The file path is d:\myFiles\..

CONTROL STRUCTURES

Control structures are the mechanism by which you make the statements of a program run in a nonsequential order. There are two general types: decision making and iteration.

Decision-Making Control Structures

These include the if, if...else, and switch statements. They are all selection control structures that introduce a decision-making ability into a program. Based on the truth value of a boolean expression, the computer will decide which path to follow. The switch statement is not part of the AP Java subset.

THE if STATEMENT

```
if (boolean expression)
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```

Here the statements will be executed only if the boolean expression is true. If it is false, control passes immediately to the first statement following the if statement.

THE if...else STATEMENT

```
if (boolean expression)
1
    statements
}
else
.
    statements
```

Here, if the boolean expression is true, only the statements immediately following the test will be executed. If the boolean expression is false, only the statements following the else will be executed.

NESTED if STATEMENT

If the statement part of an if statement is itself an if statement, the result is a nested if statement.

Example 1

```
if (boolean expr1)
    if (boolean expr2)
         statement;
```

This is equivalent to

```
if (boolean exprl && boolean expr2)
    statement;
```



Beware the dangling else! Suppose you want to read in an integer and print it if it's positive and even. Will the following code do the job?

```
int n = ...;  //read user input
if (n > 0)
    if (n % 2 == 0)
        System.out.println(n);
else
    System.out.println(n + " is not positive");
```

A user enters 7 and is surprised to see the output

```
7 is not positive
```

The reason is that else always gets matched with the *nearest* unpaired if, not the first if as the indenting would suggest.

There are two ways to fix the preceding code. The first is to use {} delimiters to group the statements correctly.

```
int n = ...;  //read user input
if (n > 0)
{
   if (n % 2 == 0)
       System.out.println(n);
}
else
   System.out.println(n + " is not positive");
```

The second way of fixing the code is to rearrange the statements.

EXTENDED if STATEMENT

For example,

```
String grade = ...;  //read user input
if (grade.equals("A"))
    System.out.println("Excellent!");
else if (grade.equals("B"))
    System.out.println("Good");
else if (grade.equals("C") || grade.equals("D"))
    System.out.println("Poor");
else if (grade.equals("F"))
    System.out.println("Egregious!");
else
    System.out.println("Invalid grade");
```

If any of A, B, C, D, or F are entered, an appropriate message will be written, and control will go to the statement immediately following the extended if statement. If any other string is entered, the final else is invoked, and the message Invalid grade will be written.

Iteration

Java has three different control structures that allow the computer to perform iterative tasks: the for loop, while loop, and do...while loop. The do...while loop is not in the AP Java subset.

THE for LOOP

The general form of the for loop is

```
for (initialization; termination condition; update statement)
1
                        //body of loop
    statements
}
```

The termination condition is tested at the top of the loop; the update statement is performed at the bottom.

Example 1

```
//outputs 1 2 3 4
for (i = 1; i < 5; i++)
  System.out.print(i + " ");
```

Here's how it works. The loop variable i is initialized to 1, and the termination condition i < 5 is evaluated. If it is true, the body of the loop is executed, and then the loop variable i is incremented according to the update statement. As soon as the termination condition is false (i.e., i >= 5), control passes to the first statement following the loop.

Example 2

```
//outputs 20 19 18 17 16 15
for (k = 20; k >= 15; k--)
  System.out.print(k + " ");
```

Example 3

```
//outputs 2 4 6 8 10
for (j = 2; j <= 10; j += 2)
  System.out.print(j + " ");
```

NOTE

- The loop variable should not have its value changed inside the loop body.
- 2. The initializing and update statements can use any valid constants, variables, or expressions.
- The scope (see p. 110) of the loop variable can be restricted to the loop body by combining the loop variable declaration with the initialization. For example,

```
for (int i = 0; i < 3; i++)
{
...
}</pre>
```

4. The following loop is syntactically valid:

```
for (int i = 1; i <= 0; i++)
{
    ...
}.</pre>
```

The loop body will not be executed at all, since the exiting condition is true before the first execution.

ENHANCED FOR LOOP (FOR-EACH LOOP)

This is used to iterate over an array or collection. The general form of the loop is

```
for (SomeType element : collection)
{
    statements
}
```

(Read the top line as "For each element of type SomeType in collection ...")

Example

```
//Outputs all elements of arr, one per line.

for (int element : arr)

System.out.println(element):
```

NOTE

- The for-each loop should be used for accessing elements in the data structure, not for replacing or removing elements as you traverse.
- The loop hides the index variable that is used with arrays.

THE while LOOP

The general form of the while loop is

```
while (boolean test)
{
    statements //loop body
```

The **boolean test** is performed at the beginning of the loop. If true, the loop body is executed. Otherwise, control passes to the first statement following the loop. After execution of the loop body, the test is performed again. If true, the loop is executed again, and so on.

Example 1

```
int i = 1, mult3 = 3;
while (mult3 < 20)
{
 System.out.print(mult3 + " ");
 mult3 *= i;
         //outputs 3 6 18
}
```

NOTE

- 1. It is possible for the body of a while loop never to be executed. This will happen if the test evaluates to false the first time.
- 2. Disaster will strike in the form of an infinite loop if the test can never be false. Don't forget to change the loop variable in the body of the loop in a way that leads to termination!

The body of a while loop must contain a statement that leads to termination.

```
int power2 = 1;
while (power2 != 20)
Completion during a broken meteropi comm
   System.out.println(power2);
   power2 *= 2;
}
```

Since power2 will never exactly equal 20, the loop will grind merrily along eventually causing an integer overflow.

Example 3

```
/* Screen out bad data.
* The loop won't allow execution to continue until a valid
* integer is entered.
*/
System.out.println("Enter a positive integer from 1 to 100");
int num = ...; //read user input
while (num < 1 || num > 100)
1
   System.out.println("Number must be from 1 to 100.");
   System.out.println("Please reenter");
   num = ...;
}
```

```
Example 4
```

NESTED LOOPS

You create a nested loop when a loop is a statement in the body of another loop.

Example 1_

```
for (int k = 1; k <= 3; k++)
{
    for (int i = 1; i <= 4; i++)
        System.out.print("*");
    System.out.println();
}</pre>
```

Think:

```
for each of 3 rows
{
    print 4 stars
    go to next line
}
```

Output:

Example 2

This example has two loops nested in an outer loop.

```
for (int i = 1; i <= 6; i++)
{
    for (int j = 1; j <= i; j++)
        System.out.print("+");
    for (int j = 1; j <= 6 - i; j++)
        System.out.print("*");
    System.out.println();
}</pre>
```

Output: +++** ++++**

ERRORS AND EXCEPTIONS

An exception is an error condition that occurs during the execution of a Java program. For example, if you divide an integer by zero, an ArithmeticException will be thrown. If you use a negative array index, an ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException will be thrown.

An unchecked exception is one that is automatically handled by Java's standard exceptionhandling methods, which terminate execution. It is thrown if an attempt is made to divide an integer by 0, or if an array index goes out of bounds, and so on. The exception tells you that you now need to fix your code!

A checked exception is one where you provide code to handle the exception, either a try/catch/finally statement, or an explicit throw new ... Exception clause. These exceptions are not necessarily caused by an error in the code. For example, an unexpected end-offile could be due to a broken network connection. Checked exceptions are not part of the AP Java subset.

The following unchecked exceptions are in the AP Java subset:

Exception	Discussed on page
ArithmeticException	this page
NullPointerException	per days for 1147 blde no
ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException	247
IndexOutOfBoundsException	258
IllegalArgumentException	next page

See also NoSuchElementException (pp. 261, 263) and IllegalStateException (pp. 261, 263), which refer to iterators, an optional topic. Note that the ClassCastException is no longer part of the AP Java subset.

Java allows you to write code that throws a standard unchecked exception. Here are typical examples:

Example 1

```
if (numScores == 0)
    throw new ArithmeticException("Cannot divide by zero");
else
   findAverageScore();
```

NOTE -

- throw and new are both reserved words. (The keywords throw and throws are not in the AP Java subset.)
- 2. The error message is optional: The line in Example 1 could have read

```
throw new ArithmeticException();
```

The message, however, is useful, since it tells the person running the program what went wrong.

An IllegalArgumentException is thrown to indicate that a parameter does not satisfy a method's precondition.

Chapter Summary

Be sure that you understand the difference between primitive and user-defined types and between the following types of operators: arithmetic, relational, logical, and assignment. Know which conditions lead to what types of errors.

You should be able to work with numbers—know how to compare them and how to convert between decimal, binary, and hexadecimal numbers. Know how integers and floating-point numbers are stored in memory, and be aware of the conditions that can lead to round-off error.

You should know the Integer constants Integer.MIN_VALUE and Integer.MAX_VALUE.

Be familiar with each of the following control structures: conditional statements, for loops, while loops, and for-each loops.

Be aware of the AP exam expectations concerning input and output.

Learn the unchecked exceptions that are part of the AP Java subset.

MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS ON INTRODUCTORY JAVA LANGUAGE FEATURES

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1. Which of the following pairs of declarations will cause an error message?

```
I double x = 14.7;
int y = x;

II double x = 14.7;
int y = (int) x;

III int x = 14;
double y = x;
```

- ·(A) None
- (B) I only
- (C) II only
- (D) III only
- (E) I and III only

2. What output will be produced by

```
System.out.print("\\* This is not\n a comment *\\");
```

- (A) * This is not a comment *
- (B) * This is not a comment *\
- (C) * This is not a comment *
 - (D) * This is not a comment *\\
 - (E) * This is not a comment *

3. Suppose the package java.util has a class, SomeClass, whose methods will be used in a program. Which of the following is a correct statement to import SomeClass into the program?

- (A) import SomeClass;
- (B) import util.SomeClass;
- (C) import java.util.SomeClass;
- (D) import java.SomeClass;
- (E) import java.util(SomeClass);

4. Consider the following code segment

if (n != 0 && x / n > 100) statement1;

else

statement2;

If n is of type int and has a value of 0 when the segment is executed, what will happen?

- (A) An ArithmeticException will be thrown.
- (B) A syntax error will occur.
- (C) statement1, but not statement2, will be executed.
- (D) statement2, but not statement1, will be executed.
- (E) Neither statement1 nor statement2 will be executed; control will pass to the first statement following the if statement.
- 5. Refer to the following code fragment:

```
double answer = 13 / 5;
System.out.println("13 / 5 = " + answer);
```

The output is

13 / 5 = 2.0

The programmer intends the output to be

13 / 5 = 2.6

Which of the following replacements for the first line of code will not fix the problem?

- (A) double answer = (double) 13 / 5;
- (B) double answer = 13 / (double) 5;
- (C) double answer = 13.0 / 5;
- (D) double answer = 13 / 5.0;
- (E) double answer = (double) (13 / 5);
- 6. What value is stored in result if

int result = 13 - 3 * 6 / 4 % 3;

- (A) -5
- (B) 0
- (C) 13
- (D) -1
- (E) 12

Suppose that addition and subtraction had higher precedence than multiplication and division. Then the expression

would evaluate to which of the following?

- (A) 11
- (B) 12
- (C) 5
- (D) 9
- (E) -4
- 8. Which is true of the following boolean expression, given that x is a variable of type double?

$$3.0 = x * (3.0 / x)$$

- (A) It will always evaluate to false.
- (B) It may evaluate to false for some values of x.
- (C) It will evaluate to false only when x is zero.
- (D) It will evaluate to false only when x is very large or very close to zero.
- (E) It will always evaluate to true.
- 9. Let x be a variable of type double that is positive. A program contains the boolean expression (Math.pow(x,0.5) == Math.sqxt(x)). Even though $x^{1/2}$ is mathematically equivalent to \sqrt{x} , the above expression returns the value false in a student's program. Which of the following is the most likely reason?

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- (A) Math. pow returns an int, while Math. sqrt returns a double.
- (B) x was imprecisely calculated in a previous program statement.
- (C) The computer stores floating-point numbers with 32-bit words.
- (D) There is round-off error in calculating the pow and sort functions.
- (E) There is overflow error in calculating the pow function.
- 10. What will the output be for the following poorly formatted program segment, if the input value for num is 22?

```
int num = call to a method that reads an integer;
if (num > 0)
if (num % 5 == 0)
System.out.println(num);
else System.out.println(num + " is negative");
```

- (A) 22
- (B) 4
- (C) 2 is negative
- (D) 22 is negative
- (E) Nothing will be output.

11. What values are stored in x and y after execution of the following program segment?

```
int x = 30, y = 40;
 if (x >= 0)
 {
    if (x <= 100)
    {
y = x * 3;
if (y < 50)
x /= 10;
(C) I have been been all the state of
else
 y = x * 2;
 else
    y = -x;
(A) x = 30 y = 90
(B) x = 30 y = -30
(C) x = 30 y = 60
(D) x = 3 y = -3
(E) x = 30 y = 40
```

- 12. Which of the following will evaluate to true only if boolean expressions A, B, and C are all false?
 - (A) !A && !(B && !C)
 - (B) !A || !B || !C
 - (C) !(A || B || C)
 - (D) ! (A && B && C)
 - (E) !A || !(B || !C)
- 13. Assume that a and b are integers. The boolean expression

will always evaluate to true given that

- (A) a = b
- (B) a > b
- (C) a < b
- (D) a > b and b > 0
- (E) a > b and b < 0
- 14. Given that a, b, and c are integers, consider the boolean expression

Which of the following will guarantee that the expression is true?

- (A) c < a is false.
- (B) c < a is true.
- (C) a < bis false.
- (D) c == a * b is true.
- (E) c == a * b is true, and c < a is true.

15. In the following code segment, you may assume that a, b, and n are all type int.

```
if (a != b && n / (a - b) > 90)
{
    /* statement 1 */
3.
else
{
    /* statement 2 */
7
/* statement 3 */
```

What will happen if a == b is false?

- (A) /* statement 1 */ will be executed.
- (B) /* statement 2 */ will be executed.
- (C) Either /* statement 1 */ or /* statement 2 */ will be executed.
- (D) A compile-time error will occur.
- (E) An exception will be thrown.
- 16. Given that n and count are both of type int, which statement is true about the following code segments?

```
I for (count = 1; count <= n; count++)
    System.out.println(count);
II count = 1;
 while (count <= n)
    System.out.println(count);
    count++;
 }
```

- (A) I and II are exactly equivalent for all input values n.
- (B) I and II are exactly equivalent for all input values $n \ge 1$, but differ when $n \le 0$.
- (C) I and II are exactly equivalent only when n = 0.
- (D) I and II are exactly equivalent only when n is even.
- (E) I and II are not equivalent for any input values of n.

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17. The following fragment intends that a user will enter a list of positive integers at the keyboard and terminate the list with a sentinel:

```
int value = 0;
final int SENTINEL = -999;
while (value != SENTINEL)
{
    //code to process value
    ...
    value = ...;    //read user input
}
```

The fragment is not correct. Which is a true statement?

- (A) The sentinel gets processed.
- (B) The last nonsentinel value entered in the list fails to get processed.
- (C) A poor choice of SENTINEL value causes the loop to terminate before all values have been processed.
- (D) The code will always process a value that is not on the list.
- (E) Entering the SENTINEL value as the first value causes a run-time error.
- 18. Suppose that base-2 (binary) numbers and base-16 (hexadecimal) numbers can be denoted with subscripts, as shown below:

$$2A_{\text{hex}} = 101010_{\text{bin}}$$

Which is equal to 3Dhex?

- (A) 111101_{bin}
- (B) 101111bin
- (C) 10011bin
- (D) 110100bin
- (E) 101101_{bin}
- 19. A common use of hexadecimal numerals is to specify colors on web pages. Every color has a red, green, and blue component. In decimal notation, these are denoted with an ordered triple (x, y, z), where x, y, and z are the three components, each an int from 0 to 255. For example, a certain shade of red, whose red, green, and blue components are 238, 9, and 63, is represented as (238, 9, 63).

In hexadecimal, a color is represented in the format #RRGGBB, where RR, GG, and BB are hex values for the red, green, and blue. Using this notation, the color (238,9,63) would be coded as #EE093F.

Which of the following hex codes represents the color (14, 20, 255)?

- (A) #1418FE
- (B) #0E20FE
- (C) #0E14FF
- (D) #0FE5FE
- (E) #0D14FF

- 20. In Java, a variable of type int is represented internally as a 32-bit signed integer. Suppose that one bit stores the sign, and the other 31 bits store the magnitude of the number in base 2. In this scheme, what is the largest value that can be stored as type int?
 - (A) 232
 - (B) $2^{32}-1$
 - (C) 231
 - (D) 2³¹-1
 - (E) 230
- 21. Consider this code segment:

```
int x = 10, y = 0;
while (x > 5)
{
    y = 3;
    while (y < x)
    {
        y *= 2;
        if (y % x == 1)
            y += x;
    }
    x -= 3;
}
System.out.println(x + " " + y);</pre>
```

What will be output after execution of this code segment?

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- (A) 1 (
- (B) 7 12
- (C) -3 12
- (D) 4 12
- (E) -3 6

Questions 22 and 23 refer to the following method, checkNumber, which checks the validity of its four-digit integer parameter.

```
/** @param n a 4-digit integer
 * @return true if n is valid, false otherwise
 */
boolean checkNumber(int n)
{
   int d1,d2,d3,checkDigit,nRemaining,rem;
   //strip off digits
   checkDigit = n % 10;
   nRemaining = n / 10;
   d3 = nRemaining % 10;
   nRemaining /= 10;
   d2 = nRemaining % 10;
   nRemaining /= 10;
   d1 = nRemaining % 10;
   //check validity
   rem = (d1 + d2 + d3) % 7;
   return rem == checkDigit;
}
```

A program invokes method checkNumber with the statement

```
boolean valid = checkNumber(num);
```

- 22. Which of the following values of num will result in valid having a value of true?
 - (A) 6143
 - (B) 6144
 - (C) 6145
 - (D) 6146
 - (E) 6147
- 23. What is the purpose of the local variable nRemaining?
 - (A) It is not possible to separate n into digits without the help of a temporary variable.
 - (B) nRemaining prevents the parameter num from being altered.
 - (C) nRemaining enhances the readability of the algorithm.
 - (D) On exiting the method, the value of nRemaining may be reused.
 - (E) nRemaining is needed as the left-hand side operand for integer division.

24. What output will be produced by this code segment? (Ignore spacing.)

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```
for (int i = 5; i >= 1; i--)
{
   for (int j = 1; j >= 1; j--)
       System.out.print(2 * j - 1);
   System.out.println();
}
```

(A) 9 7 5 3 1 9 7 5 3 9 7 5 9 7

9

- (B) 9 7 5 3 1 7 5 3 1 5 3 1 3 1
- (C) 9 7 5 3 1 7 5 -3 1 -1 5 3 1 -1 -3 3 1 -1 -3 -5 1 -1 -3 -5 -7
- (D) 1 1 3 1 3 5 1 3 5 7 1 3 5 7 9
- (E) 1 3 5 7 9 1 3 5 7 1 3 5 1 3

```
- 4 - - - -
  --6---
  ---8--
  - - - - 10 -
  ---- 12
. I for (int i = 1; i <= 6; i++)
   {
 for (int k = 1; k <= 6; k++)
 if (k == i)
              System.out.print(2 * k);
              System.out.print("-");
 System.out.println();
 1
 II for (int i = 1; i <= 6; i++)
 {
       for (int k = 1; k \le i - 1; k++)
           System.out.print("-");
       System.out.print(2 * i);
       for (int k = 1; k <= 6 - i; k++)
           System.out.print("-");
       System.out.println();
}
 III for (int i = 1; i <= 6; i++)
 {
      for (int k = 1; k <= i - 1; k++)
           System.out.print("-");
 System.out.print(2 * i);
       for (int k = i + 1; k <= 6; k++)
           System.out.print("-");
       System.out.println();
    7
```

- (A) I only
- (B) II only
- (C) III only
- (D) I and II only
- (E) I, II, and III

26. Consider this program segment:

Which is a true statement about the segment?

I If 100 \leq num \leq 1000 initially, the final value of newNum must be in the range 10 \leq newNum \leq 100.

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- II There is no initial value of num that will cause an infinite while loop.
- III If num ≤ 10 initially, newNum will have a final value of 0.
- (A) I only
- (B) II only
- (C) III only
- (D) II and III only

......

(E) I, II, and III

27. Consider the method reverse:

```
/** Precondition: n > 0.

* Postcondition:

* - Returns n with its digits reversed.

* - Example: If n = 234, method reverse returns 432.

* Oparam n a positive integer

* Oreturn n with its digits reversed

*/
int reverse(int n)
{
  int rem, revNum = 0;

  /* code segment */
  return revNum;
}
```

Which of the following replacements for /* code segment */ would cause the method to work as intended?

```
I for (int i = 0; i <= n; i++)
{
    rem = n % 10;
    revNum = revNum * 10 + rem;
    n /= 10;
}

II while (n != 0)
{
    rem = n % 10;
    revNum = revNum * 10 + rem;
    n /= 10;
}

III for (int i = n; i != 0; i /= 10)
{
    rem = i % 10;
    revNum = revNum * 10 + rem;
}</pre>
```

- (A) I only
- (B) II only
- (C) I and II only
- (D) II and III only
- (E) I and III only

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3. C	12. C	21. D
4. D	13. D	22. B
5. E	14. 🛕	23. C
6. E	15. C	24. B
7. C	16. A	25. E
8. B	17. D	26. D
9. D	18. A	27. D

ANSWERS EXPLAINED

- 1. (B) When x is converted to an integer, as in segment I, information is lost. Java requires that an explicit cast to an int be made, as in segment II. Note that segment II will cause x to be truncated: The value stored in y is 14. By requiring the explicit cast, Java doesn't let you do this accidentally. In segment III y will contain the value 14.0. No explicit cast to a double is required since no information is lost.
- 2. (E) The string argument contains two escape sequences: "\\", which means print a backslash (\), and '\n', which means go to a new line. Choice E is the only choice that does both of these.
- 3. (C) The import statement must have the package name (in this case, java.util), followed by the dot operator, followed by the name of the class (in this case SomeClass), followed by a semi-colon.
- 4. (D) Short-circuit evaluation of the boolean expression will occur. The expression (n != 0) will evaluate to false, which makes the entire boolean expression false. Therefore the expression (x / n > 100) will not be evaluated. Hence no division by zero will occur, causing an ArithmeticException to be thrown. When the boolean expression has a value of false, only the else part of the statement, statement2, will be executed.
- 5. (E) For this choice, the integer division 13/5 will be evaluated to 2, which will then be cast to 2.0. The output will be 13/5 = 2.0. The compiler needs a way to recognize that real-valued division is required. All the other options provide a way.
- 6. (E) The operators *, /, and % have equal precedence, all higher than -, and must be performed first, from left to right.
 - 13 3 * 6 / 4 % 3
 - 13 18 / 4 % 3
 - 13 4 % 3
 - 13 1
- 7. (C) The expression must be evaluated as if parenthesized like this:

This becomes 5 * 12 / 11 = 60 / 11 = 5.

8. (B) Although the expression is always algebraically true for nonzero x, the expression may evaluate to false. This could occur because of round-off error in performing the division and multiplication operations. Whether the right-hand side of the expression evaluates to exactly 3.0 depends on the value of x. Note that if x is zero, the expression will be evaluated to false because the right-hand side will be assigned a value of Infinity.

ANSWED KEY

- 9. (D) Anytime arithmetic operations are done with floating-point numbers, round-off error occurs. The Math class methods (see p. 197) such as pow and sqrt use various approximations to generate their answers to the required accuracy. Since they do different internal arithmetic, however, the round-off will usually not result in exactly the same answers. Note that choice A is not correct because both Math. pow and Math. sqrt return type double. Choice B is wrong because no matter how x was previously calculated, the same x is input to pow and sqrt. Choice C is wrong since round-off error occurs no matter how many bits are used to represent numbers. Choice E is wrong because if x is representable on the machine (i.e., hasn't overflowed), then its square root, x^{1/2}, will not overflow.
- 10. (D) Each else gets paired with the nearest unpaired if. Thus when the test (22 % 5 == 0) fails, the else part indicating that 22 is negative will be executed. This is clearly not the intent of the fragment, which can be fixed using delimiters:

```
int num = call to a method that reads an integer;
if (num > 0)
{
    if (num % 5 == 0)
        System.out.println(num);
}
else
    System.out.println(num + " is negative");
```

- 11. (A) Since the first test (x >= 0) is true, the matching else part, y = -x, will not be executed. Since (x <= 100) is true, the matching else part, y = x * 2, will not be executed. The variable y will be set to x * 3 (i.e., 90) and will now fail the test y < 50. Thus, x will never be altered in this algorithm. Final values are x = 30 and y = 90.</p>
- 12. (C) In order for !(A || B || C) to be true, (A || B || C) must evaluate to false. This will happen only if A, B, and C are all false. Choice A evaluates to true when A and B are false and C is true. In choice B, if any one of A, B, or C is false, the boolean expression evaluates to true. In choice D, if any one of A, B, or C is false, the boolean expression evaluates to true since we have !(false). All that's required for choice E to evaluate to true is for A to be false. Since true | (any) evaluates to true, both B and C can be either true or false.
- 13. (D) To evaluate to true, the expression must reduce to true && true. We therefore need !(false) && true. Choice D is the only condition that guarantees this: a > b provides !(false) for the left-hand expression, and a > b and b > 0 implies both a and b positive, which leads to true for the right-hand expression. Choice E, for example, will provide true for the right-hand expression only if a < 0. You have no information about a and can't make assumptions about it.

- 14. (A) If (c < a) is false, ((c == a*b) && (c < a)) evaluates to false irrespective of the value of c == a*b. In this case, !(c == a*b && c < a) evaluates to true. Then (a < b) || true evaluates to true irrespective of the value of the test (a < b). In all the other choices, the given expression may be true. There is not enough information given to guarantee this, however.
 - 15. (C) If a == b is false, then a != b is true. Thus, the second piece of the compound test must be evaluated before the value of the whole test is known. Since a == b is false, a b is not equal to zero. Thus, there is no division by zero, and no exception will be thrown. Also, since the relative values of a, b, and n are unknown, the value of the test n / (a b) > 90 is unknown, and there is insufficient information to determine whether the compound test is true or false. Thus, either /* statement I */ or /* statement 2 */ will be executed.
 - 16. (A) If $n \ge 1$, both segments will print out the integers from 1 through n. If $n \le 0$, both segments will fail the test immediately and do nothing.
 - 17. (D) The (value != SENTINEL) test occurs before a value has been read from the list. This will cause 0 to be processed, which may cause an error. The code must be fixed by reading the first value before doing the test:

18. (A) Quick method: Convert each hex digit to binary.

Slow method: Convert 3Dhex to base 10.

$$3D_{\text{hex}} = (3)(16^1) + (D)(16^0)$$

= $48 + 13$
= 61_{dec}

Now convert 61 dec to binary. Write 61 as a sum of descending powers of 2:

$$61 = 32 + 16 + 8 + 4 + 1$$

= $\mathbf{1}(2^5) + \mathbf{1}(2^4) + \mathbf{1}(2^3) + \mathbf{1}(2^2) + \mathbf{0}(2^1) + \mathbf{1}(2^0)$
= 111101_{bin}

19. (C) Start by converting each of the three numbers to hexadecimal:

$$14 = (0)(16^{1}) + (14)(16^{0}) = 0E$$
$$20 = (1)(16^{1}) + (4)(16^{0}) = 14$$
$$255 = (15)(16^{1}) + (15)(16^{0}) = FF$$

Therefore (14, 20, 255) = #0E14FF.

- 20. **(D)** Think of the integer as having 31 slots for storage. If there were just one slot, the maximum binary number would be $1 = 2^1 1$. If there were just two slots, the maximum binary number would be $11 = 2^2 1 = 3$. If there were just eight slots, the maximum binary number would be $111111111 = 2^8 1$. So for 31 slots, the maximum value is $2^{31} 1$.
- 21. (D) Here is a trace of the values of x and y during execution. Note that the condition (y % x == 1) is never true in this example.

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у		3	6	12	50	3	6	12	

The while loop terminates when x is 4 since the test while (x > 5) fails.

- 22. (B) The algorithm finds the remainder when the sum of the first three digits of n is divided by 7. If this remainder is equal to the fourth digit, checkDigit, the method returns true, otherwise false. Note that (6+1+4) % 7 equals 4. Thus, only choice B is a valid number.
- 23. (C) As n gets broken down into its digits, nRemaining is the part of n that remains after each digit is stripped off. Thus, nRemaining is a self-documenting name that helps describe what is happening. Choice A is false because every digit can be stripped off using some sequence of integer division and mod. Choice B is false because num is passed by value and therefore will not be altered when the method is exited (see p. 115). Eliminate choice D: When the method is exited, all local variables are destroyed. Choice E is nonsense.
- 24. (B) The outer loop produces five rows of output. Each pass through the inner loop goes from i down to 1. Thus five odd numbers starting at 9 are printed in the first row, four odd numbers starting at 7 in the second row, and so on.
- 25. (E) All three algorithms produce the given output. The outer for (int i ...) loop produces six rows, and the inner for (int k ...) loops produce the symbols in each row.
- 26. (D) Statement I is false, since if 100 ≤ num ≤ 109, the body of the while loop will be executed just once. (After this single pass through the loop, the value of num will be 10, and the test if (num > 10) will fail.) With just one pass, newNum will be a one-digit number, equal to temp (which was the original num % 10). Note that statement II is true: There cannot be an infinite loop since num /= 10 guarantees termination of the loop. Statement III is true because if num ≤ 10, the loop will be skipped, and newNum will keep its original value of 0.
- 27. (D) The algorithm works by stripping off the rightmost digit of n (stored in rem), multiplying the current value of revNum by 10, and adding that rightmost digit. When n has been stripped down to no digits (i.e., n == 0 is true), revNum is complete. Both segments II and III work. Segment I fails to produce the right output whenever the input value n has first digit less than (number of digits 1). For these cases the output has the first digit of the original number missing from the end of the returned number.